

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wray R111  
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[Note: There is no application or sworn testimony in this file. Consequently, I have transcribed a letters regarding this veteran.]

New Orleans September 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

[Illegibly faint text]

Dear Sir

I must apologize for addressing you but desiring some information and being informed that it should be obtained at your office I have concluded to seek it from the "Fountain Head" – It is this – my Grandfather George Wray was a midshipmen in the War of the Revolution and served under Captain Meredith of Virginia – his name was on the roll furnished in 1833 or 34 to Governor Tazewell but we cannot find it on the list here, I believe the law granting half pay for life or a commutation of seven years full pay is still in force if so will you have the kindness to direct me where I can find the name and what steps are necessary to obtain the amount which may be due by so doing you will much oblige.

Yours very respectfully  
Mary D Cooper

Direct to Miss M D Cooper care of D J Ricardo, New Orleans

December 17, 1927

[Name and address of person requesting information]

Madam:

I have to advise you from the records of this Bureau, it appears that on September 1, 1855, Mary D Cooper, at that time in New Orleans, applied for a half pay that might have been due on account of the services of her grandfather, George Wray, and stated that he was a Midshipmen in the War of the Revolution and served under Captain Meredith of Virginia.

The claim was not allowed as the acts of Assembly of Virginia upon which the act of July 5, 1832 (her claim was made under this Act) was founded, did not include the grade of Midshipmen in the pensions made of half pa to Officers of her state troops and Navy.

There is no further data as to his services and no further data as to family.

Respectfully  
Winfield Scott  
Commissioner

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Addendum to George Wray R111

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 26 Aug 2020.

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

Memorandum of Sugar & Tea for the Officers on Board Ship Tempest

Robt Mitchell [Robert Mitchell]	Master	1 <sup>lb</sup> coffee	6 <sup>lb</sup> Sugar
Jno Pierce [John Pierce VAS189]	midshipman	1 do	6 do
Jno Robins [John Robins]	Do	1 do	6 do
Rich'd Mitchell [Richard Mitchell]	Do	1 do	6 do
Jno Willson [John Willson]	Do	1 do	6 do
Henry Tyler	Do	1 do	6 do
Geo Wray	act Do	1 do	6 do
Jno Stubbs [John Stubbs VAS619]	Do	1 do	6 do
Jno Lane [John Lane VAS2089]	Do	1 do	6 do
Thos Lundrum [Thomas Landrum R61]	Sergt Mate	1 do	6 do
Will'm Wood [William Wood]	Pilott	1 do	6 do
Mark McPherson	Stewart	1 do	6 do
Reuben Triplett	act midshipman clerk	1 do	6 do
		13 lb	78 lb

Issue to the above sugar coffee & Tea, as subalterns in the army, upon their paying for the same for one month Sept 8th 1779. Jas. Barron [James Barron VAS1949]

13 <sup>lb</sup> Coffee @ 2/6	£1.12.6
75 lb Sugar @ 1/-	<u>3.18.0</u>
	£5.10.6

Rec'd the above articles & paid/ Mark McPherson/ Stew'd [Steward]

The foregoing is a true copy of a paper to be found in the 1st Vol. of Papers concerning the State Navy Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 16th day of January 1840

Jas E Heath Aud

Petition for Bounty land.

Heirs of George Wray Midshipman S. Navy.

George Wray was acting midshipman of the Tempest in 1779 (see Rolls of men of the Tempest, in Vol. I Navy Papers.)

I have reported Geo. Wray, acting midshipman, entitled to land for a service of three years, on the presumption arising in favour of all claims of midshipmen & seamen of the state navy, who are found enroll'd on board the vessels of the navy.

It is probable, I cannot now refer to all the evidence, on which I acted, when I formerly reported upon this claim

To is Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

Resp'y submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1834

The Heirs of George Wray, who was a Midshipman in the State Navy of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution; respectfully submit their Claim for Land Bounty, to the Executive; and beg leave to refer to the Report of the "Commissioner" John H Smith esqr in support thereof.