

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Rejected Claim of Peter Haw VAS1092

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To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Rachel Jones, Peter Haw, Alice Haw, William Haw & Milly Jones – the only heirs of William Haw who was a Seaman in the State Navy during the Revolutionary war – humbly represent that the s'd. William Haw as they have been informed entered in the State Navy in the year 1776 – but on board of what vessel & under what Capt he enlisted they have not been able to learn. They have heard the said William was on board of the Dragon in 1777 then under the Command of Capt. James Markham. They have been informed the said William died in Service, as he never returned. The said William was from the County of Lancaster & left no issue. He only had one brother Peter Haw (& no sister) the said Peter died many years ago & left four children [illegible word] Rachel, Peter, Alice & Betsy [several words apparently missing from the online image] lists father Peter Haw was also a Seaman in the navy & from him they have heard that their uncle William died in Service. They have heard their father mention often the vessel he was in, but they do not now recollect the name. If no bounty land has been allowed the said Peter, they hope your excellency will take his case into consideration & allow it also. They have been informed that the navy rolls shew that the said William Haw served fully three years. They hope their case is fairly made out & may meet with a favourable reception & as in duty bound they will ever pray &c.

Rachel herXmark Jones

Milly herXmark Jones

Peter Haw hisXmark

Alice Haw herXmark

William Haw hisXmark

[Certified 1 Nov 1834]

[illegible word] the Petition of the Heirs of William Haw & Peter Haw, sailors in the state Navy, for bounty Land.

The Petitioners have not presented any evidence in support of their claims. They state on oath, that they have understood that William Haw enter'd the service in 1776, and died in service – that Peter Haw (who was a seaman in the State Navy) informed them, that the said William died in the service.

The name of William Haw, or Haws, is on the army Register as a Seaman. A certificate issued to them, on the 22nd of April 1785, and was deliver'd to Jones Allen, for £62.2.9 & his bal[ance] of pay as seaman. (see army Register of the State line &c)

William Haw's name is on a list of men of the ship Dragon wanting provisions for 30 days, September 2nd 1779; which list was sign'd by Joseph Saunders masters mate & countersigned by James Innes President of the Board [of War; several words missing from online image] it appears, that William Haw, or William Hamm, has received bounty land as a Seaman – to wit – 100 acres.

I have in the printed list of noncommission'd officers, seamen, and marines, of the State Navy &c No 5 page 13 reported William Haw entitled to bounty land, for a service of three years. I presume, that I then thought the bounty of one hundred acres of land had been drawn by William Ham, and not by William Haw.

Peters Haws name is on the army register. F. Graves received his certificate for £60.10.5 the bal. of his pay as a seaman &c March 9th 1789.

The above are all the facts, bearing upon the claim, of the heirs of William Haw & Peter Haw for bounty land, which I can report to the Governor.

To Governor Tazewell

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Com'r &c/ Nov'r 12th 1834