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Virginia documents pertaining to William Bromly (Brownley, Brumley) VAS2672
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brownley, William. One document in the file is illegible.]

Gloucester County to Wit

This day personally appeared before me Jos Hays a justice of the peace for the said County Isaac Brunley and made oath that there were two William Brownleys that inlisted in the Virginia Navy during the Revolutionary War one of them was the father of Elizabeth Brownley Polly Brownley William Brownley who is dead leaving an only son Columbus that the said Seaman served three years and died in the County of Mathews some years since and that the said Elizabeth Polly and Columbus are the only heirs the other William Brownley was brother to this affiant was lost at sea as well as this affiant recollect in the year 17[??] without ever being married intestate and without issue that James Browley was his older[?] brother and heir at law. The last said William Brounley also served three years they were usually called Brumley. They entered the service on board the Galley Henry Capt Robert Tompkins [R102] he has no recollection of his being transfered to any other ship or vessel although it is probable they were. Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of August 1835 [?] Hays JP

Isaac Brownley's aff't/ Wm Brumley's claim

Report on the claim of the heirs of Wm Brumley a seaman in the state navy, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir,/ a respectable witness has prov'd, that Wm Brumley (or Brownley) was a seaman in the state navy. That there were two seamen, nam'd Wm Brumley, in the navy, in the Revolutionary war. That they both serv'd 3 years. That one of them was lost at sea, in the year 1781. That they both enter'd the service, on board the Henry Galley: and the witness has no knowledge of their having been transfer'd to any other vessel, although he thinks it probable they were. (see the aff't of Isaac Brownley.)

Wm Brumley, a Seaman, receivd (by Wm Reynolds) a certificate for £71.16.8 the balance of his full pay &c April 13, 1787. (see Army Register of the state line.)

It appears, from the Papers of the Henry Galley, that wm. Brmley was a seaman, on board that vessel (see papers of the Henry Galley Vol. 1. Navy Papers.)

It does not appear, that Wm. Brumley has heretofore receiv'd bounty land for his services.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ August 24, 1835

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Bromly, William. The online images are mostly illegible. The index card indicates that one of the documents is an affidavit by Isaac Smith (S11427).]

To the Hounerable David Campbell Governor of Virginia

[several illegible words] Elizabeth Bromly, Polly Bromly heirs of Wm Bromly Dec'd [illegible]

Elizabeth Bromly & Polly Bromly heirs of Wm Bromly Dec'd [illegible] 15th January 1839

March 21 1840

Allowed for a service of three years as a Seaman in the State Navy DC