

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Warrant Claim of Stephen Stevens VAS1167  
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The heirs of Simon & Stephen Stephens (Cook & Seaman) pray a reconsideration of their claim to Bounty Land for 3 yrs services

They refer to S. Bloxoms [sic: Scarborough Bloxsom, pension application W5842] affidavit filled in their case last Dec'r. proving service the whole time the galley "Accomack" was in service & they file the affidavits of Snead [Bowdoin (Bowden) Snead W7196] & Bull which are more explicit than their former ones as to the term of service. The agent who took the former affidavits had understood that it was only necessary to prove service & did not examine the witnesses as to the duration of their service.

They also refer to the papers of Robert White Midshipman for a synopsis of the acts of assembly in regard to the E. Shore [Eastern Shore] galleys & for a deposition marked "A" proving that the s'd. galleys were in service nearly 4 years –

S. & S. Stephens's names are on the pay list as pr. certificate of the auditor filed in their case last Dec'r.

This is to Certify. That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line during the Revolutionary War as settled their Accounts and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay according to an Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a Certificate issued on the 27 day of April 1785 in the name of Simon Stephens as Cook for £104.13.6 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Col Cropper

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 27 day of Dec'r 1832.  
J. E. Heath AUDITOR.

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Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 27 day of Dec'r 1832.  
J. E. Heath AUDITOR.

State of Virginia } SS  
City of Richmond }

The deposition of Scarborough Bloxam aged about Seventy Seven years, who deposeth and saith he was well acquainted with Simon Stephens and Stephen Stephens, that they were sailors on Board the accomack Gally and that they entered the service amongst the first who enlisted & continued in Service untill the Accomack was laid up & they received their discharges & further this deponant saith not Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831

J M Kildare[?] JP



The affidavit of James Davis [S8281] aged nearly 70 years who says he began to keep guard in Capt Thos Marshalls [Thomas Marshall's] company of militia in the year 1778 at which time the galleys Accomack & Diligence had been in service several months or longer. This affiant thinks they went into service in the Spring of 1777 & were laid up in the winter of 1780 & 81. Simon Stephens & Stephen Stephens this affiant verily believes enlisted on board the Accomack when she went into service &

continued on board till she was laid up. They were in service when this affiant commenced service in the militia in 1778 & continued in service till the galley was dismantled. This affiant always understood that the sailors on board the said galleys enlisted for 3 years but that most of them remained in service as long as the galleys served.

Accomack County  
September 23<sup>d</sup> 1832

James Davis hisXmark

The deposition of Elkanah Andrews [S6507] who says he served on board the “Accomack” galley whilst s’d. galley was in service – that Simon Stephens & Stephen Stephens both served on board the “Accomack” Galley whilst s’d galley was in service & till her crew was discharged. One of them was a Cook & the other a Seaman as this deponent believes.

Accomack County  
February 10 1832

Elkanah Andrews hisXmark

The deposition of Bowden Snead aged about 72 years & who being duly sworn says that he lived very near where the galleys Accomack & Diligence were built & launched & that they were carried across the bay to be armed[?] & on this [illegible word] the men were immediately enlisted & that Simon & Stephen Stephens were among the first who enlisted on board the “Accomack” I think they continued in service till said galley was laid up. this deponent is confident in the opinion that the galleys Accomack & Diligence went into service in the Spring of 1777 & were not laid up before the last of the year 1780 having been in service more than three years.

*Bowden Snead*

The affidavit of John Bull Sen’r who being duly sworn says in explanation of his former affidavit in regard to Simon & Stephen Stephens that they both enlisted among the first who enlisted on board the galley & remained in service till said galley was dismantled & [two illegible words] discharged. This affiant has no hesitation in saying they served upwards of three years & nearly four years.

Accomack County  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1832

*John Bull*