

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Kinchen Martin W5337

Chloe Martin

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State of North Carolina, Anson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Anson
Oct. Session 1832

On this 9th day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open court before the worshipful justices holding the court aforesaid for the County of Anson at the court house in Wadesboro--now sitting, Kinchen Martin, a resident of Anson and State of North Carolina, aged 70, the 6th day of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

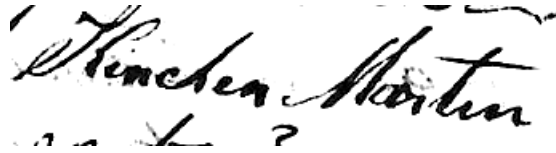
He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated-- I volunteered as a private in the month of October (day not recollected) 1779 for three months in the town of Smithfield, County of Southampton and State of Virginia--under Capt. Whitehead--in the regiment commanded by Col. Wells--Major Brook Wells & was marched from Smithfield to Suffolk to Portsmouth and to Williamsburg. I served out the full time and was discharged near Richmond by Col. Wells in January 1780. In this service, I was for a while under the command of a French Major DeCloman [Christian Charles de Klauman]. I again volunteered in February 1780 in the County of South Hampton [Southampton], Virginia for three months, under the command of Capt. Rogers as a Sergeant Major in the Militia in the regiment commanded by Col. Blount. In this town, I marched to Petersburg [Petersburg] and thence to Gholson's Ferry on James River and thence to the town of Williamsburg--and was then discharged by Col. Blount in the month of May (day not recollected). After my return to Southampton, I again volunteered for three months in the month of June 1780 in the County of Southampton, Virginia in a company under the command of Capt. Edmunds in the Cavalry. I was made an adjutant in the troops--we were under the command of General Parker. We were marched to Jerico [Jericho] and to Suffolk -- and other places in that part of Virginia. I served out this three months in the Cavalry and was discharged by Major Duval at South Key in the month of September 1780.

I volunteered a 4th time in the County of Southampton, Virginia for three months in the month of October 1780 under Capt. Blount in the Cavalry--was an adjutant -- Genl. Parker, commander in Chief of our forces--we were sent to different Counties of Virginia to reconnoiter the British forces--and report their situation. I went to Richmond, Virginia and was discharged by Genl. Parker near that town in January 1781. I volunteered again for the fifth time in the month of August 1781-- in the regiment under Col. Blount--was commissioned by him as an Ensign--was sent to keep horses for the Artillery service--went to Brunswick County--returned to Old Jamestown where I was sick. This was in October 1781--was there in this month when Cornwallis surrendered to Genl. Washington & the French Army. I was then regularly discharged in October 1781--after serving six weeks. His discharges have all been lost or destroyed -- my commission as Ensign has also been lost. I was born on the 6th day of January 1762 -- in the County of Southampton Virginia. He has no documentary evidence to prove his Service -- and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my

service. I served in the whole period during the revolutionary [war] one year and six weeks. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the year & day aforesaid.

S/ Kinchen Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kinchen Martin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Questions by the Court

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ans. In South Hampton Virginia on the 6th day of January 1762

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age now it was entered in the family Bible by my father and kept in Virginia

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into the service, at each time, I lived in Southampton Virginia, I lived after the War about 4 years in Virginia – and since then I have lived 47 years where I now live in Anson County North Carolina

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans. I was always a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Cloman was a regular officer – I do not recollect any other – I do not recollect the names of any of the regiments. I volunteered 5 times served all the time in the State of Virginia – in the neighborhood of Portsmouth I made charge with the cavalry against a body of British who were reconnoitering as we were also – we took three prisoners

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans. I received 5 discharges – the first from Colonel Wells the 2nd from Colonel Blount – the 3rd by Major Duval – the 4th by General Parker – in the 5th by Colonel Blount – I received a commission as Ensign from Colonel Ben Blount – this together with my discharges are also lost or mislaid.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. John Smith Esquire and the Reverend John Culpepper

Sworn to and subscribed the year & day aforesaid

S/ Kinchen Martin

[John Culpepper, a clergyman, and John Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On January 1, 1846 in Anson County North Carolina, John Martin, one of the heirs of Kinchen and Chloy Martin filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that he is the son of the veteran and his widow who are both deceased; that he the affiant, William Martin and Lucy Martin are the only 3 children surviving his parents; that his father was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum and died June 14th, 1841 and that his mother remained a widow until she died March 17, 1845. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 11: Moody Hough gave testimony that Kinchen Martin died June 14, 1841; that Kinchen was married to the affiant sister Chloe Hough in Northampton County North Carolina by James bone, JP at his father's house in 1784; that his sister Chloe Martin died March 17, 1845 survived by William, John and Lucy Martin.]

[p 10: Moody Hugh of Anson County North Carolina gave testimony that according to a record left by his father of his children's ages he, the affiant, was born July 2nd, 1777 and his sister Cloe was born October 5th 1762; that according to such record the affiant was the 4th child from Cloe who married Kinchen Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moody Hough". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Hough".

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[p 48: On May 22, 1847 in Anson County North Carolina, Genl. James M. Waddill gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Kinchen & Chloe Martin; that their son James H Martin mustered in a company of Cavalry in Anson County in the year 1832 or 1835 but was exempted from military duty in one of those years being 45 years of age.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.