# Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of John Martin S36074 Transcribed by Will Graves

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### The Commonwealth of Kentucky Clarke County, Sct.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared John Martin aged 74 years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Clark; and that he was enlisted for 3 years in Augusta County in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1776 by one Samuel Lapsly [Samuel Lapsley] and served in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Lapsly of the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia line on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Charles Scott afterwards General C. Scott that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the fall of the year 1779 when he was honorably discharged from service at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania: that he was in the service three years and was in no battles of any distinction and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted. Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

> S/ Jas. Clarke Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

On this \_\_ day of \_\_ 1820 personally appeared in open Court (to wit the Clarke Circuit Court) being a court of record and proceeding according to the course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings & having power of fine and imprisonment) for said County John Martin aged sixty years, a resident in the said Clark County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: in & from the year 1776 to the year 1779 (in which year he was discharged) in Captain Samuel Lapsley's Company 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Gist Virginia line. His original Declaration is dated in the year 1818 and he thinks in the month of April. The number of his pension certificate is 17.544 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 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 provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, 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

1. One Horse, to head of cattle, a little household and kitchen furniture note Debts due to me

### S/ John Martin, X his mark

His occupation is that of a tailor his ability to pursue the same is only one fourth of that of a common man.

He has in family including himself four in number,  $1^{st}$  his wife about the age of 60 years, her capacity did labor not more than one fourth of that of a common woman,  $2^{nd}$  a single Daughter aged about 19 years able to do the work of a common woman.  $3^{rd}$  a son aged about 16 very small of his age and unhealthy not able to do more than the  $8^{th}$  part of a man's work.

#### S John Martin

Sworn to and subscribed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 in open court before me. S/ Jas. Calrk, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]