

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Martin<sup>1</sup> W5342      Patsey Martin      f49VA  
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State of Virginia and County of Nelson to wit

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Woods a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Martin a resident of the County of Nelson and State of Virginia aged seventy-five years, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November next following, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the year of 1775 or early in the year of 1776 with Captain Matthew Dewet [sic, Matthew Jouett] of Albemarle County Virginia and served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Brigadier General Andrew Louis [Andrew Lewis]; other field officers not recollected; Company officers, Captain Matthew Dewit, Lieutenant John Carter, and Leonard and John Thompson, each served a short time one his Lieutenant and the other as Ensign and he the said Martin was discharged from his term of enlistment which was two years: and expired in the latter part of 1777 or early part of 1778; that he lived in the County of Albemarle Virginia when he entered the service, he was in the battles of Guins Iland [Gwynn Island, July 8-10, 1776] in the State of Virginia and some other small skirmishes of minor importance and that his service was confined to Virginia and Pennsylvania; commencing in Virginia and ending in Pennsylvania, that he marched to various places in those states, he says that when he enlisted it was under the belief that he would only have to defend the colony, State of Virginia: but that he received Continental pay and was marched into Pennsylvania. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Martin



[p 19: On May 1, 1844 in Nelson County Virginia, Patsey Martin, aged 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Martin, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him [date left blank] by the Reverend Mr Darnel; that her husband died in Nelson County December 25, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: Copy of a marriage bond dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1789 issued in Amherst County Virginia to

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt5080-160-55

William Martin and Charles Rhodes conditioned upon the marriage of William Martin, a bachelor, & Patsey Key Daverson, Spinster.]

[p 9: On March 27, 1855 in Nelson County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Martin and as in existing pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum. P 44: another version of the same bond in which the name of the bride is spelled Patsey Key Davidson in the name of the other bondsmen is spelled Charles Rodes.]

[Note: There is a note in the file that reads as follows: "I noted statement dated June one, 1844 by Robert H Gray, Agent that the mother of the soldier's widow, Patsy, was never married but had Patsey by a Mr. Key, hence the double name, Patsy Key Davidson, her mother's name being Davidson, I did not use the above data in history purposely. MLB"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#) ] Nelson County Virginia Legislative Petitions

[Note: This file contains the widow's petition for the bounty land due her as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran. The petition was filed in Nelson County Virginia on February 11, 1853 periods she states in that petition that she is 80 years of age. She adds no information regarding her deceased husband's service.]