

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Bannister Howe VAS1624

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

The affidavit of Mrs. Mildred Hobday of the County of Gloucester. This affiant states that she was born in this County Severn River and is now in her seventy first year of age. She recollects that the Row Galleys of Virginia were frequently in Severn River during the war of the Revolution. She knows that Captain Bannister Howe whose farm a joined to Gloucester Town, was attached to one of the said Galleys and that he was frequently in Severn River on board one of them from early in the war to within about six months of the siege of York. About six months prior to the surrender of that place [October 19, 1781], this affiant removed to York River, after which she has no recollection of Captain Howe. She can, she thinks, with confidence say that Captain Howe was in service on board one of said Row Galleys as late as the early part of the year 1781. What rank he had this affiant does not recollect.

S/ Mildred Hobday, X her mark

[Attested in Gloucester County Virginia June 24, 1834.]

The Affidavit of John Belvin. This affiant states that he was born in Gloucester County and has continued to reside therein. He is now in his sixty sixth year of age. He recollects very distinctly Captain Bannister Howe whose farm a joined to Gloucester Town. He remembers that Captain Howe was attached to one of the Row Galleys of Virginia during the War of the Revolution, and seemed to have command of her, but whether he was captain or master or what rank he had this affiant knows not. He recollects that when the British came into York River when Cornwallis was at York the Galley on board of which Captain Howe was retreated up the River. He does not recollect when Captain Howe died.

S/ John Belvin, X his mark

[Attested in Gloucester County Virginia June 25, 1834]

Petition for bounty land

The heirs of Bannister Howe – Master S. Navy –

The facts of this case are – banister how was master of the *Henry*¹ Galley as early as July 1776 (see larger [?] Journal of the Navy Board.) – And continued in service until the early part

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>

of 1781 & then died in service. (See affidavits of Mildred Hobday & Susan Lowry² – also of John Belvin –[])

I have heretofore reported Bannister Howe entitled to bounty land for a service of three years; and the testimony of witnesses, accompanying this Petition, confirms me in that opinion.

Respectfully Submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner

July 7th, 1834

To Governor Tazewell

² no such affidavit is contained in this file