

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Argyle Herbert VAS1500

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

### Petition for Bounty Land

The Heirs of Argyle Herbert,<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant – State Navy

The facts are – He was commissioned a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of the Sloop *Norfolk Revenge*<sup>2</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> 1776 = and resigned his commission April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1779. He was, between these periods, in service two years, nine months & a half. It is probable he was in service before he was made first Lieutenant and if he was for two and a half months he completed his three years service before he resigned. I have reported this claim in the printed list No. 5 as allowable = and still think it ought to be allowed notwithstanding the proof is not full & conclusive.

If allowed, it should be for a service of three years as Lieutenant.

Respectfully Submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1834

To his Excellency  
The Governor

[Note: The heirs are not identified in this file. They were represented by J. Adam Smith, as their attorney.]

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<sup>1</sup> HERBERT, ARGILL [ARGIL, ARGYLE] VA First Lieutenant, Virginia Navy Argill Herbert was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy on 12 July 1776 and served aboard the Virginia Navy Galley *Norfolk Revenge* (Captain JOHN CALVERT). He was dissatisfied with Calvert and was assigned to the Virginia Navy Galley *Caswell* (Captain WILLIS WILSON) on 22 November 1776. [NOAR, 148] However, Calvert was in the Virginia Navy Sloop *Defiance* in September 1776, [Stewart, 160] and Herbert is referred to as the "Commander" of the *Norfolk Revenge*, so he apparently commanded the galley for a time. He was transferred to the *Caswell* on 5 December 1776. Herbert resigned on 29 April 1779. [Stewart, 200] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20H.html>

<sup>2</sup> WESTCOTT [WESCOTT], WRIGHT VA Wright Westcott [Stewart, 265] (Wescott) [NOAR, 332] was commissioned on 18 June 1776 to command the Virginia Navy Sloop *Scorpion*, on the Potomac River. On 7 September 1776 he was ordered to Portsmouth, and then to join Commodore BOUCHER in Chesapeake Bay. On 11 September he was ordered to transport troops to New York. [NOAR, 332] He was aboard the *Scorpion* in December 1776. [Stewart, 265] Westcott later commanded the Virginia Navy Galley *Norfolk Revenge*. On 28 May 1778 the *Norfolk Revenge* was sunk in Nansemond River with a loss of prisoners, including Lieutenant EDWARD MORTON. [Stewart, 53] Westcott and the members of the crew who escaped were ordered by the Virginia Navy Board to proceed to Jamestown for reassignment. [Stewart, 53] After the *Norfolk Revenge* was sunk Westcott transferred to the Virginia Navy Galley *Henry*. He was one of the retained officers of the Navy. He was the guardian and near relative of Stephen Wright, who started with him to Martinique. They were captured by HMS *Cerberus* and put in prison [Stewart, 265] Westcott died 1 February 1784. [Stewart, 266] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20W.html>