

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Gregory VAS3768
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

1831 Feby 25 Rejected

John Gregory was a Captain in the Continental line and recd warrant No [blank] for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres as a Lieut. for three years service. [sic: see endnote] It appears by the list of officers returned to the executive by Mr Joynes as Exor. of Colonel Cropper [John Cropper W3781] that Jno Gregory was a Captain and was entitled to the bounty of a Captain his heirs pray to be allowed the difference of bounty
Feby 28th 1831 J W Murdaugh

City of Richmond to Wit

This day James Bullifant [S39236] a revolutionary pensioner personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the City afs'd and made oath that he went from Charles City County during the revolutionary war under the command of Captn William Gregory, the Lieut of which company was John Gregory [VAS3767] that the said William and John were brothers; that Captn William Gregory died to the north and that Lieut John Gregory was killed in the battle at white Plains [28 Oct 1776]; that Captn William Gregory never was married; that Lieut John Gregory was married and left one son, John M Gregory, who is since dead. And this deponant says that he recollects perfectly well that the said William Gregory was a Captain and served as such, and that he and his said brother were very active in raising the Company which the said Captn William Gregory Commanded and the deponant says he recollects this from the this circumstance to wit because he enlisted under Captn William Gregory in Charles City County and went with him to the north that he continued under the command of the said Captn William Gregory until his death

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of March 1831. J W Keldal J Peace

John Gregory was a Captain received depreciated pay as such, is reported on Cropper's List as a Captain drew bounty as Lt. John M Gregory the heir at law requests that the additional allowance of land may be made to him. Capt'n John Gregory was killed in service as will appear by evidence filed in the original case

The Executive will oblige me in submitting the claim of Captain John & William Gregory for additional land bounty.

Respectfully yr. &c
Jno. M Gregory
Jan'y 22 1833

January 25 1833 Rejected J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

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 27 day of Nov'r 1784, in the name of John Gregory as a Captain Infantry for £247.14.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Willis Reddick and was given for services from 1 Jan'y 1777 to 9th April 1779.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 20th day of February 1833.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

1833 April [?] Rejected

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains several illegible documents.]

[undeciphered] March 1776
ordered that Capt Gibson's Rifle Company, Capt. Gregory's Comp. of Chs. City reinforce the troops at
Suffolk
Committee of Safety Journal P43

I Ansolem Bailey [S37702] of Henrico County & State of Virginia was a Soldier of the revolutionary war, I enlisted under Captain Abner Crump [R13459] of New Kent County & State of Virginia. I served during the War, & now draw a pension annually from the general government. I was well acquainted with Captain John Gregory of Charles City County & State of Virginia, he was a Captain of Infantry in the Sixth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, he served upwards of three years he lived some years after the war & acted as Sherieff of the said Charles City County, & was called Sherieff John Gregory. I was also acquainted with a lieutenant John Gregory [VAS3767] from said County of Charles City in one of the Virginia regiments, who was killed in an engagement with our enemy in the State of New York [?] some time in the fall of the year 1778 I think, as well as my memory served me. I am now in my 75 or 76 year. [several illegible words] Ansolem hisXmark Bailey
[11 May 1833]

City of Richmond To wit.

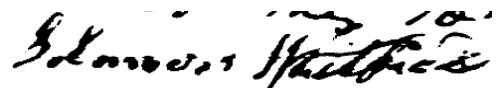
This day personally appeared before me a Magistrate and Justice of the peace in the said City Anselm Bailey of the County of Henrico and made oath:
That he is seventy five years of age and that he served three years in the first Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary War and that he enlisted on the fourth day of October 1776 That his regiment was commanded by Col George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] and belonged to Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] brigade: That he was well acquainted with Captain John Gregory of Charles City County Virginia: That the regiment to which this affiant was attached joined the American army the day after the battle of Germantown in October 1777 [4 Oct 1777] and that he was in the battle of Monmouth in June 1778 [28 Jun 1778] and at the charge which was made on Stoney point [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] and that the Captain John Gregory was at the battle of Monmouth and that the said Gregory entered the service about the first of the year 1776 and this affiant is sure he remained in the service at least three years: That there was also a lieutenant John Gregory in the Revolutionary army who also went from Charles City and was killed in the service and that Captain John Gregory lived several years after the termination of the war and that the said Capt. Gregory was the father of the present Mrs Beverly Aun [?] of New Kent County and that he left no other child. hisXmark

Sworn to before me this 12th day of August 1833 Thomas Carols JP

Affidavit of Solomon Whitfield [S18281] of Nansemond County Virginia.

The affiant being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he is now seventy years of age and that he was a soldier of the revolution, in the militia of said county – that he was well acquainted with John Gregory who lived in this county and state, that said John Gregory was a Captain in the Virginia Continental service in the revolutionary war; that the said Gregory entered the service about two years after the war commenced and served a term of three years, and then returned from the service and returned to this county.

Sworn to and subscribed the 16th day of Oct'r 1833



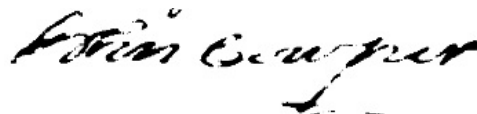
Dr The Sixth Virginia Regiment

1776 [illegible] 26 [several undeciphered words] Capt Gregory to pay his comp'y to 28 Feb'y £140.13.-
The foregoing is a true extract from a book filed in this office endorsed "Ledger Com'e of Safety" and is
one of many charges entered under the name of "the sixth Virginia regiment
[several undeciphered words]/ Land office 14th Sept[?] 1833

I Jesse Nicholson [S5832] of Portsmouth Virginia hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Captain Gregory of the Virginia Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, that he commanded a company of the 15th Regiment, the same to which I belonged and that he served at least three years at the North – for I served three years with him and left him in service when I [undeciphered word], which was at the expiration of three years the term for which I enlisted. I have no distinct recollection of Capt Gregory's given name but I have never heard of more than one Capt. Gregory who was in the Continental line. Sworn to & subscribed this 28th day of Nov'r 1833 [illegible signature]

I John Cowper [VAS1568] do certify and declare that I was very well acquainted with Captain John Gregory formerly of the County of Nansemond Captain Gregory was on the most intimate and friendly terms in my Father's Family; my Father Willis Cowper resided in Suffolk before it was destroyed by the British in 1779 and afterwards at his Plantation on Nansemond River I was in England until the year 1780 at school. It was after my return that I understood that Captain Gregory was a Captain in the Continental line of Virginia. I always understood that he died in the service, and was abroad on Furlough, on account of his extremely delicate health.

Though very young at the time mentioned I have a perfect recollection of the facts I have stated [3 Dec 1833]

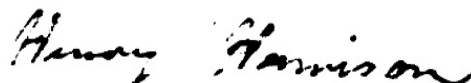


The heirs of Capt John Gregory of the County of Nansemond beg leave to lay the written certificate of John Cowper Esqr before the Governor proving that Capt. Gregory did not resign in 1779 or '80, but came home on furlough and died as he [undeciphered word] on furlough.

Rich D Webb/ for the heirs [see endnote]

I Joseph Ross [S7390] of Nansemond County, Virginia hereby certify, that I knew John Gregory of this County, that said John Gregory was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary war, and that he was a resident citizen of Nansemond County before the Revolutionary war, and the said Capt. John Gregory was never married to my knowledge. Joseph his Xmark Ross
[19 Jan 1834]

I Henry Harrison [W748] of Nansemond County Virginia hereby certify that I knew John Gregory of this county; that said John Gregory was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary war, and that he was a resident citizen of Nansemond County before [two undeciphered words] he was after his revolutionary services and the said Capt. Gregory I believe was never married. And that the heirs of said Capt. Gregory live in the Counties of Nansemond [undeciphered] and in Gates County North Carolina.
[illegible date Jan 1834]



If Governor Floyd will do me the favor to examine the Continental depreciation pay Book, he will be satisfied that there was but one Captain John Gregory in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War and that his depreciation pay was drawn by Willis Riddick, the delegate from Nansemond in 1784. This same Capt. John Gregory is reported on Cropper's list; and I understand that Mr. Smith [John H.

Smith, Commissioner of Pensions for Virginia] has reported the claim good.

There was also a Lieut. John M. Gregory [sic] in the Cont'l. line who died in service; his name is therefore not to be found on the depreciation pay book.

The Capt. John Gregory for whom I claim did not die until 1787 and his heirs now live in Nansemond, as I am prepared to shew to your entire satisfaction.

Your Excellency's
obt. Servant,
Rich'd D. Webb

Dec'r 17 1833.

The claim of the heirs of Captain John Gregory a captain of infantry during the Revolutionary War on Continental establishment to land bounty the following is a brief statement of the evidence.

1 The affidavit of Anselm Bailey shews that John Gregory was a captain of Infantry in the [illegible] Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and served upward of three years

2 The Auditor's certificate shews that he was in service on the 1st of January 1777 (the day that the depreciation took effect) and continued to 9th of April 1779

3 The Register's certificate shews that he has never drawn his land and strongly corroborates the affidavit of Bailey, inasmuch as it shews that the was a lieutenant John Gregory who [two undeciphered words] in the service

4. The Registers certificate shews that Anselm Bailey was a soldier in the Virginia State Line during the Revolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

NOTES:

The agents for the heirs of Lt. John Gregory--J. W. Murdaugh in the file of rejected claims and Richard D. Webb in the bounty-land records--assumed, apparently incorrectly, that Lt. Gregory, who died during the war, was the same officer as Capt. John Gregory, who returned home after the war. The bounty-land records of the heirs of Lt. Gregory are transcribed as VAS3767.