

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wright Westcott R106

fn9VA [Sea Service]

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[note on cover sheet: "See N. A. Acc. No. 837-- Virginia State Navy Wright Westcott Y S. File Va. Half Pay"]

Tuesday the 6th day of October 1778

Ordered that Doct McCleny deliver Dr. Swope one pound Camomile flowers—one pound of Liquorise—two sticks Infarnal Stone and two Launcets for the use of the Henry Gally [Galley]

Extract from the Naval Journal Page 481

Jas. E. Heath Aud.

Aud. Off: 29 April 1834

Henry Gally

1778 To Wright Westcott Dr.

Sept. 11 To John Halls –Account £1.10.0

Then follows many more charges and
the account ends with the following Entry

1778

Novr. 25 To 2/4 lbs Pump Leather @ 10/
S/ Wright Westcott

Sworn to before me

S/ Dun. Rose

a true extract

S/ J E Heath aud

Aud Off: April 29, 1834

Pension office August 9th 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Wright Westcott, who was a Captain in the Virginia State Navy, and I find that half-pay was allowed in this case at the rate of \$243.33 per annum from the 3rd of September 1783 to the first of February 1784; whereas the allowance should have been made from the 31st of December 1781 to February one, 1784 at the rate of \$250.93 per annum. I therefore certify that there is still due to the administrator under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia[", half-pay at the rate of \$250.93 per annum from December 31 1781, to the first of February 1784, deducting the sum of \$101.33 which was paid under said act in November 1832. The amount now view is payable to Frederick Vincent Esquire Administrator of said right Wescott, deceased.

Approved
Secretary of War

Commissioner of pensions

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Addendum to Wright Westcott R106

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 10 February 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

J W Murdaugh on behalf of Fanny Davidson the daughter and only heir of Captain Wright Westcott dec'd. respectfully represents to the Council that Captain Westcott was in the service of the State Navy from the beginning of the year 1776 to the end of the war in 1783 as appears by the report of the board of officers made to the executive in 1784. Captain Westcott was a Captain of more than five years standing, in the Navy and consequently ranked with a Colonel in the Army. He was therefore entitled to a bounty of 7777²/₃ acres of land of which he has rec'd. a warrant (No 311) for only 4000 acres – Leaving a balance now due of 3777²/₃ acres which he prays may be allowed to Mrs Davidson

Richmond Aug't 26th 1830

J W Murdaugh

1831 June 2 Rejected

[The following is from Virginia Half-Pay records at fold3.com.]

The United States, Dr.

To Wright Westcott, a Captain in the navy of the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War. For his half pay from the 3^d September 1783 (date of Treaty of Peace) to 1st February 1784 (presumed date of his disease [sic: decease]) in pursuance of the third section of an act of Congress "To provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," approved 5th July 1832, being years — 152 days at £73 pr annum, amounting to Dollars — 101.33 Auditors Office/ 28 Nov. 1832/ Wm. Parker

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

Richmond the 14th October 17[??]

I do Certifie that Capt Wright Westcott was A Capt of the Navy of Virginia and in which situation I always considered him untill the General disolution of the Officers of the Navy by the General Assembly in Nov'r. last.

Given under my hand the date above [undeciphered]

Jas Maxwell [James Maxwell R73]



Petition for add'l bounty land.

The Heirs of Wright Westcott – Capt. S. Navy.

Captain Westcott received 4000 acres of land, for a service of three years, April 10th 1783. He was in service from before June 1776, to the end of the war. (See Journals of the Committee of Safety, and the Proceedings of a Board of Officers, in 1784, of which Com[modor] James Barron, the Elder, was President.)

He commanded, at different times the Cruiser on the Potomac – The Sloop Surprise – The Norfolk Revenge Galley – The Henry Galley – &c. There were more than seventy men, on board the Henry Galley: and Captain Westcott was entitled to Bounty land, as Major in the land service – to wit to 5333²/₃ acres. He was in service from before June (perhaps from the first of) 1776 to the end of the war. His heirs are therefore entitled to the additional bounty of 1/₆th of former Bounties, for every years service over six years.

I have reported the claim, for Captain Westcotts services good, in the printed list of officers of the

navy No 5 which may be found in the Journals of the House of Delegates Sept'r 1833-4.

Bounty land (if allowed) should be allowed for a service of Captain in the navy (major in the land service) from before June 1776 to the end of the war subject to a reduction of 4000 acres already received.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

May 6th 1834

March 18 1834 Allowed land bounty from early in 1776 to the end of the war if not heretofore granted
To be considered as a Major. J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]