Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Tarleton Payne BLWt1737-300 —Capt.
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/26/12

Va.  Payne, Tarleton B.L.Wt.1737-300—Capt.
Issued Mar. 26, 1792 to
Francis Graves, assignee
No papers

[body of letter in response to inquiry from a descendant—the letter is dated Feb. 8, 1919:

In reply to your letter of the 31st 00, you are advised that the records of this
Bureau show that bounty land warrant No. 1737 4 300 acres was issued March
26, 1792, to Francis Graves assignees, on account of the Revolutionary War
services of Captain Tarleton Payne of the Virginia Line, Continental
Establishment.
There is no further data on file as to his service and there is no data at all on
file as regards his family, owing to destruction of the War Office by fire in
November 1800, when the papers in such claims were burned.

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

I do Certify that Tarlton Payne did inlist in the first Virginia Regiment and entered the
service the late Revolutionary War with Great Britain in September 1775 & believe he continued
until the end of War.
Given under my hand this 19th day of June 1808
Goochland County       S/Larner Bradshaw

It appears by the Books in This Office on the 31st day of May 1783 a warrant issued to Tarlton
Payne for seven years service as a Captain in the Continental line – Captain Tarlton Payne
S/ Edwd Davis

Land Off.
Sept. 15th, 1809

I certify that Tarleton Payne was a Captain in the first Virginia Continental Regiment, that is was
said and I believe he was taken prisoner at Charleston and that he served during the War, and that
he now is in existence and resides in the County of Goochland. Given under my hand in the
County of Louisa this 15th January 1810.
S/ John Overton, Late Capt.

Larner Bradshaw S35200
In the month of May 1779 having after a long service in the northern Army then promoted by Colonel Christian Febiger to the rank of Ensign in the 2nd Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment, I was arranged with a detachment destined for a southern expedition, in a Battalion consisting of four companies of 100 men each, commanded by late Colonel Richard Parker, having under him, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hopkins and Major Richard Clough Anderson, Captain Alexander Parker, Peter Jones, Tarleton Payne, and Benjamin Taliaferro; with the necessary complement of subaltern officers attached to each company, and a Regimental Staff; – we marched from Petersburg on the 28th of the said month, and arrived at Augusta in the State of Georgia on the 10th of July; 

Having spent a very active campaign in that state, including a Siege of 32 days before the town of Savannah, which terminated in an unsuccessful attack upon its fortified garrison, with the loss of 7 or 800 men of French and Americans, commanded by Count d'Estaing and General Lincoln; we retired into winter quarters at Augustine – where I obtained leave from Colonel Parker to resign my Commission on the 25th day of November 1779.

Captain Tarleton Payne during the whole of this tour held the Commission and rank of a Captain, and was an active, brave and respectable officer; – I left him on the day last mentioned in the vicinity of Augusta. Thus far I do of my own knowledge certify, respecting the rank, and service of Captain Payne, since that time as well from his own Information as that of others I have understood and have no doubt of the fact, that he marched with the Battalion in the spring of 1780 to Charleston South Carolina and was made a prisoner under the capitulation of the American Army commanded by General Lincoln, and I have always understood that he continued in the service until the end of the War; and I am under an impression though not certain that I have seen his name enrolled amongst the Worthies in the register of officers of that description, I will only add that Captain Payne is a native of this County and still resides in it, and that it is an undoubted fact that he entered very early in the service of the Revolutionary Army but being myself very young at that period cannot ascertain the precise time; Given under my hand

Goochland     S/ John Guerrant

January 13th 1810

[another file contains a very heavily compromised image of a certicate given by B. Genl. Peter Muhlenberg certifying that Tarlton Payne entered the service as a cadet in the 1st Virg. Regt. in Sept. [year illegible] and was promoted an officer the 19th of [illegible] 1776 & continues in Service as of May 6th 1783.]