

## Patriot Martin Palmer

Patriot Martin Palmer, b: 1726, Hanover County, Virginia; d: 1790, Halifax County, Virginia.

Martin Palmer served as a sergeant in the Revolutionary War and fought in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment continental line under his friend and neighbor Patrick Henry (Patrick Henry, Sr.). The 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment, under the command of Patrick Henry, was authorized by the Virginia Convention of July 17, 1775, as a provincial defense unit comprised of six musket companies and two rifle companies. Over the course of the War the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment saw action in Hampton, Jamestown, Norfolk, Great Bridge, Harlem Heights, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywind, Germantown, Valley Forge (winter of 1777 – 1778), Stony Point, Charleston and Yorktown. At some point in time, Martin Palmer was transferred and also served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Records indicate that on May 15, 1783, Martin received 30 pounds as balance due to him for his services during the War. Today, he is on a list of soldiers at the Chesterfield Court House. One of his greatest achievements was in siring his son Martin Palmer/Parmer, the Ring-tailed Panther who fought for the freedom of Texas and was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.