

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Stubbs VAS619

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of John Stubbs – midship S. Navy [midshipman state Navy]

In 1777 John Stubbs was a midshipmen on board the *Tempest* – (See the Papers of the *Tempest* in Volume first Navy documents)

There is no proof offered by the Petitioners: and I cannot refer your Excellency to more than is above noted.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1834

to his Excellency

Governor Tazewell

Memorandum of Sugar & T for the Officers on Board the ship *Tempest*

John Stubbs Midshipman one lb Coffee & 6 lbs Sugar

Same do 18lbs Sugr 3 lb Coffee 3/20 Tea

The above is truly extracted from 2 roles one bearing date 6 September 1779 the other 28 December 1779 to be found in the first volume of papers concerning State Navy

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

Virginia York County to wit

I hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with John Stubbs who was attached to the Virginia Navy of the revolutionary war, I do not Recollect his Grade but believed that he was midshipman on board of the ship *Tempest* the said John Stubbs entered the service of the Navy the latter part of the year 1776 and was in service when I marched to the South in 1777

Given under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1839

S/ Henry Buchanan



[Note: Regrettably, most of the documents in this file are illegible as posted online. There appeared to be references to other officers of the *Tempest* in the documents in this file.]

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Addendum to John Stubbs VAS619

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 March 2020.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online image is barely legible, but the names were deciphered by referring to *The History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution* by Robert Armistead Stewart. Numbers of transcribed applications for pensions or bounty lands are added in brackets.]

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Mids[hipmen]:         | John Robins                  |
| “                     | John Wilson                  |
| “                     | Richard Mitchell             |
| “                     | Churchill Gordon [VAS3732]   |
| Surg[eons] Mate       | Thomas Landrum [R61]         |
| Pilot                 | William Wood                 |
| Act[ing] mids[hipmen] | George Wray R111             |
|                       | John Stubbs                  |
|                       | John Lane [VAS2089] ✓        |
| Steward               | Nicholas Christian [VAS3001] |
|                       | Mark McPherson ✓             |

The above [undeciphered word] is found in the first volume of [undeciphered word] papers [several undeciphered words] all those marked thus ✓ have rec'd their land Bounty

To the Govnor and Council of the State of Virginia

The Representatives of John Stubbs respectfully represent that he was a Midshipman in the Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution and attached to the Ship Tempest as the evidence filed herewith will shew, that neither he or his representatives have received the Land Bounty promised by Virginia. The evidence shews that he served three years.

Land Bounty has been granted to all the officers of the Tempest except the representatives of George Wray and your petitioners. They pray it may also be granted to them.