

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Joshua Johnson VAS1238

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

The deposition of Elcanah Andrews<sup>1</sup> and [indecipherable word] of the County of Accomack aged sixty Seven years or thereabouts first being Duly sworn Deposeth and Saith That he was among the first that Enlisted on board the Galley *Accomack*<sup>2</sup> Commanded by William Underhill<sup>3</sup> and that you was well acquainted with Joshuay [sic] Johnson who enlisted as Boatswain's mate, and William Holt as Boatswain who Departed this life about six months after his enlistment and the said Joshuay Johnson served as Boatswain until the Galley was laid up and Regularly Discharged with the said Andrews and Jayze Taylor served as Boatswain's mate in place of Joshua Johnson [was] Promoted and regularly Discharged and further this Deponent saith not

S/ Elcanah Andrews, X his mark

The above Deposition was acknowledged and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Accomack. Given under my Hand and Seal this 26 day of May 1832

S/ Hny Fletcher

Land bounty is allowed but no person in the Navy holding this rank is allowed more land than is due to a Sergeant in the land forces.

S/ J. F.

The Deposition of James Thornington Aged 78 or thereabouts being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with a certain Jabus Taylor who served in the row galley called *Accomack* under the command of Captain Underhill for the last three years and until she was laid up and said Taylor honorably discharged the capacity in which said Taylor served not recollected and further the deponent saith not.

S/ James Thornington, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Accomack%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%20%5bUnderhill%20Andrews%20Harris%5d.html>

<sup>3</sup> William Underhill was commissioned as a Captain in the Virginia Navy on 30 May 1777 [NOAR, 319] and assigned to command the Virginia Navy Galley *Accomack*, then under construction on the eastern shore of Virginia. She was presumably launched on 1 July 1777. [NDAR, VIII, 1045-1046 and 1046n] In August 1777 Underhill took her to the Eastern Shore, with a second galley and other forces, during the operations surrounding the British invasion of Pennsylvania. [NDAR, IX, 853] She (and presumably Underhill) was still in service in May 1780, when she was ordered to the Eastern Shore again. [Paullin, 411] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20U.html>

[Attested in Accomack County February 18<sup>th</sup> 1832 before William Cropper, JP]

The deposition of Searboroug Bloxsom<sup>4</sup> of the County of Norfolk aged 78 years or thereabouts being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was amongst the [word too faint to discern] that enlisted on board the galley Accomack commanded by William Underhill and that he was well acquainted with Joshuway Johnson who enlisted on board the Accomack as boatswain's mate and William Holt as boatswain who departed this life a short time after, and the said Joshuway Johnson took his place, and Jaybus Taylor took the said Johnson's place and that they all served until the Galley was laid up and regular discharge and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Searborough Bloxsom

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