

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Hornsby VAS1612

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

The affidavit of William Thornton Sr. aged upwards of 75 years who says he was living near where the Gallies *Accomack*<sup>1</sup> & *Diligence*<sup>2</sup> were built & manned & that John Hornsby enlisted on board the *Diligence* when she was manned & remained in service till said galley was laid up, a period of from three to four years.

S/ William Thornton, Senior, X his mark

[Attested in Accomack County Virginia August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1832]

A synopsis of the Acts of Assembly respecting the "*Diligence*" galley, showing that she & the Accomack were in service upwards of 3 years where we find in the papers of William Milas, Seaman, to which the Executive will be pleased to refer.

I certify that John Hornsby enlisted on board the *Diligence* when she went into service & continued in service until said galley was dismantled – And I certify it as my firm belief that said Galley when in the service early in the year 1777 and was laid up in the winter of 1780-'81 – having been in service nearly or quite four years.

S/ Bowden Snead<sup>3</sup>



[Attested in Accomack County Virginia August 10, 1832]

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

<sup>2</sup> *Diligence*. Coggins:102, VANavy:157, ND8:1046, ND9:853, row galley of the VA Navy, Capt Johannes Watson, from May 1777 to 1780. Selby:255, Jefferson hoped to make the galley serviceable for the Chesapeake Eastern Shore in 1780. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

<sup>3</sup> [Bowdoin \(Bowden\) Snead W7196](#)