

## Military Pension Documents for John I. Martin (Simulated Copies)

The documents presented below are re-creations of documents I copied from the National Archives in 1983. My photocopies of these old, faded documents are mostly gray-on-gray and would not reproduce well on line. Therefore, I have transcribed the contents of these documents using standard proportional fonts to represent typeset forms, a typewriter font for typewritten material, and a *script font to represent handwriting*. I have done my best to imitate the look of the original documents, including copying typos and odd spacing and punctuation.

As most of the original documents were on legal size paper, I have used that size throughout this file.

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—Pete Martin, Lakewood, Colorado, June 2018

State of Nebr. } SS  
Richardson Co. }

John J. Martin of Legal age  
and Resideing at Falls City, State of Nebraska  
being first duly sworn deposes and says:

That he was discharged in September 1865

That he lived in Freemont County, Iowa, Sidney  
Post Office, for three years first following his  
discharge

Removed to Falls City, Nebr., in February 1869,  
remained there until August 1872

In August 1872 left Falls City, Nebr. and went to  
Sidney, Iowa

In 1877 in November went to Texas, Eastland Co.,  
P.O. Carben

In May of 1878 I returned to Falls City,  
Richardson Co., Nebr., P.O. Falls City and have  
remained there to the present time

My occupation the first six years was farming.

Since that time I have been keeping bees as I was  
not able to follow farming, could not do the work

My disability occured at Camp Roberts, Iowa  
near Davenport, was cused by Measles and mumps  
at our place of rendezvous

Have been an invalid ever since  
Have not been able to follow my occupation for the  
last 14 years  
Have been unable to do any kind of work for  
months at the time  
Was treated by Dr. McCrackin of Sidney, Iowa  
Also by Dr. Young, Plumb-hollow and Dr. Gray  
of Plumbhollow, Iowa  
Treatment was received between 1865 and 1869  
From 1869 to 1878 was treated by Dr. H. O.  
Hannah of Falls City, Nebr. also in 1878 by Dr.  
Shaw of Falls City, Nebraska  
In 1880, 81 & 82 was again treated by Dr.  
Hunter of Falls City, Nebr.  
All of the last three doctors are now dead  
Dr. Newkirk has been my doctor for the last four  
years, his Post Office address is Falls City, Nebr.  
All of which statements are true to the best of my  
knowledge.

Witness

Harry Pittock

William Nesbit

John T. Martin

Sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1886

Harry Pittock

Notary Public

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

# DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Colorado }  
County of Delta } ss.

On this 14th day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and nine, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, John I. Martin, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Paonia, county of Delta, State of Colorado; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Davenport, Iowa under the name of John I. Martin, on the 1st day of September, 18 63, as a private, in Copmany "A", 8th Iowa Calvary

in the service of the United States, in the civil war and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Clinton, Iowa, on the 15th day of September, 18 65. That he also served

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, fair; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, brown; that his occupation was farming; that he was born June 12th, 18 39, at Coal Co., Illinois.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:  
Iowa 28 years; Nebraska 22 years, Colorado, 18 years.

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension that he is the identical person named in pension cert. no. 382191.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is Paonia, county of Delta, State of Colorado.

Attest: (1) William T. Baetjer  
(2) Horace L. Curtiss

John I. Martin

Also personally appeared William T. Baetjer, residing in Paonia, Colorado and Horace L. Curtiss, residing in Paonia, Colorado, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw John I. Martin, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 12 years and 15 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

William T. Baetjer  
Horace L. Curtiss

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, A. D. 1909, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_, erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Randolph Williamson  
Notary Public

My com. ex. Jan. 14th, 1913

In the matter of claim for pension  
under Act of February 6,1907

STATE OF COLORADO, ) SS.  
COUNTY OF DELTA. )

I, William R.Crook of the County of Delta and State of Colorado,and whose postoffice address is Paonia in said County being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is personally acquainted with John I.Martin who is the pensioner under certificate no.382,191 and have knwon the said John I.Martin since the year 1868,becoming acquainted with him at Falls City,State of Nebraska in that year;  
further;that in the year 1873 on the 13th. day of March I was married to Lucinda Martin,a sister of the said John I.Martin and at this time the said 13th. day of March,1873, I was presented with a large family bible by the father of LUCinda Martin and John I.Martin and further;  
that on or about that time the said 13th. day of March,1873 I did copy from ane certain large family biblebelonging to the father of the said Lucinda Martin and John I.Martin the dates and births and marriages of the Martin family and among which dates and items appeared the following item:----- " JOHN I. MARTIN was born June 12th 1839." ----- and further;  
that I have every reason to believe that the same is correct and is the date of the birth of the said John I.Martin;and further;  
that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

*William R Crook*  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me , this 5th. day of July,A.D.1909  
and I do hereby certify that the contents of the above  
declaration,&c,were fully made known and explained  
to the affiant before swearing;and that I have no  
interest,direct or indirect,in the prosecution of  
this claim.

*Randolph Williamson*  
U.S. Commissioner.  
Paonia,Delta Co.,Colorado

State of Nebraska

Nemaha County, ss.

I, Ellis E. Good, a Notary Public, in and for Nemaha County Nebraska, hereby certify that I have examined the Family Bible of Isaac Martin, father of John I. Martin, Co. A & Iowa Cav.; that in the Family Record of said Bible the following record appears, towit: " John Irwin Martin was born June 12<sup>th</sup>, <sup>A. D.</sup> 1839". I also find the following relative to the time said bible was printed, towit: "Published by B. Waugh and T. Mason, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the conference office, 200 Mulberry St. New York, 1834."

The entries in the Family Record bear no marks of erasure or alterations, and from their appearance they were made at or about the time of birth of the above named John Irwin Martin.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of facts as set forth and a correct copy of the records herein mentioned.

Dated at Peru Nebraska this 27th day of July, 1909.

Ellis E. Good

Notary Public.

STATE OF California, COUNTY OF San Diego, ss:

On this 15th day of June, A. D. 1923, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, John I. Martin aged 84 years, a resident of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is

a pensioner of the United States, at the rate of 50 Dollars per month, and that his pension certificate is number 382191,

that his present physical condition is such that he believes himself entitled to an increased pension, and that he therefore makes this application for such increase for the following reasons:

Has been forced to be under the constant care of a physician and is forced to have aid and attention to enable him to live. Has not been able to take care of himself without outside nursing and care for the past three years & constant care during the past six months

That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim. That his post office address is \_\_\_\_\_

John I Martin  
2235 Imperial Ave, San Diego, Calif.

Also personally appeared Clara L. Stephens residing in San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. C. Munson residing in San Diego, Calif., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw John I Martin, the claimant, make his oath to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said applicant and their acquaintance with \_\_\_\_\_ him of one years and 40 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Mrs C Munson 2233 Imperial Ave San Diego Calif.  
Clara L Stephens 2235 Imperial Ave San Diego, Calif.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 15th day of June, A. D. 1923 and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant \_\_\_\_\_ and witnesses before swearing, including the words Printed \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

ER Baskerville  
Notary Public

OFFICE PHONE  
MAIN 371

RES. PHONE  
MAIN 1275

G. W. Compton, M. D.

OFFICE HOURS 11 A. M. TO 2 P. M.

OFFICE. 312-316 GRANGER BLOCK

San Diego, Cal., 6 / 14 / 23

This is to certify that I have been the attending Physician to John I Martin for the past 8 years.

Mr. Martin is 84 years of age, and suffers from Initial Regurgitation and artero sclerosis associated with a chronic cystitis having lost all control of urination due to an enlarged prostate gland.

Mr John I Martin has required the constant attendant since Jan'y 1/23. He is most feeble and only by assistance can he go out of his home. Mr Martin is no relation of mine and I am not interested in his claim. G. W. Compton

70 No. 382191  
John I. Martin  
A 8 Ia. Inf

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

7W Division  
L.P. Ex'r.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13, 1923.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

Mr. John I. Martin  
2235 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego, Calif.

Transcriber's note: On the original document, handwriting on most of this page differed from that of John I. Martin's signature at the bottom. Hence, John probably dictated his answers to someone helping him, and that could explain misspellings that appear in some of his children's names.

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. June 12<sup>th</sup> 1839 Cole County, Ill  
The name of the organization in which you served? Answer. Co A 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. Sidney Iowa

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Rachel Reeves Martin, Rachel Reeves

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. September 1860 Sidney Iowa  
Rev Rush

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer.  
If so, where? Answer.

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. No

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. No

No. 8. Are you living with your wife? Answer. No  
If there has been a separation give date of same. Answer. Deceased Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1908

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.  
Sarah Alice Martin Born May 16<sup>th</sup> 1861 Died Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Charles Henry Martin Born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Elya Martin Born June 11<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Mary Florence Martin Born Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1867 Died April 5<sup>th</sup> 1914  
Della Mariah Martin Born April 21<sup>st</sup> 1870 Died Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Joseph Westley Martin Born Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1872  
Susen Nellie Martin Born June 26<sup>th</sup> 1874 Died Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1879  
John Ambros Martin Born March 12<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Clara Lula Martin Born Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Ella May Martin Born Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1880 Died Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920  
Date July 30<sup>th</sup> 1923 (Signature) John I Martin



Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Pensions

Hotchkiss Colo

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Sir, I am the wife of Hiram R Bennett  
Co 1, 45<sup>th</sup> Ill pension Certificate No 1110744. I am  
organizing a Daughter of Veterans Tent at Hotchkiss.  
I have Thalma Sare age 18 whose Grand Father  
John I Martin is a Pensioner lives in San Diego  
California was in an Iowa regiment. Thalma has  
written him for the record that she may join as a  
Charter member but gets no reply. Also her other  
Grand Father Thomas M. Sare of 9 Mo. Cav. was a  
Pensioner died nine or ten years ago his widow  
received Pension untill her death in 1919. This is  
all the information the girl can give. She is a half  
orphan Mother dead several years and she cares for a  
younger sister and brother is very anxious to be a DoV  
and wants to start a drill team. Our Charter  
can only be kept open a short time longer therefore by  
giving us the record we need as early as possible you  
will help us very much. Would have written you  
sooner only thought John Martin would surely have  
sent the record.

Very Truly Yours

Mrs Hiram R Bennett  
Hotchkiss

## Law Division

Reference:

I C 382191  
John I Martin  
Co A 8 Ia Cav

July 17, 1924.

Mrs. Hiram R. Bennett  
Hotchkiss, Colo.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, requesting a statement of service of the above named soldier to be used for the purpose of organizing a Daughters of Veterans Tent, I have to advise you that a report from the records of the War Department shows that this man was enrolled August 9, 1863, under the name of John J. Martin, in Company A, 8th Iowa Cavalry, for three years, and was mustered out with Company August 13, 1865, at Macon, Ga. He held the ranks of corporal and sergeant.

Concerning Thomas M. Sare, mentioned in your letter, the records show one Thomas Sare a pensioner under certificate No. 244346, who died on or about September 2, 1910. After his death, Sarah E. Sare was a pensioner under Certificate No. 718534 until her death, December 22, 1915. The records show that Thomas Sare was enrolled Feb. 5, 1864, in Company C, 9th Mo. State Militia Cavalry at Forest City, for three years and was mustered out with Detachment May 18, 1865, at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

WASHINGTON GARDNER

Commissioner

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