Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Azariah Martin W554 Lucy Martin VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 Oct 2014.

State of Kentucky Clay County S.S

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Daniel Bates, Josiah Oxford, Alexander White, John Spence, George Stevens, William Morris, John Hubbard & John Gilbert justices of the County Court for the County of Clay aforesaid now sitting, Azariah Martin a resident of said County aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

That in Amherst County in Virginia in the summer of 1780 he volunteered in the Militia & was stationed at Amherst Court House Va. under Ensign Jonathan Reid to guard deserters, who had belonged to Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates army in the South – that he continued at said place as a guard aforesaid for two months – that very late in the Fall 1780 he turned out as volunteer & went in a Company commanded by his uncle Azariah Martin towards North Carolina for the purpose of cooperating with Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. that he marched about 30 miles to [illegible] River where we were met by part of Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan's command with the Prisoners taken at the Battle of the Cowpens [in South Carolina on 17 Jan 1781]. We took charge of the Prisoners & marched with them to Amherst County Va. where they were taken by the Rockingham & other Militia to Manchester — That in February 1781 he again turned out as volunteer under Capt. James Dillard in Colo [Hugh] Rose Regiment. was marched from Amherst Va. to Old's old Iron works or Troublesome Iron works - continued some time with Gen'l. Green in North Carolina, & was finally discharged at Ramseys Mill on Deep River in [Chatham County] N.C. that he marched home in Amherst County Va. he thinks in May or 1st June – That in three or four weeks after he reached home he again volunteered under Capt. James Barrett, who was at this time a Capt. or Lieutenant in the Continental line. The Reg't. was commanded by Colo Hugh Rose – that he was marched down near Richmond where we joined LaFayette, continued with him till after the Battle of Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – continued with the army till a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], when in consequence of ill health he obtained leave of absence & returned home & did not again join the army. That he was engaged in the service of the United States in these different Tours about 11 months—That he has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his services can prove them by William Martin of Madison County Ky. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – Sworn to & subscribed this day & year aforesaid

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State of Kentucky } S.S. Clay County }

On this 7th day of May 1833 personally appeared before Daniel Bates a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Clay aforsaid Azariah Martin a resident of said County & an applicant for a pension, & whose original Declaration was made before the County Court of Clay aforsaid on the 27th August 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law further states – that he cannot state the exact time to a day that he served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary war, but according to the best of hsi recollection & he has no doubt, he served as a private, or volunteer, in the militia in the army of the Revolution not less than Elevin months and for such service he claims a pension.

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NOTES:

On 13 Aug 1832 William Martin certified that his brother, Azariah Martin, had served several tours of duty.

On 28 Feb 1840 Lucy Martin, about 74, of Madison County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Azariah Martin in April 1791 at the home of her father, Charles Rodes, in Amherst County VA, and that Azariah Martin died 15 April 1834. Her application included a copy of a bond signed by Azariah Martin, Jr. and Azariah Martin on 20 April 1791 for the marriage of Azariah Martin, Jr. of Madison County KY to Lucy Rodes of Amherst County VA. On 11 April 1840 the above William Martin, 74, made a supporting statement, adding that Azariah Martin had formerly lived in Rockcastle County KY. He stated that Azariah and Lucy Martin moved from Amherst County to Madison County KY in 1791 or 1792 and raised six children there.