

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Lott Ashburn VAS2297
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Executive of Virginia

The memorial of Luke Ashburn [W5649] the brother & only heir of Lott Ashburn of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia humbly sheweth that he is a Citizen of the County of Lancaster [several undeciphered words]. From the best information your memorialist can obtain the said Lott enlisted in the navy & served three years during the Revolutionary war. Under whom he enlisted; on board of what vessel he entered your petitioner does not particularly recollect, but has been informed, that in 1779 the said Lott was a Seaman on board of the Dragon, then under the command of Capt James Markham [R72]. Your memorialist who is now eighty three years old well knoweth said Lott, served fully three years in the State Navy & he believes if the Navy Rolls of the Revolution can be found, they will shew the facts. Hoping his case is fairly made out & may meet with a favourable [one or two undeciphered words], your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray &c. Given under my hand this [undeciphered] day of [undeciphered] 1834
Luke hisXmark Ashburn

upon the Petition of the Heir of Lott Ashburn – Seaman in the State navy, for Bounty land.
The Petitioner has not fil'd any evidence of his claim. His own statement on oath is – that he well knows that Lott ashburn serv'd fully three years in the State Navy.

The name of Lott ashburn is on a list of crew of the Dragon which is sign'd by Joseph Lavender Master Mate, and countersign'd by James Jones Pres't of the Board of war, in September 1779 which may be found in Vol. 1st Navy Papers.

I am not, at present possessed of any other information, respecting this claim founded on public documents; But have reported Lott ashburn, in the printed list of non-commissioned officers, seamen, & marines of the State Navy &c No. 5 page 10 – entitled to bounty land for a service of three years, as seaman in the State Navy.

To Governor Tazewell

Respectfully submitted/ John H. Smith Com'r &c
nov'r 12th 1834