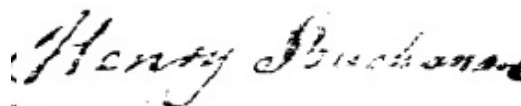


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Land Application of John Wharton VAS1103
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Wharton who was on board of the Henry Galley in the year 1777. I enlisted in Gloucester County in the year 1778 the 8th of July, I marched to the South and I was discharged the 10th day of July 1781 I then came home, I know John Wharton was still on board of the Henry Galley, he was the Boatswain of her. I have been frequently on board of the Henry Galley and I always see John Wharton to his post I know John Wharton was in service at least four years. I am now in my seventy second year of age I was at the Battle of the Cowpens the 17th day of January in the year 1781 As Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of May in the year 1833
Henry Buchanan [pension application S37807]



I Benjamin Marnex of Gloucester, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Wharton. the said Wharton was in the navy service in the Revolutionary War, and was on board of the Henry Galley under the command of Captain Robert Tompkins [pension application R102] about the years seventeen hundred and seventy seven and seventy eight, and I believe he continued in the service until the war ended. I was in the militia service, myself, nearly the whole of the war in this county, sometimes on guard on Severn River and sometimes near Gloucester Town. I have frequently seen the navy vessels, & particularly the Henry Galley, come into York & Severn rivers, and had many opportunities of seeing the officers and men that belonged to them. I know that the said Wharton held some station on board the Henry above that of a common sailor; I say I know he did, because I well remember that he wore a uniform that indicated his being an officer of some description, but what that office was, I do not exactly know, though I incline to think he was a Boatswain. As witness my hand and seal this 24th day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.



I William Figg of Gloucester county, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Wharton of this county, and I know he was a Boatswain on board of the Henry galley in York River, in the Revolutionary war. I saw him in service early in the war and know that he served till after the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and I believe to the close of the war. I was frequently on board the different navy vessels in York & Severn Rivers during the war, but oftener on board the Henry than any of the others. I lived at Sarah's creek [Sarah Creek] opposite York, and was on guard, as a volunteer, at Perrins point near that place, at the time of the siege of York. was in York the next day after the siege and remember seeing the said Wharton come on shore there many times after the siege. as witness my hand and seal this 28th day of May, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Wm his Xmark Figg

A Pay Roll of Mens Wages Belonging to the Henry Galley. From 28th Dec'r. to 28th January.

Robert Tompkins Capt	31 dys	8/-	12	8	-
Rations for D'o	31	3/-	4	13	-
Joshua Singleton 1st Lt [S7510]	31	6/-	9	6	-
Rations for D'o	31	2/-	3	2	-
John Warton Boatswain	31	4/-	6	4	-

The foregoing is truly extracted from a Roll to be found in 1st Vol. of papers Concerning the State Navy. Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 16th day of November 1838

Jas E Heath/ Aud

State of virginia }

County of Gloucester }

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County an old and Respectable witness Howard Hobdy who after being duly sworn made the following statement, Towitt, That he was well and Intemitly acquainted with John Worton a Boatswain on Board of the Henry Gally attached to the Navy of the Revolutionary War, and well know that he the said Worton must have served upwards of three years Given under my hand this the 11 day of Feb'y 1839

Joel Hayes J.P.

County of Gloucester }

State of Virginia }

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Jacob Jenkins an Old and Creditable witness who after being duly sworn made the following statement Towitt, That he was well and intimitly acquainted with John Worton Boatswain attached to the Navy on board of the Henry Gally Revolutionary war and served on board of the said Gally til she was Run up in Queens Creek on York River and then was transfered to the Brig Northampton [see endnote] and their Remained til about the Close of the war of the Revolution, given under my hand this the 11th day Feb'y 1839

Joel Hayes J.P.

[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

In behalf of the heiress of John Wharton, Boatswain, Va Navy, I have[?] to ask an allowance of Bounty land for 3 years service.

I herewith enclose the affidavit of Mr. John Hogg [illegible abbreviation; sic: Thomas Hogg, pension application S5566] of Gloucester an aged pensioner, proving his services from "early in the War till his galley was laid up in 1781."

John Wharton rec'd £94.12.4 as depreciation on his pay.

Commissioner Smith reports his as entitled to Bounty lan (independent of course of the deposition) in document No 33 of his published lists, to which please refer.

Respectfully submitted/ Vespasian Ellis Atty for Margaret Wharton/ Dec 11/51

The affidavit of Thomas Hogg of the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia a Revolutionary Pensioner, taken at his House in siad County on the 8th day of July 1851.

This affiant being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath state that he is now Ninety one Years of age, and is a Revolutionary Pensioner. That he was intimately acquainted with John Whorton deceased of the aforesaid County & state the said John Wharton served as a Boatswain on board the Row Gally Henry during the war of the Revolution from early in the war untill the disbanding of the Navy in 1781. This affiant cannot now state at what particular period the said Wharton entered the

service as Boatswain aforesaid, but he well recollects that he served over three years. This affiant further states that the said Whorton lived and died in this County, Gloucester, leaving Margaret Worton now living his only heir at law to the best of his knowledge & belief. This affiant was frequently on board of the various Gally Boats on York River during the Revolution and recollects distinctly that the said John Whorton was Boatswain of the above named Row Gally. Thos hisXmark Hogg

[The following is in the Virginia bounty-warrant claim of William Dunford, pension application R37:]

Tuesday the 20th day of January 1778.

Ordered that the keepers of the Public Stores deliver to William Dunford seven yards of Oznaburgs [sic: osnaburg fabric] for his own use, and 3½ yards ditto for the use of Jno. Wharton upon his paying for the same. From page 345.

[Certified copy from the Naval Journal in the Auditor's Office, Richmond, 3 Nov 1838.]

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*), the brig *Northampton* was decommissioned and sold on 5 Nov 1780.

Richard Ripley (pension application S11299) certified that he had known Wharton in the service.