

Medal of Honor

Name: Boatswain's Mate William Martin

Unit: U.S.S. Benton, U.S. Navy

Action: Haines Bluff, Yazoo River Campaign

Action Date: 27 Dec 1862

Birth: 22 Sep 1835
New York, NY

Death: 03 Apr 1914
Alto Pass, IL

Buried: Alto Pass Cemetery
Alto Pass, IL

Enlisted at: Cairo, IL (or St. Louis, MO)

Citation: Serving as boatswain's mate on board the U.S.S. Benton during the attack on Haines Bluff, Yazoo River, 27 December 1862. Taking part in the hour-and-a-half engagement with the enemy, who had the dead range of the vessel and was punishing her with heavy fire, Martin served courageously throughout the battle until the Benton was ordered to withdraw.

