

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rhodeham Martin W9907

Jane Martin

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: Circuit Court April Term 1833

On this 24th day of April 1833 personally appeared Rhodeham Martin in open Court now sitting the Circuit Court for the aforesaid Circuit and State it being a Court of record having a Clerk, a resident of said County & State aged Seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service as a Volunteer in the Army of the United States in the year before Lord Cornwallis was taken with and served in the \_\_Regiment of the \_\_ line under the following named officers (viz.) under Col. \_\_ Pacely [sic, John Paisley], Major John McAdo Capt. Peter O'Neal and that he entered the service of the United States on the first Tour in the month of January in the year as above and served three months and that he entered the Service the second Term in the month of November in the year thereafter and served three months and left the Service in the month of January or first of February in the year thereafter and he was in one Battle against the British (against whom he went out at Whitsill's Mills [ sic, Weitzell's Mill, March 6, 1781]<sup>1</sup> on the Reedy Fork of the Haw River in the State of North Carolina Guilford County and that he resided in said State of North Carolina in Guilford County where he resided when he entered the service and that he entered the Service and performed the same as a volunteer as before mentioned, and that his Services were performed all together and the State of North Carolina, that he entered the Service of the United States in Guilford County and first marched to Bell's Mill<sup>2</sup> and there was Stationed from there to Sailsbury [sic, Salisbury], from there to Cross Creek from there to Ramsour's, the number of Regiment or Company not recollected And says that Col. Moore [William Moore of Caswell County] was also in the Tour of Service at the same time and Served as officer of the day at the Battle of Whitsell's Mills and that Major Denohoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] was also in the same tour of Service, he further says that he has no documentary evidence owing to the loss of his discharge whereby he can identify his Services. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ John W. Crockett, Clerk

S/ Rhodeham Martin, X his mark

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_weitzells\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_weitzells_mill.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.irshelby.com/bellsmill.htm>

[David Malone gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Daniel W. Pound of Gibson County Tennessee also gave a supporting affidavit stating that he had known the applicant for upwards of 25 years; that from this statement of his [Pound's] father who said Martin was a revolutionary soldier with him, the affiant has no doubt that he rendered the services set forth in his declaration and that he enjoyed in his neighborhood in Rockingham County (formerly Guilford) in North Carolina and the reputation of having served in the revolution.]

[Nelson J. Hess, a clergyman gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are Interrogatories propounded to the applicant for a pension on account of his services as a volunteer in the revolutionary War

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Fairfax County Virginia in the year 1761

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have none & my evidences of my age are what I recollect of my fathers family record

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I lived in Guilford County North Carolina when I entered the service & when out as a Volunteer

State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops when you served

Answer: Col. Moore & Major Donoho were in the same Service

State some persons in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity

Answer: Abraham Hill Davidson Esquire and John Sutton.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Rhodeham Martin, X his mark

S/ John W. Crockett, Clerk

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: County Court September Term 1833

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court now sitting for the County of Gibson & State of Tennessee it being a Court of record having a clerk Rhodham Martin a Resident of said County & State aged Seventy-two years who office this is his amendment to his declaration for a pension under the act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration. That he knows of no further traditionary Evidence or evidence of any kind except his own oath whereby he can identify his services as a Revolutionary Soldier in the service of the United States than that which he produced in the Circuit Court of this County where he first Exhibited his declaration for a pension, which proof is attached to said declaration and the certificate of said Jane Delph which is hereto attached.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day & date above

S/ Thos. Fite, CLk

S/ Rhodeham Martin, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Gibson County

This day personally appeared Jane Delph before me Beamon Fowler an acting justice of the peace in said County and made oath that she has often heard her neighbors and particular her brothers Rhodham Martin was a Soldier in the old Revolutionary war under the command of Captain Peter O'Neal in North Carolina Guilford County – She also says that he heard Thomas McGibbens, James Allen and John Maha say the night of the battle of Whitesells mill that said Martin was in the battle.

Sworn to and subscribed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833

S/ Beamon Fowler, JP

S/ Jane Delph, X her mark

[p 12: on November 19 1853 in Gibson County Tennessee, Jane Martin, 54, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Rhodeham Martin; that she married him in Gibson County Tennessee on September 30, 1840; that they were married by William Shane Esquire, JP; that her husband died in Gibson County February 13 1853 and that she remains his widow.]

[Facts in file: the widow's name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Jane Hix; on March 10, 1838, in Madison County, Tenn., the veteran applied for a new pension certificate saying he lost his old one along with his pocketbook in Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]