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Virginia Bounty-Land Application of Thomas B. Dawson VAS227
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[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

This is to Certify that it appears from the Books of the Ship Dragon Commanded by Capt. [Eleazer] Callender (which books are in my possession and made out by myself) that Thos. B Dawson enlisted 12th September 1778 for three years as a Midshipman and paid up by myself to 20th Jany 1779 at which time I left the Vessel.

Given under my hand this the 27th April 1831. [signed] David Henderson [pension application S5506]

To the Gov. of Va.

The petition of the heirs of Thomas B Dawson respectfully state that on the 15 of June 1833 the Executive of Virginia allowed land bounty as a Seaman in the State Navy, as pr. copy of certificate herewith filed will appear Since that time the Comm'r. for settling claims has reported that he was entitled as a midshipman for three years service. The certificate of Mr. Robert Saunders shews that the ancestor of the applicant was the same individual who is reported as entitled as a midshipman. The extract from the Journals of House of Delegates also filed proves the same fact.

Your petitioner ask that they may be allowed the Land bounty due a midshipman who was a Warrant officer.

A M Green & T Green/ attos. for the Petitioner

Journal from 1781 to 1784 – p. 124.

Report of Comm'r. on Thos. B. Dawson's petition –

"It appears to your Committee, that During the late war the petitioner entered into the navy of the state & served as a Midshipman; that during the invasion of the year 1781, he was employed to carry some public dispatches and whilst in that service was taken by a party of the enemy, and was very dangerously wounded.

It further appears to your Committee, that the death of the petitioner's commanding officer, has prevented him from obtaining his discharge from the service, without which he cannot get his amount for his depreciation of pay settled and allowed to him.

The Comm. granted his petition &c.

See Journal of H. of Dec'r. 31 1785 p. 124

Executive Department/ Rich'd. 15 June 1834.

Thomas B. Dawson is allowed Land Bounty for his services as a seaman in the State Navy three years if not heretofore drawn. The Register will issue a warrant accordingly. Wyndham Robertson
Acting Gov'r.

To his excellency Gov'r. Floyd [John Floyd, 4 Mar 1830 - 31 Mar 1834]

On the printed list concerning officers, seamen, and mariners in the State Navy – (no 5.) Thomas Dawson has been reported by me entitled to bounty land as a midshipman, for a service of three years: and Thomas Dawson has been reported entitled to land, as a seaman, for a service of three years. The evidence satisfied me, that there were two individuals of this name in the navy.

John H Smith Com'r. &c./ March 21 18[??]

[I could find no other record of Thomas Dawson, Seaman.]