

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Merryman Payne VAS146

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Auditor's Office of Virginia 31 July 1832

I do certify that it appears by a list of certificates in this office, issued to the officers and soldiers of the State line of the revolutionary Army for the balance of their full pay or depreciation that a certificate issued on the 1st of August 1783 to Merryman Payne a Lieutenant in the Navy for £145.10.0 and that said certificate was delivered to Colonel Heth.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud. of Va.

Tuesday 12th August 1777

Merriman Payne is recommended to his Excellency the Governor & the Honorable the Council as a proper person to be appointed a first Lieutenant in the Navy.

The foregoing is a true extract from a book filed in this office believed to be a journal of the Navy board.

S/ Joseph Jackson

Auditor's Office Richmond Virginia 30th of July 1832

The Petition of Merriman Payne's heirs

Respectfully states that he was a Lieutenant of the Navy of Virginia in the Revolution upwards of 3 years and died in service.

The facts are stated by John Lowry a respectable witness who knew him well.

The Auditor's certificate shows he was first Lieutenant in the Navy on the 12th of August 1777 and that upwards of £154 depreciation was received.

The Books of the *Dragon* in the possession of David Henderson show that he was a sailing master on the 1st August 1776 – but we cannot get this evidence & it of course cannot be relied on. But the fact is known from a memorandum taken from those Books.

The evidence of Lowry & the certificate of the Auditor, for petitions competency be considered sufficient & pray that they may be allowed the Bounty due them.

S/ Thomas Green
for the Petitioners

I certify that it appears from the Books of the Ship *Dragon*, which are in my handwriting

that Thomas Chrisman [?]¹ was Surgeon's mate of said Ship as early as the 8th day of June 1777 – and that Ridgrul [?] Hudgeons [?]² entered on board the Sloop *Defiance* as a Seaman & died in service.

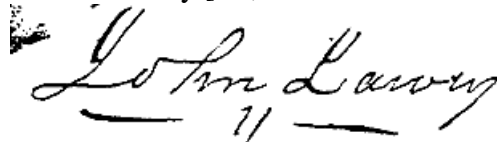
It further appears from the Books of the Sloop *Defiance*, now in my possession – that Merriman Payne was Sailing Master in that ship as early as the 12th of August 1776. Given under my hand this 2nd day of August 1832.

S/ David Henderson
Midshipman & Clerk
of the Ship *Dragon*
Eliezer Callender
Master

Lancaster County Virginia

I John Lowry of the County & State aforesaid do certify that I lived a neighbor to Merriman Payne of the aforesaid County & State, that the said Merryman Payne was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy & was absent from home in the said Navy between 3 & 4 years & returned in the fall of the year 1779 on furlough in bad health, he died of the illness of which he was afflicted when he returned in about 12 or 18 months after his return home. Given under my hand May 21, 1832

S/ John Lawry [sic, but attested as "Lowry"]



John Lawry

¹ Thomas Chrisman,
² Ridgrul Hudgeons