

Pension Application for Thomas Martin

W.18487 (Widow: Kesiah) Thomas died January 31, 1824, Kesiah died October 13, 1845. The file contains no deposition by Thomas.

FAMILY RECORD

Births.

Thomas Martin – Oct 17th 1758

Kezia Eastwood – Oct 21st 1767 - Married June 21st 1787

Margaret – Jan 21st 1788

John - Mar. 17th 1790

Aaron - May 5th 1792

Patience – May 3rd 1794

Charity – June 19, 1798

Thomas – Oct 16th 1800

Sarah - Feb 13th 1805

Elizabeth – Nov 1st 1807

Priscilla – Jan 18th 1810

Only Aaron Martin and Charity Patterson survived their mother.

State of New York

Otsego County SS

Archibald McKillep a resident of the Town of Cherry Valley in said County aged Ninety one years being duly sworn according to law deposeseth & saith that he was a soldier of the United States during the war of the Revolution and is now a Revolutionary Pensioner.

That in June of (1775) seventeen hundred & seventy five (as Deponent now calculates) he enlisted into the company of Captain Christopher P. Yates & served on an expedition to Canada.

Deponent was well acquainted in said war with Thomas Martin who also served on said expedition against Canada. Said Thomas Martin served at first as deponent believes under Captain VanDyke. Deponent & said Thomas Martin served together & were together on their tour to Canada which was by way of Fort Edward, Lake Champlain, &c.

In the latter part of December in said year, or the first of January of 1776, Deponent & said Thomas Martin enlisted at Fort Chamblee in Canada aforesaid into the company of Captain Elisha Benedict in which they served until May following when Deponent was discharged & returned home to Cherry Valley aforesaid.

Deponent & said Thomas Martin were in service together on said expedition to Canada for a period of at least then months. They belonged to the Regiment of Colonel VanSchaack.

Deponent does not know whether said Thomas Martin enlisted again or not as he does not now recollect of seeing said Martin after Deponent was discharged from the Army at Fort Chamblee as aforesaid. Said Thomas Martin was a brave man and a good soldier & a man well calculated to do duty when called upon. Deponent has understood that said Thomas Martin moved to Canada after the War of the Revolution

where he died a number of years ago leaving a widow & family of children & that his heirs are now applying for a pension & that after the close of said War he married Kesiah Eastood of Pittstown. (Signed) Arch'b McKillip

Subscribed & sworn this 17th day of July A.D. 1846 before me & I certify that said Archibald McKillep is a credible witness. Chas. McLean, Justice of the Peace.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

James Wool a resident of the Town of Lansingburgh in said County of Rensselaer aged (83) eighty three years in October next being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he has lived in said Town of Lansingburgh since he was seven years of age, or for a period of 76 years.

That in the year seventeen hundred & seventy five Richard Martin moved from the State of New Jersey into the Town of Pittstown in said County three or four miles distant from the residence of Deponent. Said Richard Martin had a son named Thomas who with his father worked for Deponent's father in said year of seventeen hundred & seventy five. Said Richard Martin was a widower & his son said Thomas worked away from home. Said Thomas Martin was a soldier of the United States in the War of the Revolution & when not on duty in said War worked occasionally for Deponent's father in company with Deponent.

In the fall of seventeen hundred & seventy five said Thomas Martin enlisted into the service of the United States & served on an expedition to Canada along the North River, Lake George, Champlain &c, for a period of at least ten months. Said Thomas Martin served also in the Militia during said war. He served at the surrender of Burgoyne & at the different Posts along the Hudson River. He served through most of or the greater part of said War, going from home frequently & entering the service at different places along & down the North River.

In the year seventeen hundred & eighty two as deponent now calculates it being near the close of the war said Thomas Martin left home as aforesaid & entered the service under Capt. White & Colonel Wiessenfelts in which he served for a period of eight or nine months. He rendered a vast amount of service during said war, being a true Whig & an active young man, under different officers, in said Militia. He served under Colonel VanRenselaer, Colonel Dubois, Colonel Schuyler & others.

Deponent was also well acquainted with Kesiah Eastwood who lived in said Town of Pittstown three or four miles distant from Deponent.

Deponent became acquainted with said Kesiah when a girl, said Thomas Martin married said Kesiah Eastwood not long after the War of the Revolution.

They were married in Pittstown aforesaid by the Rev. Mr. Halsted, then Baptist Minister of that place.

Deponent was married in the year (1792) seventeen hundred & ninety two & said Thomas & Kesiah were married about five years previous to Deponent. They lived together in Pittstown aforesaid until about the time that deponent was married, to wit; 1792, as aforesaid when their house was burned & they moved to Lower Canada

where as Deponent has been informed said Thomas Martin died leaving his wife said Kessiah a widow with a family of children. Said Thomas Martin is the only Thomas Martin Deponent ever knew. (Signed with his mark) James Wool

Subscribed & sworn this fourth day of August A.D. 1846 before me & I certify that said James Wool is a highly respectable citizen & a credible witness. John F. Miller, Justice