

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Philip Chamberlayne VAS2946
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Thursday the 7th day of Apr 1776[?]

Ordered that the [undeciphered abbreviation] P Chamberlaine a blanket and 7 yds [undeciphered], 6 yds of coarse Linen, a pair shoes on his pay

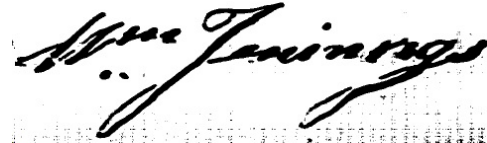
The foregoing is a true extract from a book filed in this office which appears to be an original journal of the Navy board

Ro't Jackson clk Accts

Aud'rs Office 1 March 1830

I Wm Jennings [William Jennings S5615] of Hampton in the seventy seventh year of my age do hereby make oath that I knew Philip Chamberlayne who was a Lieutenant in the Navy of Virginia during the revolutionary war and was lost at sea sometime during the war, but the particular time I do not recollect. I was myself in the service, and recollect that Philip Chamberlayne at one time was on board of one of the Row Gallies. He was in the service at the time he was drowned, or was said to have been drowned, for I did not see him, when he was drowned and consequently cannot swear to the fact, only from what was known at that time as having occurred

[14 Aug 1830]



Thursday 14 March 1776

Richard Taylor [S25873] of Caroline is appointed Captain of the armed vessel, fitted out by Colo [undeciphered] Sears & he is to recommend to the [undeciphered word] as soon as possible proper persons to be first & second Mates[?], a Boatswain, two Midshipmen, 2 gunners and that he endeavour[?] to enlist [undeciphered] able bodied seamen to serve on board the said vessel [undeciphered word] George Muter [VAS803] is elected master of a Row Gallie, to be built on James river under the direction of Colo Cary & is to recommend proper persons to be mate, 2 midshipmen 1 gunner and to enlist 40 seamen.

Wednesday March 27 1776

Upon the recommendation of Captain R'd Taylor the following officers are appointed on board the vessel of which he is app't Capt. Viz Edw'd Woynecott [sic: Edward Woneycutt R110] 1st mate, James Gray [R56.5] 2^d mate James Blaws midshipman & Henry Lyburn pilot
Philip Chamberlayne is appointed first mate of Capt Muters Cruizer

The foregoing are true extracts from the Journal of the Committee of Safety filed in this office

Ro't Jackson clk of Accts

Aud'rs Office 5 Oct'r 1830

It appears from these extracts that a Captain was at that time called a Master of the ship (George Muter to be master) and the Lieutenants were called Mates.

James Gray who is named herein as a mate, was reported by the board of Navy officers as a Lieutenant Philip Chamberlain was a Lieutenant as appears by the affidavit of Wm Jennings, but he is here named first mate, See the bottom of the Extracts

Wm Jennings was a Seaman & drew his bounty for three years service. JWM

United States Navy Yard
Gosport December 3^d 1830

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Philip Chamberlain during the greater part of the revolutionary War, and further that he was a zealous and gallant officer. He was drowned some time before the close of the War, but I cannot say positively the time

These facts are the better known to me from the circumstance of Lieutenant Chamberlain having married a cousin of mine – Elizabeth Cowper of Elizabeth City County, Virginia.

James Barron [W12264]



Thursday 15 July 1777

Lt Philip Chamberlaine is recom'd to his Excellency the Govern'r & the honb'le the Council as a proper person to be appointed to the command of the Hero Galley in the room of Capt Muter who hath resigned.

Tuesday 2^d September 1777

A Warr[an]t to Capt. Philip Chamberlaine for £50.0.0 upon Acc't to furnish necessaries for the use of the Hero Galley

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Jos'h Jackson Clk of Acc'ts

Aud[ito]rs Office 10th Feby 1832

J W Murdaugh for Richard H Chamberlayne represents that the claim of Philip Chamberlayne (who was drowned while in service) was presented & allowed last winter as a Lieutenant in the State Navy – at the time the claim was presented no evidence of Chamberlayne rank could be found on record. Since then a Journal of the the Navy for the year 1777 has been found in the Auditors office which shews that Philip Chamberlayne [words missing] commissioned Captain on the 15th [the rest missing at bottom of page]

Philip Chamberlayne rec'd a Lieutenants portion of land 1333 acres [several undeciphered words] to his rank – which additional bounty is respectfully asked for. [undeciphered] J W Murdaugh

Capt Philip Chamberlayne State Navy
Three years Addition Bounty 1333 Acres
Petition filed 30 Oct 1832
May 3 1833/ Rejected J.F. [Gov. John Floyd]

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The undersigned heir at Law of Philip Chamberlayne who was a Lieutenant in the State Navy, an officer of merit and who died in service respectfully aks an allowance of additional land bounty and in support thereof refers to the papers on file in the Executive Department

Richmond Va. June 14 1838

R't H Chamberlaine

Rejected March 23 1840 DC [Gov. David Campbell]