

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Heaberd Smallwood VAS4477
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). A document signed by Peter Hagner is not legible enough for transcription.]

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me Thos Q. Roberts one of the Justices of the Peace
Anderson County } in & for the County William B. Wallace [S42612] who says that during his
service in the Revolutionary war Three years of it was in the 16th Virginia Regiment on Continental
establishment Commanded by Col Wm Grayson [William Grayson BLWt1366-500] when Heaberd
Smallwood was a Capt in said Regiment and commenced his service when the Regiment was raised in the
winter of 1776-7 S'd Wallace does not know the Precise term Capt Smallwood served in s'd Regiment as
he Wallace left the Regiment in 1779 being then transfered to the Artillery The men of Graysons
Regiment having engaged for 3 years the Regiment was broken up or attached to others and further saith
not



Signed & sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid this 22nd day of October 1829.
Thos Q Roberts JPAC

Sir Captain Heaberd Smallwood was a grandUncle of mine & in the service of his Country
in the war of Independence. He died many years before my birth; & unfortunately before I attained the age
when his biography [illegible] have been a matter of deep personal [undeciphered word], his co-
tem[poraries] had most generally passed away. I have always learned that his life was a sacrifice to his
patriotism – that his health sunk under the hardships incident to a Soldier's life, & my impression has ever
been distinct & strong from all I have ever heard, that he held his commission at the time of his death.

His heirs are the children of [illegible] Mitchell, the descendants of a sister, the children of Lucy
Moore, the descendants [illegible] her Sister, the children of Mrs Grayson, another Sister & [illegible], the
sole representatives of a fourth Sister[?] as to the first, address Dr. Jno Mitchell, [illegible] P.O Charles
[illegible], Md – as to the Moore's part, The Hon'ble Wm. P. Taylor. The Graysons you know – as to
myself, I am willing to accept such terms as may be usual in such cases & agreeable to the other parties.
Have you sought information at Richmond Va & Annapolis Md & in the war department.

[18 Dec 1833] resp'ly J. T. Stoddert

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for
Jefferson County } said County, Mrs Catharine Doyle who being duly sworn according to law says
that she is now 84 years of age. That in early life she was most intimately acquainted with the family of
Smallwoods being in Childhood schoolmates, that of the sons William [William Smallwood
BLWt656-1100] and Heaberd both became officers in the war of the Revolution William she thinks
became a General Heaberd she says that she knows not his Rank that he was in bad Health and was
principally employed in recruiting soldiers and died while in service as she believes early in the
Revolution or some years before its close and further she saith not

Sworn before me this 23rd day of July 1835 Daniel C. Banks J.P.

State of Maryland, Charles County, to Wit:

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace, in and

for said County, Daniel Delozier, a person of known Credibility, who being duly sworn according to law, saith that he is now Sixty-one years of age, that he was personally and intimately acquainted with the family of the Smallwoods to wit: the Widow and her Children, General William Smallwood; Captain Hebert & several Sisters. He says that Hebert Smallwood was a Captain of Graysons Regiment of the army of the Revolution, and he says that this said Captain Smallwood being in bad health, left active service and retired from the [undeciphered word] for the benefit of his health, and lingered in bad health for a year or more, and Died of said indisposition, being at the time of his death still a Captain in the said service and while able employed in the [undeciphered word] or in enlisting men and drilling Recruits &c and that he was always understood to have been in the service to the day of his death, and had not Resigned, and further he saith not. [signed] Daniel Delozier

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of Nov 1835.

[Nearly identical statements were signed with her X by Sarah Simmons on 12 Nov 1835 and by Frederick Nelson on 17 Nov 1835.]

The Memorial of Wm. P. Taylor and J T. Stoddart for themselves and the other heirs of Captain Heabert Smallwood Respectfully states, That he was a Captain in the 16th Virginia Continental Line and died in Service during the Revolution. The enclosed certificate of Peter Hagner of 12 June 1834 states that Capt S. was appointed Captain in Col. Graysons Regt. 4 March 77 in which capacity he continued until Aug. 1778, when he must have left the service by resignation or otherwise, as the Company was afterwards called "late Smallwoods".

That he died in service is proved

1st By Mrs. Catharine Doyle who was his schoolmate.

2nd By Dan'l Delozier who then a small boy, lived, as he now lives on Smallwoods estate.

3rd " Sarah Simmons who was intimately acquainted with the family

4th " Frederick Nelson, also intimately acquainted with Capt Smallwood

Lieut. Wm. B. Wallace was in same Regt. & knew Capt. S. well but does not know how long Cap. S. remained in service, as he (Wallace) left the Regt in 1779. The inference is, that he knew Smallwood to be in service, later than Aug. '78 that is – that after Aug '78 when he ceased active service in the field, he yet was an officer in the Regt – these making all the other affidavits entirely consistent with the certificate of the 3rd Auditor [undeciphered]

Capt Smallwood was from Maryland but his whole service was in the Virginia Cont. line & his heirs are as much entitled as if he had been born in Va.

The land bounty due for the services of Capt Smallwood is respectfully asked

Thomas Greene Atto. for the claimants and Memorialists