

MARTIN WADDLE/WADDELL

Martin Waddle, a Revolutionary War soldier, was born in 1763 according to his pension records. The names of his parents and where he was born are uncertain. By 1777-1778 Martin was living in Shenandoah County, Virginia, when Martin substituted for Nicholas Dull, who had been drafted to serve three months against the Indians at Fort Pitt. Martin was marched to Maryland and after two months, he was released and verbally discharged.

In the fall of 1780, Martin volunteered in the Virginia Militia for six months as a private. He joined General Nathaniel Greene's army at Guilford Court House, North Carolina, and marched from Hillsborough to Charlotte and crossed the Peedee River on Christmas day. There, they captured Tories and returned them to Green's army after which the militia was discharged. Martin's name is listed in *King's Mountain and its Heroes*.

Martin came from Shenandoah County, Virginia through Bristol into Kingsport. He married Susanna Stoke in Sullivan County NC, now Tennessee, in March of 1791. He purchased 135 acres there on February 22, 1796, 299 acres on May 31, 1798 and 200 acres on January 3, 1801. He gave one acre of land there on Eaton's Ridge on November 19, 1804 to the Presbyterian Church. Other Waddles, with property in Sullivan County were Jacob, John and George.

Martin sold this land on September 15, 1808 and in 1811. By 1810 he owned property on Caney Creek in Greene County and was listed on the tax rolls of Captain Fellers District between John Waddle on Horse Creek and George Waddle on Watery Branch. Martin's property ownership was listed as a Title Bond.

On March 26, 1856, Martin Waddle was issued Land Warrant G26855 for 160 acres of land in Greene County, Tennessee. He built his home on this property. His son, Benjamin lived on the property adjoining and probably moved into the original house on the property after his father's death. The house standing on the property today is built around the original chimneys.

Martin was pensioned in Greene County in 1833 at the age of seventy one. He received \$30.00 per annum. On the tenth day of April 11, 1855 Susan Waddle, aged about eighty seven years and a resident of Greene county applied for a pension upon the death of her husband for his service in the Revolutionary War. Her application was granted. The documents submitted on this date included an affidavit signed by John Stokes (her brother) with his "x" on 9th of February 1844. He stated that he was at the wedding when Martin Waddle and Susan Stoke were joined in matrimony by John Anderson, Esq. in the County of Sullivan in the state of Tennessee in March seventeen hundred and ninety one.

From the records of a Greene County Tennessee Court, Monday, August 1st 1859: Satisfactory evidence was exhibited to the court to prove that Susan Waddle was the widow of Martin Waddle, dec., and that she died intestate in Greene County, State of Tennessee, on the Eleventh day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty six and the Benjamin Waddle and Elizabeth Johnson of said County, are his only children and only heirs at law both being over the age of twenty one years and that she is the identical Susan Waddle to whom Land Warrant No 26855 for 160 acres

was issued on the 26th day of Mar. 1856, an account of the Service of her husband, the said Martin Waddle, in the Revolutionary Wars.

Martin and Susannah Stokes Waddle probably had other children who were deceased by 1856. Their son Benjamin Samuel was born August 29, 1872 in Sullivan County, TN and married Rachel Bowman; Elizabeth was born November 11, 1793 and married Steven Johnson; George Washington Waddell was born in 1802 and married Susanna Stokes, daughter of Susannah Stoke Waddle's brother, John Stoke.