

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gideon Martin S31232

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State of Kentucky }  
Warren County } Sgt.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Richard Curd a justice of the peace for the County of Warren & state of Kentucky Gideon Martin a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged about One Hundred 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 act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. 1<sup>st</sup> that he was drafted into the service from the County of Amherst and State of Va under the command of Capt Iseriah [sic: Azariah] Martin the lieutenant in whose company was named [William] Holt in the regiment of Col George Lucus [sic: James Lucas], being the 4<sup>th</sup> of Va Militia and under the command of Gen Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens]. He entered the service in June 1780 for a three months tour – marched into North Carolina and rendezvoused at Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] He remained there till the troops were generally assembled, and then marched under the command of Gen. Stephens as far as Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River, where he was detached from the main army, which proceeded on to Rugeleys mill [about 12 mi N of Camden SC] and retained for the purpose of guarding the ferry across Pedee & taking care of the sick. He remained there under the command of Capt Martin most of whose company had marched on with the main army to Rugeleys mill. He received no discharge from the service this tour – for when [Gen. Horatio] Gates was defeated [at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], Capt Martins company joined in the retreat and became so dispersed that many got no discharges. [see endnote] 2<sup>dly</sup> He was again drafted from s'd County of Amherst on a second three months tour sometime in the fall of the same year in the place of Luke Pannil who he had employed as a substitute in [John] Graves' company (but he is so old & his memory so bad that he does not remember the month) under Capt John Loving and marched under his command to Little York. at the expiration of his term, & before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he was discharged by his Captain – which discharge he has not preserved believing it would never be of service to him. He has therefore no other evidence of his service than that contained in the foregoing statements and the corroborating testimony of Benjamin Bryant [pension application W8389], with whom he served one term and who has lived & now lives neighbour to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except this and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He has no written evidence of his age, believes he is older than stated. Gideon hisXmark Martin

I Benjamin Bryant of the county & state aforesaid do hereby certify that I served one tour in the Revolutionary army, for three months, beginning about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1780, under the command of Capt Iseriah Marten, and in company with the above named Gideon Marten & the other officers by him above named. I was also present when he returned from his second tour and from the report of his fellow soldiers & the general reputation of the county at the time I verily believe he performed the services that are by him stated Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 23<sup>d</sup> July 1832

NOTE: A payroll of Capt. Azariah Martin's company for 15 June - 7 Sep 1780 (<http://www.revwarapps.org/b3.pdf>) lists "Gidd'n. Martin" as a private who served 61 days and "Disserted, hillsborough." This may simply mean that in the confusion after the disastrous defeat at the Battle of Camden Gideon Martin had not gotten back to Hillsborough. Many of the soldiers on the payroll are marked as having "Disserted from ye Battle Cambdon." Soldiers in Azariah Martin's company were tried in court martial and sentenced to serve eight months in Continental service.