

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Martin: W9532

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Virginia Henry County to Wit

At a Court of quarter sessions continued and held for Henry County at the Court house the 14th day of August 1821 —

Joseph Martin personally appeared in open Court aged sixty six 66 years resident in the said County of Henry, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he was enlisted as a Volunteer in the Continental Army for the term of three years in the fall of the year 1777 by Capt. Thomas West and was attached to the 10th Virginia Regiment which Regiment was Commanded by Colo. William Russell and attached to Genl. [George] Weedons Brigade; that he served to the fall or winter of 1778. when he was reenlisted by Capt James Williams at Middlebrook [New Jersey] for and during the war and was discharged at Alexandria from the hospital of the [several words illegible] after the peace. that he has lost his discharge, that he has been allowed a pension under the late act of Congress, But his Certificate not being on hand he is unable to recollect the number, That he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land an Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818. and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property securities contracts or debts due to him or any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. To Wit, One small feather bed, bed sheets and bed quilt, two puter [sic: pewter] plates, one Barow[?], two [word illegible] pales, one washing tub, one peggin hoe[?], hillng hoes, one Cutter, fifteen head of hoggs, one old Shugar tap[?]. Joseph Martin

I Walter Ried Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto annexed are duly [word illegible] from the Records of the said Court and I do further Certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in Value of the property scheduled in the aforesaid Schedule is \$47.25

State of NCarolina} SS

Rockingham County} On the 26th day of February 1839 Personally appeared before the County Court of please and quarter sessions now sitting for Rockingham County Patsy Martin a resident of said County of Rockingham in North Carolina aged about seventy-eight or nine years some time in the present year who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on Her Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. that she is the widow of Joseph Martin Deceased who Died in Henry County, Virginia, who was a Soldier in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served several tours of service all of which she from the loss of memory and infirmities of old age cannot at present particular enumerate nor Remember the ridgiments in particular that he was in But remembers that the first service that he performed that he enlisted as a minute man under Capt Joseph Combs and served at Alexandria on Potomac river, for one year. Capt. Combs lived in Louden [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia. at the expiration of that year he enlisted for three years under Capt. William Smith and went to the North and was in the North about four years While at the North he [word illegible] during the War and returned home on a Furlough and while at home married as Patsy Baily [sic: Bailey] now Patsy Martin staid with me a short time I think not more than two or three weeks. Which marriage was, I believe about eighteen months before the close of the war [after the surrender of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and said marriage was in Louden County Virginia. he then went back to the north and remained there under Gen George Washington till the war closed. We were married by a baptist minister who published the bans of marriage agreeably to the rules of the Church and the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. after the close of the War we moved from Louden

County, Virginia, to Pytsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania County] Virginia the precise time she cannot recollect But remembers that she had one child only at that time and he was born according to the register in our family Bible November 28, 1779. And his name is Stephen Martin now living in Patrick County Virginia and I think about Twenty five years ago we moved from Pytsylvania to Halifax in Virginia and remained there a few years and then went to N Carolina on Highwassee [sic: Hiwassee] river at which place my last child was born and remained there about three years and then returned to Pytsylvania Virginia from Pytsylvania we moved to Henry County in Virginia which I think was thirty five years ago. from Henry County Va she came to Rockingham County in NCcarolina about two years ago and remains in Rockingham County NCcarolina at this time. She further declares that she was married on the first day of March but the date of the year she has entirely forgotten but recollects as she thinks that it was about eighteen months before the war ended, and that her husband Joseph Martin Died the 14th day of February 1852 at his own residence in Henry County Virginia and that she has remained his widdow ever since that time as will more fully appear by reference to Proof hereunto annexed and ever since said marriage she and her husband Joseph Martin lived together as man and wife up to the day of his death and had six children born of her body by the said Joseph Martin (to wit) Stephen Martin Born November 28 1779 born in Virginia and now living in Patrick County Virginia. Susanna Martin born the 8th of May 1787 now living in Patrick County Virginia. Moaning [Morning?] Martin born August 1st 1789 living in Patrick County in Virginia. Joseph Martin Born September 7th 1791 living in Patrick County Virginia. Thomas Martin Born May 26 1795 living some where in the West. Patsy Martin Born May 27 1798 living in Rockingham County NCcarolina. all of which appears of record in our Family Bible and she the said Patsy Martin Declares that there is no person living by whom she can prove that they saw her married and further declares that her husband Joseph Martin was a regular pensioner in Henry County Virginia But what has become of his papers related to that matter she has no knowledge But has a vague recollection that some paper was returned to the agency at Richmond Virginia and she the said Patsy Martin herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present one and declares that her name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State
Sworn to and subscribed the date above Patsy herXmark Martin

NOTE: In Patrick County VA on 23 Nov 1838 Stephen Martin, about 59, signed a document supporting his mother's declaration. A typed summary states that his mother was also living in Patrick County in 1840, and that her daughter Patsy Martin was married to John Perdue.