

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to George Stewart VAS4492
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Dr	Mr George Stewart, Muster master	Pay master and purchasing Commissary to the Accomack and Diligence gallies
1778		1779
Jan'y 9	To a warrant on the Treasury for £1000	Jan 29 By the Auditors of public accompts as by their certificate £1000
May 20	To ditto ditto 3000	Feb'y 2 ditto ditto <u>3000</u> 4000

The Deposition of Elcanah Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507] in the sixty sixth year of his age who being first Duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth that he was on bord the Accomac galley Comanded by William Underhill [VAS2457] in the service of Virginia in the revolutionary war, and he was ammong the first of the men Enlisted and continued untill she was lade up and that George Stewart who lived at Chingotigue [sic: Chincoteague] was Commissary and purchaser of provisions, and pay master to the accomac and Deligence Galleys and that he never knew that there was an other person who was commissary or pay master to the said Galleys but the said George Stewart nor dose He beleave that there was ever any other
Elcanah hisXmark Andrews
[Accomack County, 5 Aug 1831]

The Deposition of William Thorington [sic] in the Seventy Fifth year of his age being duly sworn deposeth That he well knew George Stewart dec'd who lived at Chincoteague in the County of Accomac and was a Majastrate and was a man of greate buisness this Deponant was often on bord the accomac and Deligence Gallies from the time of there being Commissioned untill they were laid up that the said George Stewart was commissary as will paymaster to the said gallies there was no other George Stewart in the County of Accomac who was a man of buisness but the above George Stewart dec'd who was after the war high Sheriff of Accomac and that He never knew of any other person who was Commisarey and paymaster to the said gallies but the above George Stewart William hisXmark Thornton
[Accomack County, 24 Aug 1831]

The Deposition of Daniel Sturgis Aged 73 Next January who says That at the Comensment of the American Revolution he became Well Acquainted with Mr George Stuart of Accomac County on Chincoteage, and his Best Recolections that the Same Mr Stuart was in the habit of Furnishing or Suplying the Gallies Engaged in the american Cause with such Necessary Articals as their Case required, Such as Corn meal Flour Pork &c
pr me Daniel Sturgis
[Accomack County, 25 Aug 1831]

1831 Oct 25 Rejected

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Saturday the 10th day of January 1778
Present/ Mr Whiting, Mr Hutchings, Mr Archer and Mr Lewis.
Mr George Stewart appointed muster master, pay master and purchasing commissary to the Gallies Accomack and Diligence stationed at the Eastern Shore: appeared and entered into Bond with Southy

Simpson gent his security for duly [undeciphered] and disbursing all sums of money as may come to his hands, purchase all such Liquors and provisions as the said Gallies may require, muster the men belonging to the said Gallies and in every month at least, pay the officers and sailors off once in every three months, and render an exact account or accounts of all his proceedings upon oath by virtue of the said appointment; and in consideration of these said services the Board doth agree to give him one hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

Ordered that a warrant issue to Mr George Stewart for one thousand pounds upon account for the purpose of furnishing necessaries for the Gallies Accomack and Diligence building at the E. Shore.

At a Court held for the County of Accomack on the 30th day of August 1831.

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that James S. Corbin, Mary Jane Corbin & Sarah Ann Corbin are the only heirs at Law of George Stewart who was Muster Master, paymaster & purchasing Commissary to the Accomack & Diligence Galleys in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary war.

The deposition of James Davis [S8281] aged ninety three years. This deponent being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that in the time of the revolutionary war his father, with whom he then resided, rented lands of George Stewart Esquire of Accomac County Virginia. This gave him an opportunity of seeing said Stewart frequently in his private as well as public capacity. That he well remembers that said Stewart was a purchasing commissary for the Galleys called Accomac and Diligence one commanded by Captain Watson [Johannes Watson VAS2458 of the *Diligence*] the other by Captain Underhill, and said to belong to state navy of Virginia and that he often made large purchases of provisions for the use of said Vessels or soldiers, and that said Stewart was generally reputed to be pay master, Muster Master, and purchasing commissary for said galleys all the time they were in the public service. This report the deponent knows as to Commissary [undeciphered] to be true, as he lived in the immediate neighborhood. He thinks said Stewart died three or four years after the termination of the revolutionary war, and was Sheriff of the County of Accomac at the time of his death.

[October 1849]

James hisXmark Davis

The deposition of Custis Bull [S18338] aged Eighty nine who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith That he was well acquainted with George Stewart, who was a commissary, pay master for the gallies, The Diligence and Accomack in the Virginia state navy in the revolutionary war. And that he is very certain that he acted in the above capacity for the gallies Diligence and Accomack for fully three years and more or until they [the galleys] were laid up.

[Accomack County, 11 Jan 1850]

Custis X Bull

The deposition of David Watts [W25895] late a Justice of the peace for Accomack County, Virginia, and a Minister of the Gospel, aged Eighty Six Years This deponent being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, that in his Youth he was well acquainted with George Stewart of Accomack County, Virginia, during the time of the revolutionary war, and that he knew that said Stewart was in habit of mustering the Crews of the Galleys called Accomack, and Diligence, two vessels of war belonging as he believes to the State Navy of Virginia, in the time of the revolutionary war and Commanded by Captains, Watson and Underhill, and that he knows the said Stewart was in the habit of purchasing for, and furnishing said Vessels with provisions; and that he acted as Commissary and Muster Master at least three years, and verily believes he acted as such during the war, and further the deponent saith not

[Accomack County, 11 Jan 1850]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Watts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.

George Stewart is reported by Smith [John H. Smith, Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims] in his report as being entitled land as Pay Master, M. Master &c. The Journal of the Navy board in many places show that he was Pay Master Muster Master &c to the armed vessells Accomac and Deligence of the Virginia State Navy. The testimony of his highly respectable revolutionary [undeciphered] with the paper, establish the same fact. It is believed that every Paymaster Master and Muster Master &c in the Navy has been allowed bounty land by the State of Virginia, except George Stewart. There is no case or record in which the service is more clearly and abundantly proved than in this. The cases of Littleberry Mason [W23190], Robert Boush [R19366] and Wm Armstead [sic: William Armistead R12155], recently decided by your excellency are believed to be entirely similar in principal to the claim of George Stewart