

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to William Brown VAS2721
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

To the Honourable Littleton Waller Tazwell [sic: Tazewell] Governor of Virginia
The memorial of Judith Brown of the county of mathews and state of virginia
your memorialist humbly petitioning states that she is entitled to [one or two undeciphered words]
of Lands as she is advised under the following state of facts. William Brown who was a resident of
Kingston Parish then a part of Gloucester County now constituting mathews County enlisted in the State
Service in the Navy of virginia during the Revolutionary War under Capt Celey Sanders [Celey Saunders]
on board the Ship Tempest in the capacity of midshipman in the year 1776 [undeciphered word] in service
in that Capacity three years as your memorialist is informed and verily believes That William Brown
[illegible word] without having received the Land bounty to which he was entitled that he Left five
children [illegible] Mary Nancy Thomas and William all of whom [several illegible words] issue Leving
your memorialist the only heir.

Your memorialist verily believes that William Brown never received the Land bounty promised
him and having respectfully submitted her case in the best manner that her Limited acquaintance with the
facts would enable her prays that her claim to the said bounty Lands may be enquired into by your Honor
in testimony to the foregoing facts she [undeciphered word] herewith subscribes her name this 28 day of
may 1835.
Judith herXmark Brown

Report upon the claim of the heir of William Brown, midshipman in the State Navy, for bounty
land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir,/ The following facts appear, in this case, to wit – that William Brown was a
midshipman in the State Navy. That he enter'd the Navy on board the Ship Tempest as midshipman in the
year 1776 or 1777, and serv'd in that character three year. These facts are made to appear by the following
evidence.

The Navy Journal shews him a midshipman in April 1778 (see N. Journal page 378.) Two
respectable witnesses prove that he enter'd the service in 1776, or 1777, and serv'd three years as
midshipman. They frequently saw & talk'd with him the said Wm Brown whilst he was in service, and
often saw him when the vessel to which he belong'd was in Pepper Creek, & East River, near their places
of residence. (See the affidavits of Isaac Smith [S11427] & Mathias Gayle [S16818] [not in file].)

It does not appear that bounty land has ever been allow'd for the services of midshipman William
Brown.
Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ July 20, 1835