

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Martin W21746 Mary Martin f65SC

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

Before me personally appeared Mrs. Mary Martin Widow aged sixty nine years a resident of Fairfield District South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, That she is the Widow of Edward Martin of Fairfield District Deceased who was a private and subsequently an officer in the Militia of said District during the war of the Revolution. Deponent saith that the following notation of his services in said war she has heard from himself and from others and has every reason to believe the same to be true -- that he served at the battle of Kings Mountain in 1780 [October 7, 1780]¹ that at the affair at Fishing Creek² he was captured with James McClure by a party of the British, that after some time he was recaptured by Captain John McClure³ the Brother of James and carried to the house of Captain Bratton [William Bratton] in York District & was a prisoner when Hook [sic, Christian Huck] was Defeated [Battle of Williamson's plantation or Huck's Defeat, July 12, 1780]⁴ at said place -- that he was at a number of other places not now recollected by Deponent, that he served to the end of the War, and that in this way she has for these reasons just grown to believe that he served twelve months as a private and more than __ months as a Captain as aforesaid -- she further declares that she was married to the said Edward Martin in the year 1792 & that her husband the aforesaid Edward Martin died on the 24th of December 1813 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated -- that the said marriage was Recorded in her Bible which said Bible is now & has been ever since in her possession, that she was married by Captain Hugh Milling, then an acting Magistrate, that Margaret Martin & others (most of whom are now dead) were at her marriage aforesaid that she is now a widow & has remained unmarried ever since the year 1813 -- all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed -- all the papers respecting his services & the exact dates of his services are lost as there was then no hope of obtaining any pay from Congress

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

² It isn't clear to which engagement she is referring.

³ Captain John McClure died August 18, 1780 from wounds sustained at the battle of Hanging Rock on August 6, 1780. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

for the same.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 9th day of October 1839 -- I also certified to the credibility of the Affirmant

S/ Mary Martin, M her mark

S/ John R. Buchanan, Ordinary of Fairfield District SC

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District:

Before me personally appeared Robert McCreight⁵ (a revolutionary soldier & now a pensioner of the United States for services rendered in the Revolutionary War) and being duly sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with Captain Edward Martin Deceased, who was a Captain in the Revolutionary war & served as a Captain to the end of the War, and was a Brave soldier. Deponent feels confident that said Martin was a Captain in said service twelve months and more -- and this Deponent served as a soldier under said Martin for more than twelve months. Deponent further swears that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Mary Martin Widow of the said Edward Martin and that she was always Reputed in the neighborhood to be the lawful wife of the said Edward Martin deceased deponent further states that said Mary Martin is still living and that she still remains a Widow ever since the death of her Husband the said Edward Martin.

Sworn to before me this 3rd day of October 1839

S/ D. H. Ruff, JP

S/ Robert McCreight, X his mark

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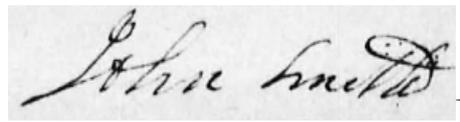
State of South Carolina Fairfield District

Before me personally appeared John Broom⁶ before me and made oath that he was well acquainted with Captain John Martin Deceased, that said Martin was a soldier & he believes a Captain for a length of time in the Revolutionary War -- & was considered a Brave Soldier & commanded a Company. Deponent believes said Martin was late Captain in the year 1780 & continued as such to the end of the War. Deponent is now a pensioner of the United States for his service in the Revolution & believes all the above statements to be substantially true. Deponent is now 76 years of age.

Sworn before me October 3 1839

S/ John Broom, X his mark

[p 54: John Smith⁷ of Fairfield gives an almost word-for-word identical affidavit to that given by John Broom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Smith", enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

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South Carolina Fairfield District:

⁵ [Robert McCreight S21881](#)

⁶ [John Broom S21664](#)

⁷ Probably [John Smith S39078](#)

Personally appeared before me James W. Nelson an acting Justice Mr. John Sloan⁸ a Revolutionary Soldier aged 76 years who being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with Edward Martin a soldier of the Revolutionary war previous to his entering into the Service of State and has reason to believe he was at the battles at Kings Mountain & Fishing Creek, in the year 1780 he received a commission as Captain attached to Winn's [Col. Richard Winn's] Regiment and served as a Captain until peace was proclaimed and also held the Commission for a great many years after the war and that he this deponent states that he was well acquainted with him till his death which he believes was in the year 1813 & that he was also acquainted with his family from his first marriage and during his widowed State also with his second wife & family until the present time and that Mrs. Martin his widow is still alive and a lady of respect and credibility and has reason to believe that said Edward Martin was married to his surviving widow Mary Martin in 1792 this Deponent states that he served under Captain Edward Martin in the Service in the Revolutionary War until discharged by peace.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of September 1839 before me
S/ J. W. Nelson, QU

S/ John Sloan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Sloan". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

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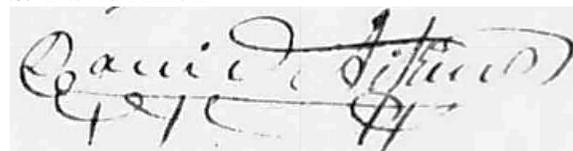
State of South Carolina Fairfield District:

Before me personally appeared David Aiken Brother of Mary Martin who was always esteemed the wife of Edward Martin Deceased who was a Soldier of the Revolution as he always understood -- Deponent swears she was always esteemed the wife of the said Edward Martin Deceased & that she is still alive & remains a Widow.

Sworn before me October 16th 1839

S/ John R. Buchanan, Ordinary

S/ David Aiken

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Aiken". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

Before me personally appeared Mrs. Mary Martin widow of Edward Martin deceased, who was a Captain in the War of the revolution, and being duly sworn says that she was sixty-nine years of age the 11th of November 1839, That she was married to said Edward Martin on the first day of March, the year she does not recollect, but she well recollects that deponent was in her twenty second or in her twenty third year when she was married, and believes that she was in her twenty second year. That the date of said marriage was entered in a blank leaf of the family Bible by her deceased husband and in his handwriting. That said leaf has been lost or torn

⁸ [John Sloan S18206](#)

out of said Bible for a number of years past, and deponent inclines to the belief that it was torn out loose as above before her said husband's death in December 1813. That deponent does not recollect the year of marriage entered as above, nor does she know what has become of said lost leaf. But is satisfied that she was married in the year 1792 from her own age and the ages of her oldest children Elizabeth Sloan and John A. Martin. The deponent was married in March and her first child Elizabeth Sloan was born the 19th day of January following and was forty-seven years old January the 19th last past as deponent believes. There is fifteen months and some ten or eleven days between John A. Martin and his sister Elizabeth Sloan and said John A. will be forty-six years of age if he lives to the 13th day of April next. That, since the death of Mrs. Elizabeth McVea the deponent knows of no person now living who was present at the marriage excepting a sister of the deponent Mrs. Margaret Martin who had intermarried with David Martin a brother of said Edward Martin.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd March 1840

S/ John Buchanan, QU

S/ Mary Martin, M her mark

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South Carolina Fairfield District

Before me personally appeared Mrs. Margaret Martin widow and relict of David Martin and being duly sworn makes oath that she is the sister of Mrs. Mary Martin who has taken and subscribed the above affidavit. That deponent's late husband David Martin was a brother of the above named Captain Edward Martin. That said Captain Edward Martin and deponent's sister Mary Martin were married in the presence of the deponent and in the house of deponent by Captain Hugh Milling then an acting Magistrate. That deponent well recollects of being present at said marriage but does not know the year of the marriage only from the deponent's own age, she [indecipherable word] when she deponent was married and from the ages of her oldest children. The deponent is ten [could be 'two']⁹ years younger than her Sister Mary Martin, and was married two years and from Christmas to March in addition, before her sister Mary and deponent was in the 18th year when she was married. That deponent is satisfied and believes her sister Mary Martin was married in the year 1792 and is very sure before the year 1794. That deponent was well acquainted with said Edward Martin as well as her said sister before their intermarriage and is still well acquainted with her sister Mary Martin, and believes she cannot be mistaken in the date of their marriage.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd March 1840

S/ John Buchanan QU

S/ Margaret Martin, S her mark

[pp 5-6: On March 3, 1840 in Fairfield District South Carolina, John A. Martin, son of the applicant, states that he has seen the family record made by his father in his father's handwriting; that he, affiant, transcribed his age in the year 1816 or 1817 from the record made by his father; that he, affiant, does not know what has become of the family record made by his father; that his older sister Elizabeth Sloan was born January 19 1793 and that he was born April 30th 1794.



[p 10: On May 19, 1840 in Charleston South Carolina, Robert Martin, 48 years and 6 months old, a merchant in said city, gave testimony that he is certain that his uncle Edward Martin was married to Mary his widow in March 1792; he bases this statement on the fact that he, deponent, is the son of David Martin a brother of Edward Martin and his wife Margaret Martin who is the sister of Mary, the widow; that the deponent's parents were married in December 1789; that the oldest child of Edward and Mary Martin is Elizabeth Sloan now 47 years old having been born in January 1793.



[p 19: Letter dated September 16, 1840 [could be 1848] addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions from James Martin in which the correspondent refers to himself as the son of Mary Martin.



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Major Henry Moore's¹⁰ Certificate for Edward Martin

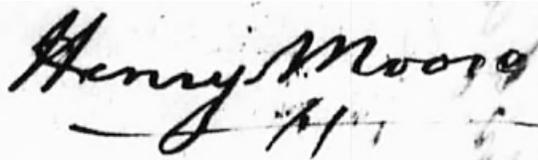
I knew him before I joined the Continental Army in 1777 – during that war, I do not remember to see in actual Service and not see him until 1788 or 1789 – but heard much of his Services, conduct and patriotism in it, the account for [indecipherable word or abbreviation] I was in the Continental Army, taken prisoner in Charleston, sent as such to the Northward, and did not return to South Carolina until 1788 – but put confidence in the affidavits of those who have made affidavits of his Services in it.

I know nothing further as all was Reports to me concerning his Services. This 7th October 18?? [last 2 digits indecipherable]

Sworn to before me this day

S/ William Moore, QU

S/ Henry Moore



[pp 36-38: SC Comptroller General's report dated July 7th, 1851 showing payments made to Edward Martin for services as a soldier and Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$292.36 per annum increased to \$480 per annum for her husband service as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

¹⁰ [Henry Moore S46010](#)

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Indent Book L

No. 111

Issued the 24 September 1784 to Mr. Edward Martin
for £174.1.5 Stg. [Sterling] for 481 days militia
duty as a private and Captain in horse & foot Service
in 1780, 1781 and 1782 per Account Audited
Principal £174.1.5 Annual Interest £12.3.8

I certify &c

Sir

Charleston So. Ca.

27 January 1840

I take the liberty of sending you the above furnished by you to me with a certificate in the Case of Mrs. Mary Martin of Fairfield District for a pension sometime in the month of October last – by reason of the following letter received by me this day from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington & trust – the objections to the present admission of her claim are 1st, a want of satisfactory proof of the date of her marriage: – and 2ndly, the difficulty of ascertaining what portion of the 481 days Service paid for by the State was performed in the capacity of a Captain – The claim will remain suspended till these objections are removed.” I am respectfully &

now John Smith swears he was a Captain until the end of the War and John Sloan that he was a Captain in Winn’s Regiment and Served as Such until the peace – 3 Robert McCrieght that he served as a Captain twelve months & more – & these 3 witnesses are revolutionary Soldier’s & served with & under Captain Martin – there are other affidavits but they are founded on belief – I make these extracts for the purpose of aiding you in your data to discriminate if possible from the Circumstances of the Case – the time so [undeciphered word or words]¹² as Captain – in order in this manner to Comply with the requirement of the Department. I remain Sir very respectfully your Humble Servant

P Cantwell

B Hart Esqr. & & (turn over)

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On a Re-examination I find a reference to Indent in Book Him No. 526 Issued to Captain Martin –

¹¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.



Please send it to me as it is on the record detached from other writing it may [undeciphered word or words]¹³ our Case – inasmuch as 481 days are not much more than the half of 3 years

[pp 20-22: Other documents dated 1840 from Cantwell making arguments in support of the widow's claim.]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. W. P. H.", is positioned below a horizontal line. The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through.