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Virginia Bounty-Warrant Claim of James Sorrell VAS1145
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[From [bounty-warrant claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certifie that James Sorrell Inlisted with me the 10[?] of January One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the Navy service as Gunners Mate the Term of three years which term he discharged his duty truely and faithfully and is hereby discharged Given under my hand this 10 day of January One thousand seven hundred and Eighty John Thomas Capt. [pension application R100]
Copy J. Pendleton Jr. Protector Galley

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia:](#)]

Northumberland County Virginia

I Edward Sorrell [Edward Sorrel (Sorrell), pension application W26493] of the county aforesaid aged Eighty years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Sorrell of this County, that the said Sorrell enlisted on board the Galley (to the best of my recollection) Hero under Capt John Thomas in the year seventy six. the Galley was burnt some time after by a british privateer at North Wiccomico Warehouse in the said county after which James Sorrell was transfered to some state vessel down the bay which he understood to be the Ship Tartar, the said Jas Sorrell served a four or five years at least; he was a gunner or gunners mate & entered the service as such given under my hand this 17th day of May 1833
Edw hisXmark Sorrell

NOTE: The 1820 and 1830 federal censuses of Northumberland County list James Sorrell as head of a household of free persons of color.