

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Martin: W4543

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State of Virginia Patrick County (SS)

The Affidavit of Martha Martin of Lawful age taken before the Subscriber Thomas J. Penn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid on the 12th day of August 1841 who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and sayeth that she is the sister of Mary Martin a resident of Pittsylvania County in the State aforesaid who is now an applicant for a Pension under the Act of July the 4th 1836. That she was present and saw her sister the said Mary, Married to George Martin by Parson Lee Massie in the County of Fairfax. Virginia. on the 15 day of January 1775. That about three years after their Marriage her Husband the said George Martin enlisted with (to the best of her recollection) Lieut. Vaughn or Capt. Smith, and Marched to the South, that he was in the Army upwards of Eighteen Months, that he was severely wounded in the Battle near Charleston when Blueford was defeated [sic: Col. Abraham Buford's defeat on 29 May 1780 near Waxhaws about 150 miles from Charleston], that her sister with two Children William & George, stayed at her Fathers Joseph Bailey, while he said George Martin was in the Service. That she was at her Fathers House when said Martin returned from the army and saw that he was wounded on the Head in several places and also had a severe wound in his side of which he never did entirely recover, that he died about Thirty three years ago and that the said Mary Martin his wife has remained a widow ever since — Martha herXmark Martin  
[Patsy Martin also made a similar deposition in Stokes County NC on 25 Sep 1843.]

I Stephen Martin [resident of Patrick County VA] aged Sixty two years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with my Uncle George Martin the Husband of Mary Martin who is an applicant for a Pension, now living in Pittsylvania County Virginia. and know that he had on his Head several large scars and frequently heard him say that they proceeded from wounds he received in the Army of the Revolution when Bluford was defeated in South Carolina. Given under my hand this 12th day of August 1841. [signed] Stephen Martin  
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 12th day of August 1841 [signed] Thomas J. Penn J.P.  
[Susan Hancock, niece of George Martin and resident of Patrick County, made a similar affidavit on the same day.]

State of Virginia Halifax County (SS)

The Deposition of Thomas Bailey a Resident of the County aforesaid & a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, taken before Richard Thornton a Justice of the Peace for said County, on the 30th day of August 1841 who being duly sworn according to Law, sayeth that he is the Brother of Mary Martin who now resides in the County of Pittsylvania and is an applicant for a Pension, that she was the daughter of Joseph H. Bailey of Louden [sic: Loudoun] County State of Virginia. That she was married to George Martin by Parson Lee Masee in the County of Fairfax in the month of January seventeen hundred and seventy five, that some time in the year 1778 the said George Martin did enlist in the Army of the Revolution, that he was stationed for some time at Alexandria, and marched from that place to the South, that he was severely wounded in the head and side in the Battle when Bluford was defeated in South Carolina in the year 1780. after which he returned to the County of Louden, and met with his wife and two Children, William & George at his Fathers House, that the said George Martin & wife moved to the County of Halifax some time after the war ended that said George Martin died in the County of Pittsylvania in the year 1805 and left his Sister the said Mary Martin, who has remained a Widow ever since his death. [signed] Thomas Bailey

NOTE: A document in the file states that Mary Martin died unmarried on 22 Oct 1843 in Pittsylvania County VA, leaving the following children: Baily Martin, James Martin, Rebecca Martin, and Sally Willis, wife of James M. Willis. The file includes pages from a Bible with names and birth dates of family members.