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Virginia documents pertaining to Christopher Morris VAS1987
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To the Hon'ble the Speaker and House of Delegates
The Petition of Christopher Morris sheweth:

That he served as a Pilot in the Navy of this State during the last War with Great Britain for the term of three years, for which he hath not received the pay & depreciation allowed by Law: that his vouchers will establish the period of his service, and prays that the Auditor may be directed to issue to him a Certificate for what shall be found due.

I have examined the Books in this Office & cannot find that the above named Christopher Morris has received depreciation
Aud'r Office/ 22^d Nov'r 1796

S. Shepard

Dec'r 12 1797/ Claims/

[The following are from [rejected-claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Tuesday the 4 day of November 1777

Present Mr. Hutchins, Mr Quiniant[?] Mr [undeciphered]

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Captain Philip Chamberlayne for the use of the [several undeciphered words] the Hero Galley the following articles Viz to John Kautzman [John Valentine Kautzman R59] a [three undeciphered words] cloth as will make him two pairs of Stockings [several undeciphered words] pair shoes to Christopher Morris [several undeciphered words].

The foregoing is truly extracted from the Naval Journal page 309.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 14 day of July 1847

Jas E Heath/ 1st Aud'r

[Two lines illegible]

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Stores deliver to Christopher Morris Pilot on board the Hero Galley two shirts [several undeciphered words] upon his paying for the same. See Naval Journal page 352

Tuesday the 12 of February 1778.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Christo. Morris Pilot on Board the Henry Galley seven yards of Linen, or two shirts on his paying for the same.

The foregoing is truly extracted from the minutes of the Navy Board to be found in 1st Vol. of papers concerning the State Navy – (Letter B. page 71)

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 17th day of Novem'r. 1838.

Jas E Heath aud

Journal of the House of Delegates./ Saturday December 3rd 1796 page 56. 8th line from Top
“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that the petition of Christopher Morris, praying that the Auditor of public accounts may be directed to issued to him cirtificates for pay & depreciation due him for a service of three years as a Pilot in the Navy of this State, in the course of the late War with Great Britain, is reasonable”

Your Petitioner, Mary Adams respectfully states – That her father Christopher Morris was a pilot of the Virginia State Navy in time of the Revolution during nearly the whole war – and became entitled to the Land Bounty given by the laws of this State but which was never received.

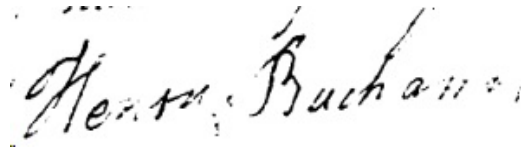
Your petitioner has obtained record evidence conclusively showing that he was in service more than 3 years and prays that the land Bounty due for her fathers servises may be allowed her

Mary Adams by A. M. Green her Atty.

Virginia York County

I hereby certify that Christopher Morris was a Pilot in the Revolutionary War in the Virginia State Navy and have no hesitation in saying that said Morris served in the capacity of Pilot in [several undeciphered words] more than three years. I also recollect that Christopher Morris some time previous to his death stated that he had made application to the Virginia Legislature for his [several undeciphered words].

Christopher Morris was a neighbor of mine [several undeciphered words] Given under my hand this 7 July 1838 Henry Buchanan [S37807]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Buchanan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the early 19th century.

I John Cunningham of Hampton do cirtify that I have frequently heard my mother say that James Wood & Christopher Morris were both Pilots from or near to this place, that they were taken prisoners by he Enemy in time of the Revolution; they were carried to York and remained as prisoners until the conclusion of peace. Given under my hand this the 3rd February 1832.

[signed] John Cunningham