

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Jarvis VAS1155

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

Gloucester County in the State of Virginia

To wit personally appeared before me Henry L. Nuttall a Justice of the peace for the County of Gloucester, Richard Ribley of the County of Mathews and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Jarvis and that he was steward on board the Galley *Henry*¹ commanded by Captain Tompkins that the said William Jarvis served three years during the Revolutionary war & was Honorably discharged, Given under my hand & seal this 17th day of March 1833

S/ H. L. Nuttall, JP

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file

Petition for bounty land

William Jarvis Seaman – State Navy

William Jarvis was a Seaman in the *Henry* Galley until November 21, 1777 when he and eight others were by orders of the Navy Board turned over to the Brig *Musquitto* [*Mosquito*]² (See Journals of the Navy Board, page 113). William Jarvis has been reported in List No. 5 entitled to land.

A credible witness proves that William Jarvis enlisted as a Seaman in 1776 or 1777 on board the *Henry* Galley & served till the end of the war – (See Isaac Smith's affidavit). This claim was before the Executive in 1833. I cannot say whether it was then allowed or rejected.

¹ *Henry*. Coggins:102, VANavy:157, M:389, ND5:938, ND7:1061, ND8:446, ND9:869, ND10:628, ND11:1159, 1166, galley in VA Navy, 1776-79, Capts Robert Tompkins, Joshua Singleton, and Wright Westcott, dismantled in 1779. C64. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20H-I.html>

² *Mosquito/Musquitto*. ND7:1236, ND8:965, ND9:19-20, Dandridge:187, M389, Coggins:102, ND10:924, ND11:130, 285, 887, VANavy:154, brig in VA Navy, 1776, Capts Jacob Valentine, Isaac Younghusband, and John Harris, captured and crew jailed in 1777 in Barbados and officers to Forton Prison. VANavy:154, it captured the British snow *John* and the transport *Noble*. The ship *Noble* was valued at 75,000 livres. Connor:345fn (1876), SchV:52, DaviesXIII:1094, privateer of Virginia, taken Aug 1777 in the West Indies by the British *Ariadne*, and part of crew to Forton Prison 8 Aug 1777. SchV:52, Kaminkow:230, 14 guns, 72 men, indicates one of two captains, John Harris or John Martin, capture of Aug 1777 for John Harris, no date for John Martin...C2, 52. Ford1776:861. ND9:19 this was apparently a VA vessel renamed *Endeavor*, later captured by *Ariadne* 4 June 1777. Silverstone:20. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20M.html>

Respectfully submitted
S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c
May 13th, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

I Isaac Smith of the County of Mathews & State of Virginia do hereby certify & declare that I was well acquainted with William Jarvis formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston which now constituting Mathews County. The said William Jarvis did enlist in the Virginia state line on board the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins as a Seaman in the year 1776 or 1777 and continued in said service until the end of the war: as witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of March A.D. 1834

S/ Isaac Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Smith". The signature is written in black ink and features a prominent flourish at the end of the name.