

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tapley Webb S14818

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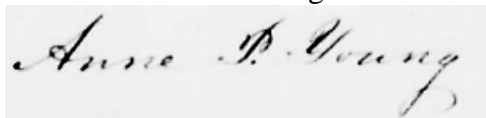
[fn p. 9]

District of Columbia County of Washington: SS

Be it known that on this the 1st day of November 1856, before me in Open Court Personally appeared Ann P. Young – formerly Ann P. Webb now a resident of the City of Washington, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that she is the only surviving child of Tapley Webb deceased late of the town of Portsmouth – State of Virginia; and that he the said Webb was a Seaman in the State Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution, and departed this life on the 2nd day of March 1836.

That her mother the widow of said Webb survived him but a short time & died on the 7th day of May 1836. That she makes this Declaration to obtain the arrears of Pension due the said Webb under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

S/ Anne P. Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne P. Young". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or off-white.

[fn p. 4: On September 4, 1856 in Norfolk County Virginia, Robert M. Boykin and William Brooks (both residents of the town of Portsmouth in Norfolk County Virginia) gave testimony that they had visited the tombs of Tapley Webb and his wife Elizabeth situated in the yard of the Baptist Church in Portsmouth Virginia and that the inscriptions thereon show that Tapley Webb died March 2, 1836 and that Elizabeth his wife died May 7th 1836.]

[fn p. 10: a brief in the case of the claim of Tapley Webb contains the statement "The records of this Office show him to have been a Seaman for 3 years." Neither those records nor any abstract thereof is contained in this file other than as referenced in this brief.]

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March 1, 1836, for two-year service as a Seaman in the service of the State of Virginia.]

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Addendum to Tapley Webb S14818

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 February 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The images are not clear.]

Washington [illegible] 29 1849

Sir [His Excellency J B Floyd] As the only child and heir at law of Tapley Webb deceased who was a seaman in the State Navy of Virginia in the war of the revolution, and who served until the Navy was disbanded I respectfully request that you will direct a warrant for a Seaman's land bounty to be issued in my favour.

To establish this claim of my father's, I beg to refer you to a report (Document [undeciphered]) made to the Executive by Mr. [John H.] Smith Esq. in the year 18[??], which contains "a list of non-commissioned officers, seamen and marines in the state Navy, who are entitled to bounty land for a service of three years during the Revolutionary War," in which list my father's name appears.

Mr. Smith as you know, was appointed by the Executive under an act of the Legislature passed in 1832 – 33) for the purpose of examining the Revolutionary records and papers in the Capitol, and reporting the names of those present who were entitled or not to land bounty.

When it becomes necessary I can produce full proof of the identity of my father, and my heirship.

Allow me to ask your early action on this case and oblige

yours respectfully/ Anne P. Young

15th May[?] '50

Advised that this claim be rejected. [undeciphered] have regarded Mr Smith's report as conclusive unless corroborated by other evidence or by an exhibition of the proof on which he formed his opinion.

These remarks will apply to other cases that may be acted on by the Council.

[different handwriting]

Mr Smith was the agent of the state, investigating claims against her, on the orders of the Legislature; for the purpose of ascertaining what claims in question existed against & ought to be paid by the commonwealth The proofs exhibited were even [undeciphered] those, in the possession of the state. But a committee of the Legislature reports that "an unusual degree of scrutiny & rigor" was practiced by Mr Smith & that the claims allowed by his reports "were decided upon the evidence of [undeciphered] record" generally. I hold the state bound by this report & [undeciphered] proceedings upon it; I therefore allow this claim

Claim allowed for service of three year J B Floyd