

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Severn Delastatious VAS3346
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Charnock Sen'r. [S38598] a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of truth & veracity made oath before me that he served one term in Capt. Tho Parkers [Thomas Parker] Company in the 11th Va Regiment in the War of the Revolution & that Severn Delastatious served in said Company as Serjeant to the end of the War.
Wm. R. C ustis

Parker Copes [S39350] a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of truth & veracity made oath before me that he served one term in Capt Parkers company in the 11th Va Regiment in the War of the Revolution & that Severn Delastatious served as Serjent in said Company to the end of the War.
Accomack County March 20 1833. The foregoing affidavits were sworn to before me as a Justice of the peace in & for said County.
Wm. R. Custis

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of Jan'y 1785, in the name of Severn Delastatious as a Serjeant for £7.2.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Col Cropper [John Cropper W3781] and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 9th day of Ap'1 1833.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

April 13 1833 Rejected. term of enlistment not proved. [Governor] John Floyd
1833 Jan 20 Rejected J. F.

To the Gov'r of Va [no date]

The heirs of Severn Delastatious & of Selby Delastatious [VAS3342] pray a reconsideration of their claims. At the last reconsideration of the Claims aforesaid I have understood from Mr [John H.] Smith (the agent of the Executive) he did not have the benefit of the deposition of Zadock Bayly filed in 1831 or 1832 in reference to these & some other cases. The claims having been presented both by Col. Drummond & myself at different times there were of course two distinct sets of depositions & Mr Smith had the benefit (as I am convinced from some conversations with him) of only those dep'ns filed by me. The difficulty in the allowance of these claims arose from the fact that their names are on the Chesterfield rank roll in 1781 as 18 month men. By reference to Zadock Baylys deposition this difficulty is removed. Bayly himself (the witness) enlisted (or was drafted) with the Delastatioues for 18 months & about the time of the expiration of the 18 months, and after they had been mustered & served & at Chesterfield they reinlisted for the War. Bayly has himself rec'd 200 acres of land for his services. There are sundry depositions filed in their cases all of which the heirs request may be examined by Mr Smith.
respectfully submitted
Ves. Ellis for the heirs.

To his Excellency Gov. Campbell [David Campbell, Governor 1837-1840]

I respectfully ask a reconsideration of the case of Serj't Severn Delastatious. The proof of 3 witnesses all of whom are soldiers & pensioners is that he first enlisted for 18 months & then reenlisted for the war.

The report of the Com'r [John H. Smith] was only upon the evidence of one of the Witnesses, Zadock Bayly. Gov. Tazewell did not refer the case to the Com'r. again on the add'l. evidence. The add'l. evidence is marked X at the bottom. His name is on the army Register as a Serjeant.
respectfully submitted/ V. Ellis

The deposition of Zadock Bayley [S37696] aged about 76 years who being duly sworn deposeth that he was drafted in April 1781 for 18 months & went across the bay under Capt Tho Parker, & was afterwards commanded by Thomas Coverly [S24960] & that he reenlisted after crossing the bay to serve for the term of during the War, & did serve till July 1783, and was discharged upon condition of serving again if called upon – that he drew a warrant for 200 acres of land in 1784 & that Severn Delastatious of Accomack County, a near neighbour to the Witness was drafted in like manner at the same time & then reenlisted as a Serjeant to serve for the term of during the War & that he did serve till the war ended & the troops were discharged.
Zadock Bayly hisXmark
[1 June 1833]

Parker Copes a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of unquestioned veracity came before me & made oath that he served a tour of 18 months in Tho Parkers Company of the 11th Virginia Regiment, & that Severn Delastatious reenlisted for and served to the end of the War as a Serjeant in said Company as witness my hand & seal at Accomack CH June 3^d 1833 Wm. R. Custis J.P.

John Charnock Sr a revolutionary pensioner & a man of credibility made oath before me that he served a ttour of 18 months in Capt Parkers Company of the 11th Va Regiment & that Severn Delastatious served in the same Company & reenlisted for & served to the end of the War, as a Serjeant. As Witness my hand & seal at Accomack CH June 3^d 1833 Wm. R. Custis J.P.

Add'l evidence 12 June 1833
1833 Nov 22 Rejected
1834 July 28 Rejected

Petition for Bounty land.
Severn Delastatius – Sergt Cont'l Line.

The proof in this case is the aff't of Zadock Bailey [sic]. That Severn Delastatius was sergeant, and enlisted for 18 months, under Lieut or Capt. Thomas Parker: and marchd with the company, in the summer of 1781, and joind their Regt. (the 11th Regt.) at Richmond. He was afterward stationd at Cumberland Old Court House; & when the 18 months, for which he was bound, expird the said Delastatius, with the witness, & many others, reenlisted for the war, and servd to the end of it. The witness has receivd 200 acres of land for his services
Severn Delastatius was certainly in the service (See Doc. referd to in the case of Sebby Delastatius - page 59).

If your Excellency, on this state of facts should allow land bounty; it should be allow'd for a service, as Sergeant, for the war, or to the end of the war; unless yr Excellency should think, it ought to be allowd only for a service as private. Respectfully submitted/ John H. Smith Commissioner &c
To his Excellency Gov'r. Tazewell [1834-1836] April 29th 1834

To the Governor & Council of State [no date]
In asking a reconsideration of the cases of Severn Delastatious Sergt. John Joynes Sergt [VAS1338] & Wm Bennett [William Bennett VAS2486] & Jacob Rogers [VAS3347] soldiers, an apology is due for not having originally filed a memorandum calling the attention of the Executive to the particulars of those cases as Established by the evidence & by other proofs of record in the Land Office.

The cases of S. Delastatious & J Joynes were first presented by Col Drummond some weeks ago upon the single testimony of Zadock Bayly, and the s'd Claims were rejected. Not knowing the Col. D. had presented the Claims I obtained the testimony which was filed Ap'l 6th & was employed by some of the heirs. I met Col. D. at Norfolk last Wednesday night & an understanding was had respecting these claims between us, & on the 6th I presented the evidence now filed. Upon these cases I beg leave to remark that Zadock Bayly is a pensioner, has drawn 200 acres of land for services during the War & is a man of good character. He served in the same company with Delastatious, Joynes & Bennett, was from the same neighbourhood & of course must have known all about their services. His statements are corroborated by Kellum [Spencer Kellam W1178], Charnock, Copes & Snead [possibly Bowden Snead W4810] (all men of unquestioned veracity) in the case of Joynes & by Charnock & Copes in Delastatious's case, & by all three in Bennetts case. There is another very important point in regard to which Bayly is sustained by the record. He says Thomas Fisher [BLWt2071-100] served to the end of the War & many others. Thomas Fisher has drawn land for services to the end of the War towit 200 acres, of which last Col Drummond was not apprised when he presented Fishers claim. See Registers certificate. It is a matter of general history that Capt Thos Parker enlisted a Company in Accomack in 1780 or 81 & that immediately after they got away from their friends across the bay they mostly reenlisted for the War. Amongst those who thus reenlisted were Richard Thom, Wm Kelley [William Kelley], Alex'r Harrison [Alexander Harrison BLWt1884-100], Major Topping [VAS3089], Solomon Parks [S5486] & a large number of others. Thom, Kelley, Harrison, Topping & Parks have each drawn 200 acres. I will also refer the Executive to the case of Sam'l Owens [Samuel Owens VAS94] allowed in Nov. last for the War upon the same testimony now adduced in these cases. Major Toppings claim was allowed in Jany last for the war on the testimony of the very same witnesses testifying to the very same facts. This explanation it is hoped will be satisfactory. I will observe that the credibility of Charnock, Kellum, Copes & Snead, is fully established by the certificate of the Magistrate and being neighbours of the Claimants & serving with them they must have known their services perfectly well. In the case of Jacob Rogers it is proved by two credible witnesses that he did not return till the War ended & by another credible witness (Hyslop [Levin Hyslop W7858]) that he reenlisted. Hyslops credibility is certified. He has drawn 200 acres & is now a pensioner as the annexed certificates prove. The foregoing explanations & references are respectfully submitted. V. Ellis

1838 May 15 Bounty land is allowed in this case as a Sergeant in the Continental line for the war
D Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]