Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Martin W9642 Transcribed by Will Graves

Eliza Sadler¹

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared in open Court, and before the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting in Yorkville in the District of York & State aforesaid J M Martin, son of John Martin deceased a resident of said District aged 47 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, Also the benefit of the act of the 3rd of March 1843 and in June 17, 1844,

That this declarant the aforesaid J M Martin in behalf of himself & the other heirs of said John Martin deceased states, that the said John Martin was an officer and Soldier in the Army of the Revolution the heirs understand and as such he served the United States during the war, against the common enemy in the South Carolina Militia.

He further declared that the said John Martin was married in the month of April, 1793 to Eliza Palmer, and as husband and wife they lived together "till the death of said John Martin who died on the 8 day of June 1802", that she was afterwards married, in the fall of the year 1814 to James Sadler, who died on the 30th of July 1830, and that his widow Eliza departed this life on the __day of December 1844, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband James Sadler deceased.

He also states that he has in support of the date of the marriage of John Martin & Eliza Palmer their family Record, which is hereunto annexed -- Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year aforesaid before the court.

S/ Edward Frost, Presiding Judge

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[p 5] family record

"John Martin & Elizabeth Martin his wife was married the 15th of April 1793, late Elizabeth Palmer, died the Reverend Mr. Joseph Alexander

James Palme Martin was born the 15th of February 1794 on Saturday morning at 6 o'clock

¹ former widow

Joseph Grandeson Martin was born the 15th of September 1796 on Thursday morning precisely at 30 minutes after 5 o'clock

Julius Maitland Martin was born the 19th of February 1799 on Tuesday night at 10 o'clock Francis Ross Martin was born the 4th of December 1801 on Monday night at 11 o'clock"

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In the Court doth hereby certify, that it was shown in Evidence to the satisfaction of the Court, that John Martin named in the foregoing declaration died at his residence in York District South Carolina on the 8th day of June 1802, leaving his wife Eliza a widow and that his widow Eliza intermarried with James Sadler who died in July 1830, and that his widow the aforesaid Eliza died on the __ day of December 1844, leaving surviving the following 4 children viz.: James P. Martin, Joseph G. Martin, Julius M. Martin, Lucian P. Sadler, who are the only surviving Children of said deceased and all of lawful age.

And it was also proven that the declarant J M Martin Esquire is a person to whose statements is due full credit.

S/ Edward Frost, Presiding Judge

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South Carolina York District:

On this 10th day of April 1846, personally appeared before me A S Wallace one of the Acting Magistrates in and for said District Robert Wilson, a resident of said District, a pensioner of the United States and made oath, in due form of law, that he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with John Martin who was a Soldier in the service of the United States, and whose heirs are now applying for a pension due Elizabeth Sadler deceased formerly the wife and widow of said John Martin deceased. That this deponent in the year 1777, was in the regular service under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], that the said John Martin who was in the Militia under General Ritchison [sic, Richard Richardson] & Colonel Neal [Thomas Neel] & joined the Regular Army and served with them a three months [tour]. Deponent did not serve with the said John Martin after the above date until he deponent escaped from the Enemy in Charleston in June, 1780, and returned home to Chester District S C and joined Sumter on Hagler's Branch North Carolina and found said John Martin in Sumter's Army, and that he believes that said John Martin was first in Captain James Martin's Company, and on that occasion the said John Martin served between 4 and 5 months and was in the Battles of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] & Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] to deponent's own personal knowledge. That after the above service said John Martin left with the Army under General Sumter for Blackstock's [November 20, 1780] on the Tyger River and deponent was sent to New Bern North Carolina for Military Stores.

This deponent further states that said John Martin was in the service as he has always understood and believes almost constantly from the commencement of the Revolution till the end of the War -- Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid Before me. S/ A S Wallace, Magistrate

S/ Robert Wilson

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State of South Carolina Union District:

On this 13 day of May 1846, personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the acting Magistrates in & for said District, Major Joseph McJunkins [sic, Joseph McJunkin]³, one of the Surviving Officers of the Revolution, a resident of said District and made Oath, in due form of law, that he was well acquainted in the days of the Revolution with John Martin whose heirs are now applying for a pension due on the account of the Revolutionary services of said John Martin. That this deponent was in the Army for a greater part of the War, and knows of his own personal knowledge that the said John Martin was generally in the service from 1775, till the close of the War but to give the particulars of the services of the said John Martin deponent cannot: Deponent further states, that he was present at the close of the Battle at Ramsour's North Carolina [June 20, 1780] & recollects that it was said that said John Martin had his horse shot down in said Battle.

He also states that the said John Martin belonged to the South Carolina Militia and served

² Robert Wilson W2302

³ Joseph McJunkin S18118

in what was then called Camden District and that he the said John Martin & his brother James who was a Captain, was amongst the most active Whigs in support of Liberty and they was generally in service from 1775, till the end of the war as above stated. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year first above written Before me. S/ G. Steen, Magistrate

S/ Joseph McJunkin
Jeph McJunkin

[Veteran's widow was awarded a posthumous pension in the amount of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending when she died December 1, 1844. The amount of the pension was based upon her husband service as a private & Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia.]