Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Woneycutt1  R110 fn49VA
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[fn p. 3: On November 17, 1849 in the city of Richmond, Virginia, Robert Morrissett, administrator of the will of Captain Edward Woneycutt, deceased, filed a power of attorney appointing James Murdaugh of Portsmouth Virginia his attorney to pursue the half pay due the decedent for his service as a Captain in the Virginia State Navy under the act of Congress of July 5th, 1832.]

[fn p. 6]

Pension Office July 30, 1845
I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Edward Woneycott [sic], and I find that under the act of 5th of July 1832 entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," half pay was allowed as a Lieutenant of the Virginia State Navy at the rate of $182.50 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783 to June 1, 1811; whereas the claim should have been allowed for the service of said Woneycott as a Captain in the Virginia State Navy at the rate of $250.93 per annum for the above mentioned period. The difference between the half pay as a Lieutenant and that of a Captain is now demanded, and my opinion is that the amount should be paid. I therefore certify that after deducting what has been already paid the administrator should be allowed a half pay at the rate of $250.93 per annum from April 22nd 1783 to June 1, 1811, and it is requested by the administrator Robert Morrissett of Portsmouth, Virginia, that the money may be sent in a draft directed to the care of the cashier of the Exchange Bank of Virginia.
Approved
Commissioner of Pensions
Secretary of War

[fn p. 9: in a document dated August 16, 1834, there is a finding that James Morrison is an heir by right of his wife Mary Morrison – her relationship to the veteran is not stated.]

[fn p. 17: copies of the Journal relating to the Brig Greyhound2 showing Capt. Edward Woneycutt dated December 1778.

Posted at http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20G.html
"Thursday I of December 1776
Edward Woneycutt is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council as a proper person to be appointed Captain of the Grigg Greyhound, now building at Minzies Ferry.

Signed Thomas Whiting, 1st Com’.
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[fn p. 18]
"Wednesday March 27th 1775
Upon the recommendation of Captain Rd. Taylor the following Officers are appointed on board the vessel of which he is appointed Captain viz. Edward Woneycutt 1st Mate, James Gray 2nd mate, James Bland midshipman, & Henry Lyburn pilot.

Signed Edmund Pendleton"

[fn p. 19]
Edward Woneycutt was appointed Lieutenant on the 27th of March under Captain Taylor of the Navy. In December 1776 Woneycutt was Captain of the Hornet was afterwards Captain of the Greyhound and continued as such (as appears by the accompanying extracts) as late as the 19th of December 1778, but how much E does not appear. By reference to the accounts of the Ship Cornerant [Cormorant ?] in the Navy Journal lately found by Mr. Smith, and bound, under the dates of the 16th of April 1782 & 4th of May 1782 volume 2nd, Captain Maxwell charged the state with payment to Woneycutt as commander of one of the State Vessels. J. W. Murdaugh on behalf of the heirs of Woneycutt asks that the proportion of land due to a Captain in the Navy may be allowed.

Richmond January 17th 1833

The following brief biographical sketch is posted by Ken Kellow on his wonderful website dedicated to all matters of Naval history of the American Revolution:

WONICUTT [WONYCUTT, WOYN CUTT, WORRYCOTT], EDWARD
VA
Captain, Virginia Navy

Edward Wonicutt [Wonycutt, Woyncutt, Worrycott] was appointed as First Mate in the Virginia Navy under Captain Richard Taylor. He was commissioned on 5 December 1776 to command the Virginia Navy Brig Greyhound, being built at Mingels Ferry. [NOAR, 344] He is not listed in Stewart, Virginia’s Navy of the Revolution. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy in 1777. He commanded the Greyhound. [NOAR, 342]


3 Richard Taylor was Captain of the Schooner Hornet
4 James Maxwell was the Superintendent General of the shipyard of the Virginia Navy. See brief biographical sketch posted at http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20M.html