

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Roe Cunningham VAS2361
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Cunningham, W. R.]

This will certify, that I was well acquainted with Mr William Roe Cunningham and James Latimer, Pilots in the State Navy of Virginia during the Revolutionary War. They served, until the close of the War, as Pilots on board of naval state vessels and were employed in conducting the French Ships of war during the whole period that they remained in the service of the United States. I do not recollect the precise time they entered the service, but I know they were more than three years actively employed in the naval service of Virginia and were reputed as Officers of worth and patriotism.

James Barron [W12264]

[17 July 1832]



The Petition of the Heirs of Wm. R. Cunningham respectfully states
That he was more than 3 years in the Virginia Navy during the Revolution as a Pilot and remained as such until the end of the war.

The affidavit of Commodore James Barron they hope will be considered sufficient to entitle them to the land bounty which most of the other Pilots have received.

Which is respectfully submitted by T Green/ Atto for the heirs
The letter of Commodore Barron filed in Edward Ballard [VAS2360] is very particular in stating the worth and merit of Mr. C.

The petition of the heirs of William R. Cunningham respectfully states; That the said W. R. Cunningham was a pilot in the Navy of Virginia during the greater part of the Revolutionary war, having entered the service in the year 1777, yet no Land warrant for bounty land has ever issued in their favor, or to their ancestor in his life time. The Certificate of Elizabeth City County Court shews the service of the said W. R. Cunningham to have been from 1777 to the close of the War.

Your petitioners pray that an allowance may be made to them of the Bounty land due for their ancestor's services.

Th. Green atty for petitioners.

[2 May 1832]