

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Page S3629

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[image 154]

I resigned my Commission as Captain in the State Service Dated August 4<sup>th</sup> 1775 and received a Commission dated October 10, 1776 from Congress as Lieutenant in the Navy United States with orders to repair on board the Frigate *Providence*<sup>1</sup> Commanded Abraham Whipple<sup>2</sup> as third Lieutenant where I served until December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1777 then I was ordered on board the *Warren*<sup>3</sup> Frigate John B Hawkins Esquire Commander as Second Lieutenant and continued until June 14<sup>th</sup> 1779 then received orders under the command of Commander Saltonstall [Dudley Saltonstall]<sup>4</sup> was Defeated at Penobscot when I received orders to bring the Ship August 1779 September 20<sup>th</sup> 1779 I received orders to repair on board the *Providence* Frigate Commanded Whipple as first Lieutenant to cruise of [sic, off] South Carolina in the winter 1780 he entered the port of Charleston May 12, 1780 we surrendered to the British Army & Navy obtain my parole of honour.

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<sup>1</sup> Providence, 28 guns, 1777-1780. GWA: 701, ND3:90, 902, ND4:1194, ND5:367, 1172, ND6:1399, ND7:1304, ND8:28, ND9:922, ND10:823, Capt Samuel Tomkins, mid 1776. Connor: 167 fn (1878), Buel: 87, Smith:80, 170, 245, 249, ND11:723, DaviesXIII:71, Fowler:107-110, Continental Navy frigate, 28 guns, Capt Abraham Whipple in 1777, operated in English waters in 1778. FW3: 836, Smith: 247, SchV: 54, Blatchford: 101, this frigate was placed at the harbor entrance to protect Charleston in 1780, but was later captured there 12 May 1780. C333-334, it had been the flagship for Capt Abraham Whipple. Manley: 95, it was put in service in the British navy, then sold 14 Mar 1784. Ford 1778: 29, 1779:1342, Ford1780: 584. JA5: 126, 6: 358, 7: 150, 8:28, 9: 224, others. Davies XIII: 71ii. Volo: 90, 91, 132, Silverstone: 3. Paullin: 516, served 1775-1779. Chapelle: 73, 96. Coggins 203, <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20P.html>

See also: [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_ship&id=2421](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2421)

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaspee.org/AbrahamWhipple.html> Whipple served as Commadore of a fleet consisting of the Frigates *Boston*, *Charleston* and *Providence* as well as the sloops of war, *Ranger* and *Queen of France*. See, [W23633 William Blunt](#); [W22231 George T. Sloan \(Sloane\)](#) and [S32836 William Hill](#)

<sup>3</sup> *Warren*.

32 guns, 1777-1779. GWA:701, ND4:192, ND6:1203, ND7:1005, ND8:1032, ND9:927, Buel:87, blocked in Narraganset Bay until 1778. FW3:836, Smith:206, SchV:56, ND10:474, 823, CTP:163, Fowler:105, many others, Continental Navy frigate, 400 tons, 32 guns, 250 men, Capt John B. Hopkins in 1777, flagship for the Penobscot Expedition, Capt Dudley Saltonstall, Aug 1779, and was destroyed there by the fleet of Sir George Collier. Ford1776:423, Ford1777:202n, Ford1778:608, Ford1779:532. JA5:113, 6:142, 7:281, 8:30. DaviesXIII:71, 1793. Volo:90, 112, 132. Silverstone:3, burned 15 Aug 1779. Paullin:516, served 1777-1779. Chapelle:64, op. Coggins:203. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20W.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20S.html>

September 13<sup>th</sup> 1781 I received orders to repair on board the *Dean* [sic, *Deane*]<sup>5</sup> Frigate Captain Samuel Nicholson as first Lieutenant continued until May 10<sup>th</sup> 1782 then was ordered to command the Armed Ship of 20 Guns the *regulator*<sup>6</sup> September 25 1782 I was ordered on board the Frigate *Hague* Captain Manley [John Manley] as first Lieutenant continued until September 10<sup>th</sup> 1783 after the conclusion of Peace Ship discharged & sold to Merchants  
Newport March 28<sup>th</sup> 1818

Benj. Page



I further State that from my reduced circumstances I need the assistance of my Country full Support

I am Sixty five years Old March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1818

Benj<sup>7</sup> Page

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State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations

Newport on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1818 and On the Sixteenth Day of December 1818 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Newport Personally appears Benjamin Page Aged Sixty Six years residing in Portsmouth in the County of Newport [undeciphered word or abbreviation]

Who being by me duly Sworn according to law

Doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in Order to Obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress Entitled “an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War[“]. That he said Benjamin Page Entered the Services of the United States in the State of Rhode Island as a Lieutenant in the Navy October 10<sup>th</sup> 1776 on board the *Providence* Frigate Abraham Whipple Esquire Commanded and continued in that Frigate and the *Warren* Frigate and the *Deane* Frigate and the *Hague* Frigate, until September 10<sup>th</sup> 1783 and then Discharged.

And that he was in the Battles of Rhode Island and of Penobscot and Charleston South Carolina & Mahouet [?]<sup>8</sup> and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country full Support And that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services as his Vouchers, & declaration of 28<sup>th</sup> of March and the 30<sup>th</sup> of August and lost in the mail from Newport

Benjamin Page

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<sup>5</sup> *Deane*, 32 guns, 1777-1783. GWA:701, Buel:87, Smith:137, 176-177, 199-200, 217-218, 254-257, 279-281, Augur:95, 165, ND9:653, JA7:90, 8:27, 9:228, Continental frigate, 32 guns, purchased in France, formerly *Lyon*, which successfully cruised the West Indies under Capt John Manley and survived the war. It was renamed the *Hague* but was sold at public auction in Boston in Oct 1783. CTP:66-67, this is the ship, Capt Elisha Hinman, which had formerly been *Le Jonathan* built at Nantes, Capt Pierre Patol, before it became part of the Continental Navy. C221, 222, other Captains were Samuel Nicholson, 1777, and John Nicholson, Nov 1779. Crewmen are listed in MAS. Ford1779:466, 899, Ford1780: 401, 669, 1026. JA6:67, 252, 9:228.

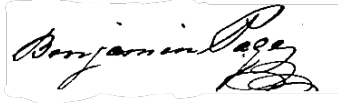
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<sup>6</sup> *Regulator*, 18 guns. Clark:I:year 1782, British ship from Bermuda, 18 guns, 75 men, captured in 1782 by the American frigate *Deane*, Capt Samuel Nicholson, and sent into Boston. RM9:819, condemned and sold by 1783.

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<sup>7</sup> The *Deane* was renamed the *Hague*

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On the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Newport State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Benjamin Page in the Sixty Eighth [year] of his age a native Citizen of and Resident and said County who being first hereby Sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he Served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

Received a Commission as Captain in this State Service August 4<sup>th</sup> 1775 continued in that Service until June 1776 then I received a Commission as a Lieutenant in the Navy United States, was ordered to the *Providence* Frigate Abraham Whipple Esquire Commanded December 24<sup>th</sup> 1777. I was Ordered by the Navy board to the *Warren* Frigate John B Hopkins Esquire Commanded June 14<sup>th</sup> 1779. I received Orders as a Lieutenant to the *Warren* Frigate Dudley Saltingstall [sic] Esquire Commanded to the Siege of Penobscot September 20<sup>th</sup> 1779 I was Ordered to the *Providence* Frigate Abraham Whipple Esquire Commander to the Siege of Charles Town S. C. where I became prisoner of War. After my Exchange September 13<sup>th</sup> 1780 I was ordered to the *Dean* Frigate Samuel Nicholson Commanded first Lieutenant May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1781. I was ordered to Command the Sloop of War *Regulator* on 24 June \_\_ September 25<sup>th</sup> 1782. I received Orders to the *Hague* Frigate John Manley Esquire Commanded where I continued to the End of War September 10<sup>th</sup> 1783 as will more fully appear by the documents lodged in the Office of the Secretary of War and Declaration Dated on which Declaration &c a pension Certificate Dated March 5<sup>th</sup> 1819 Number 7152 was granted to me from the War Department and Do Solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Benj Page

Inventory					
4 cows	80	10 Free [?] Chase	40	Braise	60
1 horse	50	1 Side Board	9	Wagon	20
20 Sheep	50	3 Tables	20	Cart	15
4 hogs	15	1 Sophia	20	plows	8
4 ?	2	3 looking glass	40	harrow	2
8 Tin Keys	4	8 ??		hay fork	2
Small poultry	2	2 Carpets	30	Iron Bar	2
Pegs	4	2 Benvey [?]	20	Axes	2
Casp [?]	<u>15</u>	1 Clock	30	Saw,	2
	223	1 Book Cased book	30		
		8 Common Chairs	4	Cooking Utenseals	
		2 Doz. Silver Spoons	25	<u>30</u>	
		China Ware	25	143	

2 Case, plated	318
2 tea pot Do	<u>223</u>
1 Coffee Do	\$684
1 Cream Do	
1 Caster Do	<u>25</u>
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My Occupation is a Mariner I was Wounded in [undeciphered word]<sup>9</sup> I am in Some measure disabled & shall be more so as I advancing years my family Consist as follows

Myself	68	John B Page	17	Servant [?] bonded to Service
My Mother	81	Olson W Page	14	of 8 years
My Wife	44	George ? Page	12	
		Benj. Page Jr.	10	
		Henry H. Page	7	

Ambrose Page 824 at See also William H Page aged 20 years  
Benj Page

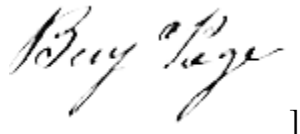
My Residence contains Sixty two Acres of land the property in fee simple of Mrs. Page from her Father before my residence I rented it for two hundred Dollars per annum my income at present is my Industry & labour I receive from another small place Seventy Dollars per annum the half of which is the property of Mrs. Page in fee which is all my Dependance but from my Country's Bounty

Benj Page

I am in Debt at Bank and private individuals five hundred & forty Seven Dollars those debts being increased since I wrote the Secretary of War by Mr. Hunter Senator [??], from that amount to the present [undeciphered word] in consequence of my Sons misfortunes & sicknesses

Benj Page

[image 160: Power of attorney given in Stark County Ohio on November 25, 1852 by Benjamin Page of Jackson Township in said County and State, son of Captain Benjamin Page of Rhode Island.



[image 163: Finding dated January 22, 1853 by a judge of the probate court in Stark County Ohio that the following named persons were the surviving children of Lieutenant Benjamin Page who died in Stark County Ohio on November 13, 1833: Ambrose S Page, John B Page, Elizabeth W Page (now intermarried with David A. Starkweather), Oliver R. Page, Benjamin Page, Henry E Page and William W Page; that John B Page died June 5<sup>th</sup> 1839 leaving no heirs; that Oliver R Page died February 20<sup>th</sup> 1839 leaving as his children and heirs-at-law Mary Page, William Page and Alfred Page; that Ambrose S Page died May 20<sup>th</sup> 1851 leaving no children.]

[image 178]

Charlestown March 25<sup>th</sup> 1780

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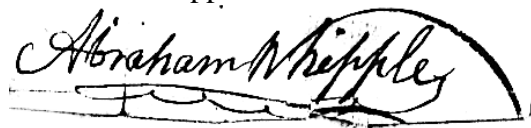


Sir. –

You will take charge of the Battery called the Providence, neared the exchange as commanding Officer, you will see that the Cannon be properly fitted and the Magazine in the best order, as soon as possible, where you will command until further orders. –

I am Sir,

your humble Servant  
Abraham Whipple

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Whipple". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[image 181]

Navy Board Eastern Department  
Boston September 20, 1779

To Lieutenant Benjamin Page

You are hereby required to go on board the Ship *Providence* under the Command of Abraham Whipple Esquire & there do duty in the station of \_\_ Lieutenant.

S/ J. Warren for  
the Board

[image 225 is an image of the veteran's commission as a lieutenant in the US Navy dated Boston January 19, 1778.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant in the Rhode Island Navy.]

[Note: This file contains several other applications made by the veteran but none of which add any details to his services. I have elected not to transcribe those since they duplicated the information contained in his other applications. In addition, the file contains a number of documents relating to the financial affairs of the veteran but these documents fall outside the ambit of our database.]