

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

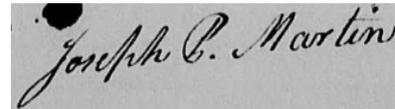
Pension Application of Joseph P. Martin W1629 Lucy Martin CT  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 June 2015.

I Joseph P. Martin of Prospect in the county of Hancock and District of Maine [Commonwealth of Massachusetts] on oath say and declare that I am a native citizen of the United States and that I served more than nine months in the late revolutionary war as a private and noncommissioned officer

That on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1777 I enlisted as a private during the war and was embodied at Peekskill [NY] in Cap'n. David Smiths com'y in Col Chandlers [John Chandler's] Reg't in the Connecticut line said Reg't was afterwards commanded by Colo [Giles] Russell, after whose death [28 Oct 1779] it was commanded by Colo [Isaac] Sherman I served in said com'y untill some time in the summer following when I was transfered into a com'y of sappers and miners attached to the engineers Department and served in said com'y till June 1783. when I was honorably[?] discharged at West point – I was at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at the takeing of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781]

I am 59 years old I have a large family of children [undeciphered word] of whom must be chargeable to me for life I am in reduced circumstances and stand in need of the assistance of my country for my support.

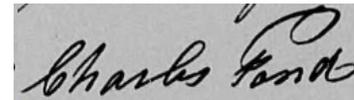
[7 April 1818]



Connecticut Ss

I Charles Pond [pension application W22005] of Milford, in the County of New Haven certify & declare that I am well acquainted with Joseph P Martin formerly of s'd Milford, but for twenty years past or more has resided in the State of Massachusetts & that in the years 1777 & 1778 s'd Martin served in the revolutionary war in Capt David Smith's Company & in Col John Chandlers Regiment & further say not. Milford May 9<sup>th</sup> 1818 Charles Pond Capt.

late Col R. J. Meigs Reg't



State of Maine

Hancock SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 Personally appeared before me William Crosby one of the Judges of the third Eastern Circuit Court of Common Pleas including the Counties of Hancock Washington and Penobscot being a court of record by the laws of said state, with power of fine and imprisonment Joseph P. Martin aged 60 years, resident in Prospect in said county of Hancock, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit:

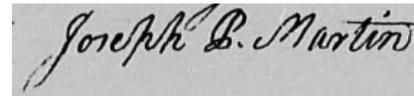
During the war from April 1777 was first embodied in Capt David Smiths Company in Colonel Chandlers Regiment in the Connecticut line as a private corporal and sergeant of all which I made declaration before the Honorable William Crosby on the seventh day of April 1818, and have received my pension certificate therefor, No. 9,881 and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen in the United States on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Joseph P Martin

(Schedule) I Joseph P. Martin on oath say and declare that I have no real nor personal Estate nor any income whatever my necessary bedding & wearing apparel excepted – Except two cows – six Sheep – one pig I am a Labourer but by reason of age and infirmity I am unable to work – my wife is sickly & rheumatic – I have five Children viz – Joseph aged 19. an Idiot from birth  
Thomas & Nathan 15 twins  
James Sullivan 8  
Susan — 6 — without my pension I am unable to support myself & family. Joseph P. Martin

State of Maine

Waldo Ss. On this eleventh day of March AD 1829 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, for said County of Waldo, personally appeared Joseph P. Martin, of Prospect in sd county, who on his oath saith, that he is the same person, who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Capt. David Bushnel [sic: David Bushnell] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Gouvion [Jean Baptiste Obrey de Gouvion] of the Engineers, in the United States service – that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Maine, that he received a certificate of that fact, under the signature & seal of the Secretary of War, which certificate, on the twentieth day of February, AD 1829, at Belfast in sd county, was burnt, with and in the office of Wm. Crosby Esq. of said Belfast.



State of Maine

County of Waldo Ss.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. [1851] before me, Walter Nichols, a Justice of the Peace within and for said County, personally appeared Lucy Martin, a resident of Prospect in said County aged seventy five years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the arrears of a Pension due her in right of Joseph P. Martin, – That she is the widow of Joseph P. Martin, who was a Private in the Continental Line and a Sergeant in a Company of Sappers & Minors in the Revolutionary War. She further declares that she has good reason to believe that the said Joseph P. Martin enlisted in the Revolutionary service in Sept. 1777 as a Private “for During the War,” and served in Capt. Sanford’s Co.. in one of the Conn. Regt’s. of the Continental Line until the Summer of 1780 when he was transferred to one of the Three Companies of Sappers & Minors raised from the Regular Army at or near West Point and served in one of said Companies, Commanded by Capt. Bushnell, as a Sergeant from about the month of July 1780 to the Close of the War

She further testifies that the said Joseph P. Martin was pensioned on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1819 as a Private at \$96 per annum, that he was entitled to a Pension as a Sergeant under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 to the pay of a Sargeant from March 4<sup>th</sup> 1831 to May 2<sup>d</sup> 1850, the day on which he died She further testifies that she was married to the said Joseph P. Martin in said Prospect on the 22<sup>d</sup> day May A.D. 1794 and for further Proof of her marriage she refers the Department to the Proof filed in the Pension Office at the time of obtaining her pension under the Act of July 29<sup>th</sup> 1848

She further declares that her said husband having served as a sergeant from or about July A.D. 1780 to the close of the Revolutionary War in Capt. Burbanks Company of Sappers & Minors and received his Honorable Discharge at the Close of the War, she calls on the U.S. for the arrears of his Pension due as a Sargeant of said Company. [signed] Lucy Martin

NOTES:

Joseph Plumb Martin vividly described his service in his book *A Narrative of Some of the Adventures, Dangers, and Sufferings of a Revolutionary Soldier, Interspersed with Anecdotes of Incidents that Occurred Within his Own Observation*, first published anonymously in 1830 and now available in several editions.

On 3 Sep 1854 Lucy Martin was said to be 74. On 7 Mar 1855 she gave her age as 79 when applying for bounty land. In the file is copy of the record of marriage of Joseph P. Martin and Lucy Clewly.