

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Tarleton Payne BLWt1737-300 f3VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/26/12

Va. Payne, Tarleton B.L.Wt.1737-300—Capt.  
Issued Mar. 26, 1792 to  
Francis Graves, assignee  
No papers

[body of letter in response to inquiry from a descendant—the letter is dated Feb. 8, 1919:

*In reply to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> 00, you are advised that the records of this Bureau show that bounty land warrant No. 17 37 4 300 acres was issued March 26, 1792, to Francis Graves assignees, on account of the Revolutionary War services of Captain Tarleton Payne of the Virginia Line, Continental Establishment.  
There is no further data on file as to his service and there is no data at all on file as regards his family, owing to destruction of the War Office by fire in November 1800, when the papers in such claims were burned.*

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

I do Certify that Tarlton Payne did enlist in the first Virginia Regiment and entered the service the late Revolutionary War with Great Britain in September 1775 & believe he continued until the end of War.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1808  
Goochland County S/ Larner Bradshaw<sup>1</sup>

It appears by the Books in This Office on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1783 a warrant issued to Tarlton Payne for seven years service as a Captain in the Continental line – Captain Tarlton Payne  
S/ Edwd Davis

Land Off.  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1809

I certify that Tarleton Payne was a Captain in the first Virginia Continental Regiment, that is was said and I believe he was taken prisoner at Charleston and that he served during the War, and that he now is in existence and resides in the County of Goochland. Given under my hand in the County of Louisa this 15<sup>th</sup> January 1810.

S/ John Overton, Late Capt.



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<sup>1</sup> [Larner Bradshaw S35200](#)

In the month of May 1779 having after a long service in the northern Army then promoted by Colonel Christian Febiger to the rank of Ensign in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment, I was arranged with a detachment destined for a southern expedition, in a Battalion consisting of four companies of 100 men each, commanded by late Colonel Richard Parker, having under him, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hopkins and Major Richard Clough Anderson, Captain Alexander Parker, Peter Jones, Tarleton Payne, and Benjamin Taliaferro; with the necessary complement of subaltern officers attached to each company, and a Regimental Staff; – we marched from Petersburg on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the said month, and arrived at Augusta in the State of Georgia on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July;

Having spent a very active campaign in that state, including a Siege of 32 days before the town of Savannah, which terminated in an unsuccessful attack upon its fortified garrison, with the loss of 7 or 800 men of French and Americans, commanded by Count d'Estaing and General Lincoln; we retired into winter quarters at Augustine – where I obtained leave from Colonel Parker to resign my Commission on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1779.

Captain Tarleton Payne during the whole of this tour held the Commission and rank of a Captain, and was an active, brave and respectable officer; – I left him on the day last mentioned in the vicinity of Augusta. Thus far I do of my own knowledge certify, respecting the rank, and service of Captain Payne, since that time as well from his own Information as that of others I have understood and have no doubt of the fact, that he marched with the Battalion in the spring of 1780 to Charleston South Carolina and was made a prisoner under the capitulation of the American Army commanded by General Lincoln, and I have always understood that he continued in the service until the end of the War; and I am under an impression though not certain that I have seen his name enrolled amongst the Worthies in the register of officers of that description, I will only add that Captain Payne is a native of this County and still resides in it, and that it is an undoubted fact that he entered very early in the service of the Revolutionary Army but being myself very young at that period cannot ascertain the precise time; Given under my hand

Goochland  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 1810

S/ John Guerrant

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Guerrant". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background. The first name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Guerrant" follows in a similar but slightly smaller hand. There is a small flourish or mark at the end of the signature.

[another file contains a very heavily compromised image of a certificate given by B. Genl. Peter Muhlenberg certifying that Tarlton Payne entered the service as a cadet in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virg. Regt. in Sept. [year illegible] and was promoted an officer the 19<sup>th</sup> of [illegible] 1776 & continues in Service as of May 6<sup>th</sup> 1783.]