

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Underhill VAS2457  
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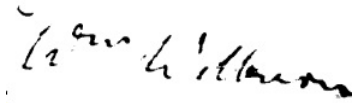
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Zadock Bayly [Zadock Bayley S37696] of the County of Accomack aged about 70 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Captain William Underhill, and know that he Commanded the Armed vessell during the revolutionary war Called the "Accomack" – That the said vessell belonged to the virginia State Navy and that Captain Underhill commanded her more than three years but how much longer I am unable to tell. I had two brothers in the same service that Captain Underhill was engaged in which enables me to recollect Captain Underhills service. I was very often on board the "Accomack" whilst he commanded her. I myself was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war & now receive a pension from the General Government for my services – as I was marched from this shore to the western shore I am unable to say precisely the length of time Captain Underhill commanded the accomack; but he certainly served above three years. Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1830

Zadock hisXmark Bayly

Accomack County Virginia

I William Welborn [William Welburn S7856] do hereby certify that I knew Captain William Underhill, who commanded the armed vessell called the "Accomack" belonging to the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war & belive he commanded the said vessell up to the time she was laid up – the said vessell was afterwards at my Landing on the Sea Side where one of her guns now is. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> July 1830



I Thomas Cropper aged 67 years do hereby certify and declare that I was very well acquainted with William Underhill deceased, late Captain of the Armed vessell called the "Accomack" belonging to the Virginia State navy during the Revolutionary War, and whilst he was commander of the said vessell I often saw him, and do know that he served as the Captain of the said vessell more than three years, but what precise length of time he continued in service over and above that time I cannot now state. There were few men with whom I was better acquainted than with Captain Wm Underhill. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1830.

[signed] Thomas Cropper

Accomack County to wit:

I Thomas Cropper of said county do hereby certify and make known that I was well acquainted with Captain William Underhill whilst he commanded the armed vessel called the Accomack in the Va. State Navy during the revolutionary war & from my own knowledge of his services as a Captain & commander of the said vessel I have no hesitation in declaring that he was in the said services more than three years; but at this distant period of time I cannot say precisely when his term of service commenced or when it ended. I do also declare that it is my firm belief that the said Underhill superintended the building of the said vessel & that he took command of her as soon as she was launched.

I do further certify that from the best of my recollection the said vessel carried 14 guns. I had every means of information upon the subject of this vessel as I was often on board of her whilst she was in active service & I was personally acquainted with all her officers. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1830

[signed] Thomas Cropper

I Isaiah Johnson of Accomack County do certify & declare that at a very early period of the war of the Revolution the armed vessels called the Accomack & Diligence, belonging to the Virginia State Navy were built & Launched at my Landing; and the building of them was for a long time superintended by William Underhill & Johannes Watson [VAS2458], who recruited their crews for the said vessels – and on my Land the said Underhill & Watson established their rendezvous for their crews – when the said vessels were Launched William Underhill was Captain & commander of one of them & Johannes Watson was the captain & commander of the other. The said vessels were about the same size, that is, about 75 feet keel & about 90 feet on deck

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r 1830

[signed] Isaiah Johnson