

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Hearn [Hern] VAS1471

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

### Petition for Bounty Land

Francis Hern or Hearn, Seaman & Sail-maker – Navy

The facts of this case are – Francis Hearn's name is on the Navy register – he received £94.15 the balance of his full pay as a Seaman &c

Joshua Singleton – Lieutenant in the Navy says that he believes Francis Hern enlisted for three years on board the *Henry*<sup>1</sup> Galley – Captain Robert Tompkins Commanding – He (the witness) is not certain how long the said term served – but knew him in service as a sail-maker on board the *Henry*.

Isaac Smith – was well acquainted with Francis Hern – and knows that he enlisted on board the *Henry* Galley, in the war of the Revolution; and served as Seaman & Sail-maker, more than three years

Richard Ripley says – He was well acquainted with Francis Hearn – that the said Hearn enlisted on board the *Henry* Galley in the year 1776 or 1777, as a Seaman & served (as the witness always understood) to the end of the war. The witnesses are said to be respectable [margin note]" This claim has been reported good in the printed Navy list No. 5. The printed list, however, has spelt the name Horn, not of Hern – and styles him sailing master, instead of sail-maker"

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[This report would have been given by John H Smith, Commissioner and addressed to the then Governor of Virginia]

Gloucester County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Henry L Nuttall a Justice of the peace for the said County Joshua Singleton<sup>2</sup> of the said County who being first sworn as the law directs saith that he knew Francis Hern, was a Sail-maker on board the Galley *Henry* during the Revolutionary war, as this affiant belonged to the Navy at that time he was first attached to the Galley *Manly*[*Manley*] Captain Edward Travis as Lieutenant from which vessel he was

<sup>1</sup> *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>

<sup>2</sup> [Joshua Singleton S7510](#)

transferred to the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins and found the said Hern on board her where he left him as he was again transferred to the Ship *Dragon* Captain James Markham, this affiant is not certain how long the said Hern served but he believes he enlisted for three years and he may have reenlisted for and during the war for what he knows. And further this affiant saith not

S/ Joshua Singleton



[Attested in Gloucester County Virginia May 7, 1833]

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 first day of December 1787, in the name of Francis Hearn, as a Seaman for £97.15.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to William Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
[illegible] day of January 1834.

S/Jefferson Smith, Clerk, Acting AUDITOR

I Isaac Smith of the County of Matthews and State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Hearn of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Matthews County: The said Francis Hearn did enlist in the Virginia Navy on board the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins in the revolutionary war and knows that the said Francis Hearn did serve at least three years in the capacity of Seaman and sail-maker by frequently seeing and talking with him whilst the said Francis Hearn was attached to said vessel and I also worked on the Galley *Henry* as a carpenter. As witness my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December A.D. 1833.

S/ Isaac Smith



I Richard Ripley<sup>3</sup> of the County of Matthews & State of Virginia do hereby certify & declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Hearn formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Matthews County. The said Francis Hearn did enlist in the Virginia Navy on board the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins in the year 1776 or 1777 as a Seaman and served as I always understood and believe until the end of the war: As witness my hand and seal this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February A.D. 1834

S/ Richard Ripley, X his mark

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<sup>3</sup> [Richard Ripley \(Riply\) S11299](#)