

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Johnson VAS1251

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

These are to Certify that William Johnson Enlisted in the Navy of this State as and Able Seaman on the 16th of January 1777 and served the term of three years –

Given under my hand this first day December 1783

S/ Ja. Barron [James Barron]¹

C. S. N.

[A Copy]

¹ BARRON, JAMES VA Commodore, Virginia Navy James Barron was born in 1740, [NOAR, 16] in Elizabeth City County, Virginia. He served in the transatlantic merchant service before the war, sailing the ship *Elizabeth* from Virginia to London and back. [NDAR, I, 1387-1394] He was commissioned as a Captain of Virginia Militia [NOAR, 17] and, according to his son, entered Virginia naval service on 25 December 1775. [Stewart, 146] On 4 March 1776 he was serving aboard the Virginia Navy [Sloop] *Liberty*. Together with Captain Richard Barron of the Virginia Navy [Sloop] *Patriot* he recaptured the British Transport Ship *Oxford*. On 11 September 1776 he and Richard Barron were ordered to protect transport vessels taking troops down Chesapeake Bay to the Virginia Capes. [NOAR, 17] Barron later served as Commodore of the Virginia Navy, commissioned July 1780, [Stewart, 146] to 7 April 1783. He died on 14 May 1787, still acting as Commodore. [Stewart, 146]

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