

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Francis Horn VAS1609

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

[p 1: Only the last page of the report of John H Smith, Commissioner is included in this file. His report is dated May 26, 1835 and refers to an earlier report made by him on April 28, 1834.]

[p 3]

I Matthias Gayle of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Horn formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston Parish now constituting Mathews County in the said state. Francis Horn enlisted on board the Galley *Henry*¹ under Captain Robert Tompkins in 1776 or 1777 in the capacity of sailing master and served in the Virginia Navy three years. As witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1835

S/ Matthias Gayle²



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I Matthias Gayle of the County of Mathews in State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I am about 74 years of age, that I was well acquainted with Francis Horn formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston Parish now constituting Mathews County. That the said Francis Horn was often called Hern and was called sailing master of the *Henry* Galley under Captain Richard Tompkins, that he the said Frances Horn or Hern was often at my Father's house while he was attached to the said *Henry* Galley when she was in East River [parenthetical language too faint to discern] that the said Francis Horn, or as he was called Hern, was the only man attached to said *Henry* Galley of that name during the Revolutionary War and that he enlisted under Captain Richard Tompkins in the year 1776 or '77 for during three years and that he continued in service until the siege of York.

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 [Matthias Gayle S16818](#)

Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of August 1835
S/ Matthias Gayle

[p 6: Affidavit given by Thomas Hall,³ 75; but the body of the document as posted online is largely illegible – he appears to say that Francis Horn enlisted as Sail-maker or master on the *Henry Galley*. His affidavit is dated January 19, 1839 – the County in which the statement was made cannot be discerned.]

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The evidence in this case does not show that Francis Horn was other than a Seaman at the end of his enlistment. He seems to have been a sail-maker not sailing master –

This claim is allowed as a Seaman for a service of 3 years if not heretofore allowed
March 28, 1840 S/ D C [David Campbell, Governor of Virginia]

[p 8: another illegible document as posted online. It appears to be the petition file probably by the heirs of the veteran whose names are given as John and Ann Horn. The document is dated December 15, 1838.]

[p 10]

To the Honorable Littleton Waller Tazewell
Governor of Virginia

The Memorial of Ephraim Horn of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia and Polly Horn of the County of Mathews in state of Virginia.

Your memorialists humbly petitioning state that the said Ephraim resides in Gloucester and said Polly in Mathews County in the State of Virginia that said Ephraim is the brother of Francis Horn and said Polly is the daughter of John Horn brother of the said Francis Horn that they are his only heirs that they claim to be entitled to bounty land in right of said Francis that said Francis Horn was a resident of Kingston Parish the part of Gloucester County Virginia that during the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 or 77 he entered the state service in the Navy of Virginia that he served on board the galley *Henry* under Captain Robert Thompkins in the capacity of sailing master and served in that character until the end of the war or as long as the Navy was in service as your memorialist are informed and verily believe.

Your memorialists verily believe that Francis Horn never received the land Bounty to which he was entitled and pray that their claim to the same may be argued into your Honor. In testimony of the foregoing facts they have hereunto subscribed their names this the first day of April 1835

S/ Polly Horn, X her mark

[p 11: Certificate from the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia in which he states that the records in his possession show that a pay roll of wages belonging to the *Henry Galley* show that Francis Horn Sail-maker received pay as such. His certificate is dated May 22, 1835]

³ MIGHT be the same man as [Thomas Hall S16862](#)