

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hudson Martin¹ W7394 Jane f165VA
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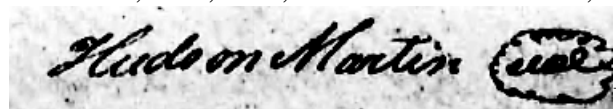
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State of Virginia in Nelson County: to wit – On this 10th day of December 1836 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Jane Martin, a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged 78 years on the 6th day of July 1837 next – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of Hudson Martin who was a Lieutenant and pay master in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution. That she has frequently heard him her said husband speak of being at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] & many other places during the Revolution, and call the names of many officers who were in service with him, but the lapse of time and failure of her memory as to such matters at this time, prevents a more full and circumstantial statement. She states that her said husband was in service at the time of their marriage, and that he continued in active service for several years afterwards, and was with the troops at Charlottesville and Winchester before the close of the said War. She further declares that she was married to the said Hudson Martin on the 2nd day of December 1778: the same being entered in a family Bible now in her possession – and that her said husband, the aforesaid Hudson Martin died on the 28th day of November 1830 the same being entered in the family prayer Book longing to & now in her possession – and that she has remained the widow of said Hudson Martin ever since his death, as will appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Jane Martin, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me a justice of the peace of Nelson County as aforesaid
S/ John M Smith, JP

[f pp 9-11: last will and testament dated June 23rd, 1828 of Hudson Martin of the Nelson County in which he names his daughter Mary W Dickinson, deceased; son, John M Martin; son George W Martin; wife, Jane; son Nicholas L Martin; daughter Mildred H Carr; daughter Jane L Faber

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hudson Martin" followed by a circular stamp or seal.

[f p 13: family record]

Hudson Martin was born July the 3rd 1752 O. S.

Jane Lewis was born July the 6th 1759

¹ And Va. Half Pay

Hudson Martin and Jane Lewis were married December the 2nd 1778

Nicholas Lewis Martin son of Hudson and Jane his wife was born September the 20th 1779 about half past 11 o'clock p.m. & Obid August first 1787

Hudson Martin son of Hudson and Jane his wife was born July the 26 about 9 o'clock p.m. in 1781

John Massic Martin son of Hudson & Jane his wife was born June the 23rd 1783 about 3 o'clock p.m.

Molly Walker Martin daughter of Hudson & Jane his wife was born June the 13th 1787 about one o'clock a.m. & Obid. November 24 1814 about 8 o'clock p.m.

Jane Lewis Martin daughter of Hudson & Jane his wife was born January the 11th 1790 about 3 o'clock a.m.

Nicholas Lewis Martin son of Hudson & Jane his wife was born December 11th 1791 about 3 o'clock a.m.

Henry Buck Martin son of Hudson & Jane his wife was born January the 12th 1794 about 11 o'clock a.m. & Obid. January 14th 1828 about 10 o'clock [illegible]

George Washington Martin son of Hudson & Jane his wife was born February the 19th 1796 about one o'clock a.m.

Mildred Hornsley Martin daughter of Hudson & Jane his wife was born February the 16th [date obliterated] about 6 o'clock p.m.

John Hudson born son of John & Mildred his wife was born the 5th of December 1819 about 9 o'clock a.m.

Nicholas Lewis was born June 19th 1734 died December 8th 1808

Mary Lewis was born June 24th 1742 – died February 9th 1824

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I John Thomas of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia now in the 78th year of my age – do hereby certify that in the spring of the year 1776 that a certain Captain Thomas Walker living in the aforesaid County and State raised by enlistment for the period of eighteen months or two years, under the Continental establishment a Company of soldiers which he the said Walker commanded at the same time a certain Hudson Martin, of the aforesaid County & State, was appointed Ensign in said Company – and that soon after the said Company was raised it was marched from Albemarle I believe to Norfolk and remained there and on the Easton shore of Virginia perhaps until the spring of 1777 when he understood that the said Company was ordered somewhere to the North, in & about Philadelphia, and served the full term of eighteen months or two years as the case may be. He thinks the said Company was attached to what was called the night Virginia Regiment, and he further thinks that the said Hudson Martin before the Company left Virginia returned home as he supposes on furlough for a little while, when he returned to the Company, and afterwards as he thinks, the said Company was ordered to the North. After the expiration of the term of service for which said Company was enlisted for and the whole time of which service he believes the said Hudson Martin served as Ensign – that the said Hudson Martin was appointed a pay master at the Barracks established near Charlottesville Albemarle County Virginia and thinks & has always understood remained in said capacity of pay master & performing the duties of the said office until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis when not long after the said capture the Barracks were broken up. After the Barracks were broken up the said Martin resided many years in Albemarle County where he married a daughter of Colonel Nicholas Lewis of said County – afterwards removed to Nelson County where he resided many

years & died some 12 or 18 months ago. As given under my hand & seal this 26 day of July 1834.

S/ John Thomas

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Of Officers whose accounts as settled our mislaid or lost with balances and amounts of Certificates Issued

Names	Rank	£
Joh [sic] Hobson [John Hobson]	Lt Infy	97.10.8
ter [sic] Higgins [Peter Higgins?]	"	20.10.8
James Henbrough [sic] [James Hansbrough?]	Qr Mr	24.18.9
Hudson Martin	Lieut.	27.11.9 ½
James Pettyjohn	"	27.18.4
Val. Peyton [Valentine Peyton]	S. Mate No 672 Ent'd	36.18.4
Henry Peyton	Major No. 632 Entered in place t	115.16.4
Anthy Rigger [Anthony Rigger]	Ensign	54.15.7
Boulding Wood [Bouldin Wood]	Lieut.	115.7.6
Thos. White [Thomas White]	"	198.1.6
Gus. B. Wallace [Gustavus B. Wallace]	Brig, Inspect.	68.10.4

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 15, 1838 when she died. Her pension was calculated on the basis of her husband's 2 years of service as a Lieutenant and pay master in the Virginia Continental line. The pension awarded was originally \$320/annum and was increased by certificate issued December 14, 1850 and made payable to the surviving children, namely John M Martin, Hudson Martin, Jane Faber, Nicholas L. Martin, George W Martin, & Mildred H Carr.]

[Note: this file contains a number of certified copies of records submitted by veteran as pay master at the Barracks in Albemarle County, Va., from 1779 to 1781 during which time it appears he retained his commission as a lieutenant in the Va. line.]

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Addendum to Hudson Martin W7394

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To The Executive of Virginia

The memorial of James P. Martin, Thomas P. Martin, Charles S. Martin and Ann Martin all residents of the county of Norfolk, formerly residents of the county of Northampton. That Lieut Hudson Martin [W7394] who was in the continental service during the Revolutionary war of America, was a resident of the count of Accomac [sic: Accomack], that he enlisted at Eastville in the in the county of Northampton in the year 1778 or 1779 and served three years, in what company they cannot exactly state; they have understood that he served in a company commanded by Capt Davis That after his term of service expired, he returned home and lived six or seven years after the termination of the war, and died without ever having married and left no issue. That the nearest relative he left was an only Sister named Sophia Martin who married Thos. Martin, that of the said marriage a child was born named Luther Martin who was the father of your memorialist. That the said Thomas Martin and Sophia his wife are both dead, and that the said Luther Martin the father of our memorialist is also dead and they are the only legal heirs of the said Lieut Hudson Martin dec'd. They therefore pray that the executive of Virginia will cause to be issued unto them a warrant for the military bounty Land which they are entitled to for the services of the said Lieut Hudson Martin

Signed/

James Martin

Thomas hisXmark Martin

Charles S Martin

Report upon the claim of the Heirs of Hudson Martin Lieutenant, of the Continental line [W7394] and upon the Claim of the heirs of Hugh Martin Surgeons mate of the Continental line, for bounty land, for their services.

Governor Tazewell Sir Two claims have been presented unaccompanied by any proof of the facts which are set forth in the memorials or Petitions of the Heirs.

I will in few words report all the facts, which have come to my knowledge as Commissioner, on which both the claims rest.

First of the claim of Lieut. Hudson Martin of the Continental line. His accounts appear to have been lost, or mislaid. But the Book of the settlements of Continental officers accounts by State Auditors (which is in the Auditors Office) proves, that he receiv'd at one time £82.13.1½. The time of service for which he receiv'd this sum, does not appear because his accounts have been lost, or mislaid.

The same book shews, that Lieut. Hudson Martin receiv'd, at another time, £27.11.0½; but for what time of service does not appear. This account seems to have been lost, or mislaid. (see names on the Back, or at the end, of the Book of settlements of Continental officers accounts &c in the 1st auditors [part missing at bottom of page]

Regiment of Guards, or certificate for £274.103, for a service from January 22nd 1779 to August 1 1781. (see the book of settlements made by State auditors on file in 1st auditors office.)

Lieut. Hudson Martin was in service, as Wagon Master, at Lancaster in Pennsylvania & some time in the year 1778. (see Journal of the House of Delegates of virginia, november 27th 1781 – page 18)

There is no proof, that the Lieut Hudson Martin, who enlisted (according to the statement of the Petitioners) at Eastville in the County of Northampton, in the year 1778 or 1779, was the same who was for about two years & six months Paymaster in the Regiment of Guards [Hudson Martin S7175]; nor is there any proof, that he was the same who was in service in Pennsylvania in 1778; nor is there any proof, that the same individual receiv'd, at different times, the sums of £[?].10 and £27.11.0½, and that that individual was the Hudson Martin, who enlisted in Northampton in 1778 or 1779.

It is known to [undeciphered], by information receiv'd from the most respectable quarter, that Paymaster Hudson Martin, of the Reg't of Guards, was resident of Albemarle, Amherst, or Nelson County and that, if he is dead, he died not many years past.

In the year 1833, I made report upon the Claim of Hudson Martin to Governor Floyd, to which I will now refer – (see Document no. 3 in the Jour[part missing at bottom of page])

In the case of the Heirs of Hudson Martin Lt &c I report these above state of facts, without comment: except, that I cannot make up any satisfactory opinion in regard to the claim of the Heirs which is now presented, other than that there were two Lieut. Hudson Martins of the Continental line.

Second. The Claim of the heirs of Hugh Martin – Surgeons Mate Continental line.

I reported upon this claim, in the year 1833, to Governor Floy'd. (see Document no. 31. page 10. Journal of the House of Delegates 1833-4) I then said - that "the settled accounts of Dr. Martin shew a service, as surgeons mate, in the 12th Virginia Regt, from April 19 1778 to March 7 1780, nearly two years; yet it does not appear, that he is entitled to land."

The Petitioners have stated in their petition that he died in the service. But no proof of that fact has been produc'd.

I have nothing to add to the Report above refer'd to of Dr Hugh Martins Claim

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ April 17th 1835