

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Abel Pettegrew VAS169

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

Petition for Bounty Land

Abel Pettygrew—Seaman S. Navy

This seaman's name is owned the Army Register. He received (or Colonel Cropper received for him) a certificate for £27.15 – the balance of his full pay as Seaman – on the 24th day of April 1785.

Elkanah Andrews¹ (whose credibility has been often proved before the Executive, by certification now on file in the Executive Department) says that he was well acquainted with Abel Pettegrew – that he served on board the *Accomac* Galley from the time of her being ready for sea, to the time when she was dismantled & laid up – This time has been proved, in other cases, to have been more than 3 years.

I did not report Abel Pettygrew, entitled to bounty land, in the printed list no. 5 of Seaman &c entitled to land for Revolutionary services; because I did not find his name on the few pay rolls of the men of the *Accomac* Galley, which have been preserved – The proof offered now, on his being in the State Navy is conclusive.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

May 6, 1894

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

Accomack County Virginia

Deposition of Elkanah Andrews, aged 71 or thereabouts who Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Abel Pettegrew and that he served in the Revolutionary War on board the Galley *Accomack* commanded by Captain Underhill from the time she was [indecipherable word] until laid up this January 15th 1834

Signed by me

Elkanah X Andrews

¹ [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)