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Pension Application of George Goosely (Goosley, Gooseley) R55

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Pension Office

June 4, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of George Goosely, dec'd. who received half-pay at the Treasury Department in 1834 under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "An act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," and I find that payment was made from the 22^d. of April 1783 [formal end of the war] to the 1st of August 1801 [presumed month of his death] at the rate of \$243 33a/100 per annum, instead of at the rate of \$250 93/100 per annum. The difference therefore between these two sums per year for the period above mentioned is still due, and is payable to William Lambert, Esq. of Richmond, Virginia, administrator of said Goosely; and it is requested that a draft for the amount may be sent to said Lambert at his residence.

Approved/ acting Secretary of War.

commissioner of Pensions

[The following are in [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name "Gooseley, George. Some of the online images are illegible.]

The Petition of James Brown & Susan Campbell & the other heirs of Capt Geo Gooseley Respectfully states

That their ancestor entered the [illegible word] of the state at the commencement of the Revolution and continued therein during the greater part of the war. they had been informed by the tradition of the family, that he was one of the party (being in Boston at the time) who threw the Tea overboard [Boston Tea Party, 16 Dec 1773] That he subsequently entered the Navy of Virginia and was taken prisoner and remained as such very nearly two years in England before [two illegible words]. and that he returned to his family on the very day on which Lord Cornwallis surrendered at York [19 Oct 1781] But they had not a sufficient knowledge of dates to enable them to establish the [several illegible words] the Land Bounty. The certificate of Commodore Barron [James Barron, pension application W12264] has been obtained, and that taken in connection with the entries in the Journal of the Navy Board, will leave no doubt of [illegible word] three years service on the part of Capt Gooseley.

The entry of the 2 May 1777 shows that Captain Gooseley Commanded at that date the Brig (subsequently commanded by Captain Barron) the Liberty. He died soon after the war without ever receiving his Land Bounty which his heirs now ask. by T Green Their attorney

"Friday the 2nd of May 1777.

Ordered that Mr Thomas Archer deliver to Captain George Goosley the smallest anchor in his possession belonging to the Navy for the use of the Brig Liberty."

[The following are in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name "Goosby, George.]

To The Governor of Virginia.

The memorial of James Brown Jr. & Edmund Brown, of the City of Richmond for themselves and the other heirs of Captain George Goosley.

Respectfully states – That said Goosley was an officer of the State Navy in the Revolution from an early period of the war to the close thereof

Your petitioners & the other heirs have heretofore received the proportion of land due for the services of Capt Goosley for a period of six years and have received also, the Half pay due for Capt Goosley's services to the close of the war.

They have ascertained that Capt Goosley was in the service, at least, as early as the 26th day of February 1776 – as will appear by reference to the Records of the Committee of Safety of that date.

Your memorialists pray the allowance of the additional bounty due for Capt Geo. Goosley's services from the 26 Feb 76 to 3 Nov'r 83 deducting what they have already received
James Brown Jr/ Edmund Brown by their Atto. Thos Green

Monday 26th February 1776.

Instructions given to Capt Geo. Goosley of the Brigg Liberty, $\frac{3}{4}$ belonging to ye public and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Mr. Wm. Ronald of York Town as follows. Your &c (vide Copy filed) also a Bond for performance thereof &c. Actin'd.[?] and ordered to be recorded

The foregoing is truly Copied from the Journal of the Committee of Safety. page 27.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond. This 10th day of April 1838.

Jas E Heath aud

Rej'd 19 April 1838,

There is no evidence in this case which would justify an allowance for a service over six years
application rejected

C. Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTE: A document similar to that in the federal file, dated 7 Feb 1850, granted the administrator of "George Gooseley" full pay for five years for service until the end of the war as Captain in the Virginia State Navy.