

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Warren Ashby VAS2305
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Warren Ashby served as Midshipman from some time in the year 1777 and served until the end of the War. Given under my hand at Richmond this 14th day of July 1794.

[Thomas Herbert R15006]
formerly Capt. of Brig Liberty



[The handwriting in the following is poor.]

Memorandum

I have this day received of John R. Brewer a land warrant, issued in the name of Warren Ashby, for twenty six hundred & two thirds of an acre severally indorsed & assigned unto him, which I am to lay[?] & appropriate as is usual, one half, for the others being at the [undeciphered word] of survey a patent.

December 22th 1807[?]

Wm Thomson

Teste/ John Sumerville[?] Petersburg

NOTICE.

ON the 23d day of December, 1807, I delivered to a certain William Thomson a land warrant, of which the subjoined paper is a true copy, for the purpose of [undeciphered word] it on the condition expressed in a receipt granted by him for [undeciphered word], whenever the laws of the state or of congress should make [illegible word] therefor—All persons are hereby [illegible word] from taking an assignment of the said warrant, or from buying or trading for the same in any manner whatever. Any person who may be in possession of the said warrant, shall receive a liberal reward on the delivery of it to the subscriber, in Petersburg, Virginia, or Mr. Richard Timberlake, who is [undeciphered word] to receive the warrant and grant a receipt for it on my behalf.

JOHN R. BREWER

March 21.

Land Office Military Warrant,

No. [undeciphered]

TO the principal surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia: This shall be your warrant to survey and lay off in one or more surveys for Warren Ashby, his heirs or assigns, the quantity of two thousand six hundred sixty six and two thirds acres of land due unto the said Warren Ashby, in consideration of his services for the war as a midshipman in the state navy, agreeable to a certificate from the governor and council received into the land office Given under my hand and seal of the said office, this 14th day July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

WM. Price, Reg[iste]r Land Office

A true copy from record./ Teste. Chas. Blagrove, Reg'r Land Office.

Land Office, March 9, 1811.

Paris 22^d May 1811 – (Kentucky)

Dear Father I have just arrived here and find that Henry T. & Mr. Duncan are both in Philadelphia purchasing goods[?], therefore I cannot determine on any thing untill their return which will be shortly. I found your Land Warrant in the Hands of a Mr. David Campbell in Abingdon who got it of Thompson in part payment of a debt; he seems anxious to come to some compromise with you respecting it and said he

would write to you on the subject – he supposes the warrant to be worth more now than ever – say the Court calculation \$2 pr Acre – as it is certain that there will be some provision made for warrants of that description next session of congress as the State of Virg'a have passed some resolutions respect'g the same. Mr. Campbell is clerk of the county court of Washington, Va. [later Senator and Governor] and appears to be very much of a gentleman – you can take the necessary steps to recover the warrant by Law if you thing proper; but I would advise you to come on a compromise with him if you had to sacrifice one half for the other as there appears to be a great error in the warrant – Thompson having filled a blank in it with his own name instead of yours, which answered as an assignment of it to him, and has since assigned it to Campbell as solely his own property – but your having Thompsons receipt attested proves it to be your property unquestionably – but as a course of Law may throw you out of it altogether a compromise with Mr. Campbell will be most adviseable. I have not time to do any thing with Ragsdales business as yet, but will write him on the subject from this place and should I find it necessary I shall go to shelbyville – Tell Mr. Baird I call'd on Capt Craig, but did not get the surveying instruments as he had lent them out – Orphans land can be redeemeble in the state seven years after they become of age provided the land was sold for taxes during their infancy – I shall write you more fully on every subject of any importance in my next letter – write to me imediatly – my love to all the family
Your Affectionate son
Rich'd. Timberlake

Abingdon 27th of June 1811

Sir. Some short time ago I saw in this place a Ric[hard] Timberlake who was making enquiry for a military warrant which is in my possession and to which he informed me you had a claim. He also show[ed] me your advertisement and requested that I should write to you on the subject

On the 3^d of February 1808 I purchased this warrant of Wm. Thomson who stated that he had taken it in payment of a debt whilst he was in the lower parts of the State a short time before. The warrant had an assignment on it from Warren Ashby with a blank for the persons name to whom assigned. This blank was filed with the name of Wm Thomson and then he assigned it to me. Knowing that it was costumary to assign warrants in this way and every thing appearing fair, I had not the least idea that Mr Thomson was practising a fraud upon any person.

I observed by the copy of the memorandum given you by Mr Thomson that it stated that the warrant was transfered to you. this is not the case. There is but two endorsements on it One to Thomson. the other to myself

I am not willing to relinquish my claim to this warrant as I would thereby be a very considerable looser, nor do I wish to be unnecessarily contentious I am willing to leave the case to some [undeciphered word] gentlemen to decide between us after hearing the circumstances. If you consent to this proposal, I will authorise my brother Mr. John Campbell who is a member of the house of Delegates & will be in Richmond next fall to have the business settled. In the mean time I will forward the warrant to the Executive of the State pursuant to the notice which they have given

With high esteem/ I am Sir/ Your Ob't serv't/ David Campbell

Town of Petersburg Sct

This day Robert Stewart personally appeared before us Justices of the pace and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God; Deposeth and Saith That some years ago he swapt a land warrent in the Virginia State Line with Jno. R. Brewer for a pettent for 640 acres of Tenace [Tennessee?] Land an Even Swap but the deponent does not Recolect the No. of the Warrent nor the Persons Name Which it was Issued in favour of, but does Recolect perfatly, it was for the Quantity of two thousand six hundred sixty six & $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of Land.

Giving under our hands this 6th day of July in the year of Christ. 1811

[undeciphered signatures]

Town of Petersburg to wit

Robert Stewart came before us this day and made Oath solemnly that He Bartered, exchanged or swapped One Land Warrant Issued in the name of Warren Ashby, with Jno. R Brewer even swap for 640 Acres of Land in the State of Tennessee the number of which said Warrant was four thousand six hundred and thirty seven and was for Twenty six hundred and sixty six & two thirds acres of land, as per the [undeciphered word] of the said Warrant but that He made no Assignment on the same, nor did he indorse the same in any manner whatever.

Given under our Hands this 22^d day July 1811./ Paul Nash J.P/ Archibald Baugh [undeciphered]

Virginia

At a Court held for Washington County the 15th day of October 1811.

David Campbell exhibited into Court the original of a Land Office Military Warrant which is in the following words and figures towit."Land Office Military Warrant No 4637.

To the Principal Surveyor of the Lands set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Seal} This shall be your warrant to survey and lay off in one or more surveys for Warren Ashby his heirs or assigns the quantity of two thousand six hundred and sixty six and two third acres of Land due unto the said Warren Ashby in consideration of his services for the war as a Midshipman in the State navy agreeable to a certificate from the Governor and Council received into the Land Office. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Office this fourteenth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four

Charles Lewis Re. L. Off.

and assigned in the following words towit: For a valuable consideration I assign the within warrant to William Thomson his heirs and assigns forever

Teste/ Cuth. Barker/ W B Barker

Warren Ashby

I assign the within warrant to David Campbell and his heirs forever for value received this 3^d day of February 1808.

Wm. Thomson

Teste/ John Campbell/ John D Sharp.

and proved by John Campbell one of the subscribing witnesses that William Thomson signed and acknowledged the above assignment to be his act and deed which on the motion of the said David Campbell is ordered to be certified. A Copy Teste D. Campbell D.C

Abingdon 16th October 1811

Sir, Pursuant to an order of the Governor and Council requiring that they should be notified of the unsatisfied Military claims due to the Officers and soldiers of Virginia I herewith enclose a copy of a warrant in my possession which I claim and which is unsatisfied.

I am with high respect/ Your Ob't serv't/ David Campbell