

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Philip Bromley (Brownley, Brumley) VAS2671  
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I Richard Ripley [S11299] of the County of Mathews & State of Virginia do hereby certify & declare that I was well acquainted with Phillip Brumley formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County. The said Phillip Brumley did enlist in the Virginia State line on board the gally Henry Captain Robert Tompkins [R102] in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six or seventeen hundred and seventy seven as a Seaman and served in said service untill the end of the war: As witness my hand & seal this the fifth day of March A.D one eight hundred and thirty four.

Richard hisXmark Ripley

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of April 1787, in the name of Philip Bromley as a Seaman for £39.0.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Wm. Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR.

Revolutionary Bounty Land.

Philip Bromley, seaman Navy

[several undeciphered words] He received a certificate for £39.0.6 the bal. of his full pay as Seaman.

Richard Ripley a credible witness, says that he knew Philip Brumley very well – that he enlisted on board the Henry galley in 1776 or 1777 and continued in service to the end of the war.

In the Papers of the Henry galley, in Vol. 2 of papers concerning the navy Philip Brumley is enrolled among the Seamen of the s'd navy, belonging to that Vessel. He has been reported entitled to land for a service of three years, in the printed list of Seamen &c No 5.

Resp'y submitted  
John H Smith Com'r &c  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 1834

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Tazewell

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brownley, Philip.]

The deposition of Matthias Gayle [S16818] who says he is 74 years of age. I Mathias Gayle do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Phillip Brownley formerly of that part of Gloucester County caled Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County the said Phillip Brownley enlisted under Capt Robert Tompkins in the year 1776 or 77 in the virginia State Navy on board the Henry Galley for the term of three years but continued in the virginia navy untill the end of the War by frequently seeing the said Brownley whilst he was attached to said navy Given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year 1835

John Borum Jr

[certified by Wm M. Brownly JP.]



To The Honorable Littleton Waller Tazwell [sic: Tazewell/ Governor of virginia.  
The memorial of John Brumley Polley T Brownley of the County of mathews and state of virginia and  
Thomas C Brownley[?] of the county of northumberland and State of virginia that these are the Children  
and only heirs of Phillip Brownley that they claim to be entitled to Bounty Land in right of the said Phillip  
Brownley – that said Phillip Brownley was a resident of Kingston Parish then a Part of Gloucester now  
constituting mathews County that during the Revolutionary war in the year 1776 or 1777 he enlisted  
under Capt Robert Tompkins on board of the henry Galley as a seaman in the state navy and servd in said  
navy untill the end of the War as your memorialists are informed and varily believes

Your memorialists varily believe that Phillip Brownley never received the Land Bounty to which  
he was entitled and pray that their claim to the same may be argued into by your Honour. In testimony of  
the foregoing facts they have hereunto subscribed their names this 13th day of July in the year 1835  
John Borum Jnr  
John Brownley/ Polley herXmark Brounley

Report on the claim of the heirs of Philip Brownley, (or Brumley) a Seaman in the S. Navy, for  
bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir,/ The name of Philip Brumley or Bromley (or Brownly) is on the army Register of  
the State line. He is there [undeciphered word] as a Seaman in the state navy, and as having received (by  
Wm Reynolds) April 13, 1787, a certificate for £59.0.6 the bal. of his full pay &c.

His name is on a list of officers & men of the Henry Galley, sign'd by Ro. Tompkins, without  
date; which list may be found in vol. 1 Navy Papers under the head Henry Gally.

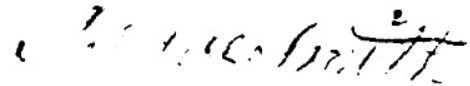
A witness of respectable character has prov'd that Philip Brownly enlisted under Capt. Ro.  
Tompkins, of the Henry Galley a vessel of the State navy, in the year 1776 or 1777, for the term of 3  
years, and serv'd to the end of the war (see the affidavit of Mathias Gayle.)

It does not appear that bounty land has ever been allow'd for the services of Philip Brownley, or  
Bromly, or Brumley. Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ August 5<sup>th</sup> 1834

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[Parts of the online image are missing where indicated by \*.]

The deposition of Isaac Smith [S11427] [one or two illegible words] who being first duly sworn Deposeth  
and Sayeth that he knew and was well acquainted with Philip Bromley of Gloucester County [several  
undeciphered words] now Mathews County) and knows that he did inlist in the State navy under  
Command of Capt. Robert Tompkins who Commanded the Henry Gally and served from the year of 1776  
till 1779 haveing serve[\*] said Navy three years and upwards for [two or three undeciphered words] [\*]ly  
after he had Entered and see him at diferent times in the in[\*] service had served three years and upward. I  
am positive [\*] Service for the time above stated and I believe that [\*] and until the End of the war in the  
service the [\*] navy as a seaman Given from under my hand and seal [\*] this 9th day of January 1839



To the Honourble David Campbell Governor of Virginia

The memorial of John [several illegible words] Virginia only heirs of Phillip Bromly formerly of Kingston  
Parish Gloucester county (now Mathews County) [several undeciphered words] of the said Philip Bromly  
who was a Seaman in the Virginia [illegible] under command of Capt Robert Tompkins in the War of the  
Revolution. That he Entered the service in the year of 1776 and served in the said navy until the End of the  
War as your memorialist are informed and veryly believe, and that the said Philip Bromly never Received  
the Land bounty to which he was Entiled and pray that their Claim to the same may be agreed in to.  
witness our hand and seals this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1839 [signed] John Brumly