

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Flynt VAS2971
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

This is to Certifie that John Flint Inlisted with me 26th day of August 1777 to serve in the Navy Service the term of Three years as Carpenter in the Navy which term of three years he served true and faithfully and is hereby Discharged. Given under my hand this 26 day of August 1780

a Copy/ J Pendleton Jr

John Thomas [R100] Capt/ Protector Galley

[Other side, partly illegible and with a large X written over it.]

November [?]th 1783 I do hereby Impower Capt John Heath to receive my Warrant for the Land I am Intitled to [several undeciphered words]

Teste/ [undeciphered] Wright

[undeciphered] Flint

I do hereby Authorize and Impower Mr. Samuel Blackwell to Receive ~~all the Wages due me from the Country for my Service in the Navy for the terme of Three years and all~~ my Land Warrant, as Witness my hand this 3^d day of December 1783

Test/ Rich'd Haynie/ James Johnson



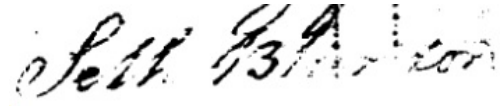
This is to Certifie that Seth Blundon Inlisted with me the 8th day of Jan 1778 to serve in the Navy as a Midship[man] for the term of three years which time he served true and faithfully and is hereby Discharged Given under my hand this 8th day of Jan. 1781.

Copy/ J. Pendleton Jr

John Thomas Capt./ Protector Galley

I do hereby Authorize and impower Mr. Samuel Blackwell to Receive all the Wages due me from the Country, for my service in the Navy for the term of three years, and also my Land Warrant, as Witness my hand this 5th day of [rest undeciphered]

Seth Blundon



These are to Certify that William Ballard served in the navy of this state under my Command as pilot from the 23 day of January 1776 to the last day of Febuary 1779 his pay & prise money was the same as a Lieutenant in the navy/ Given Under my hand this first day of October 1783

James Barron [VAS1949]/ Com[man]d]ant S. N.

A Copy/ [?] Randolph

Council chamber, 9th December, 1783.

I do Certify that John Flint is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Carpenter of the State Navy, who has served three years.

Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

A Warrant for 100 acres issued to John Flint, 10th December, 1783.

I do hereby certify, that John Fisher enlisted a soldier in the ninth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, the latter end of the year 1775 or beginning of the year 1776; that he was appointed a Serjeant & served for two years, that he reenlisted before the expiration of the time for which he first engaged, and that he was appointed (if not commissioned) an Ensign; that he was taken prisoner at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], and died in Philadelphia new jail.

Jno. Cropper Jr [John Cropper W3781] formerly/ Lieut. Col. Commandant
11th Virginia Regiment/ on Continental establishment

I appears by the books in this office That a Warrant for 100 acres no. 5239 issued to Thomas M Bayly as ass[ign]ee of John Fishers representatives on the 17th of Sept 1807
Land Off./ Aug't 25th 1809. Edwd C. Davis

John Thrall is entitled to the proportion of land allowed Lieutenant of the state Navy for three years service.

Council Chamber Aug't 4 1786. T. Meriwether
P. Henry

A Warrant for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ Acres issued to John Thrall, the 9th Aug't. 1786.

To the Executive of Virginia

The petition of the heirs of John Thrall dec'd respectfully shews that John Thrall was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy for three years (or more) during the revolution, and after the war was over obtained an order from the Executive directing the Register to issue to him, the bounty due a Lieutenant, who had served three years in the Virginia State navy. The register issued a warrant no [blank] for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ only, which is all your petitioners ancestor ever rec'd and which is the quantity rec' by Lieutenants of the line; they have applied to the register for the residue and have exhibited proof and made references on the books of the Register to shew that Lieutenants of the navy ranked as Captains of the line (or infantry) and drew land bounty as such, yet the register is unwilling because of the lapse of time (although he sees that other Lieutenants of the navy drew as Captains of the line and does at this time issue warrants to them as such when no part has been rec'd) to correct the mistake without the direction of the Executive your petitioners ask that the register be directed to give to them a warrant for the proportion of Land due to Lieutenants of the State navy deducting therefrom the quantity of 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres heretofore rec'd

James Thrall & others/ heirs of John Thrall dec'd/ by their attorney
H H Harley/ Dec'r 1831

To the Executive of Virginia

The petition of Nathan Moore and Emily Moore his wife who was Emily Flynt, George Robinson & Catharine Robinson wife of the said George Robinson who was Catharine Flynt & Joel Robinson & Eliza Robinson who was Eliza Flynt the said Emily, Catharine & Eliza being daughters of John Flynt alias Flint dec'd and residuary legatees of the said John Flynt alias Flint respectfully shews that the said John Flynt was a Carpenter in the Virginia state navy for three years (or more) during the revolution and after the war was over obtained an order from the Executive directing the register to issue to him the said John Flynt alias Flint the bounty due a Carpenter who had served three years in the virginia state navy, the register issued a warrant No 2067 for one hundred acres only, which is all that has ever been received for the services of your petitioners ancestor he (the register) has been applied to for the residue and they have exhibited proof & made references on the books of the register to shew that Carpenters were warrant officers in the navy and drew land as such, yet the register is unwilling because of the lapse of time (all though he sees that other Carpenters drew as warrant officers and does at this time issue warrants to them as suche where no part has been rec'd) to correct the mistake without the direction of the executive

Your petitioners ask that the register be directed to issued to them a warrant for the proportion of land due to Carpenters of the state navy deducting therefrom the quantity of one hundred acres heretofore

rec'd

Nathan Moore Emily Moore George Robinson Catharine Robinson Jack Robinson & Eliza Robinson legates &c by their attorney/ H H Harvey Dec'r 20th 1831

NB It appears from the register's books that the name of John Flynt is improperly written Flint, by a reference to the documents in the clerk's office of the executive upon which the former advice of the executive is based that as Capt Thomas in his discharge to the said Flynt writes the name Flint while it appear from a paper accompanying the discharge the the said Flynt writes his name Flynt, the Executive will discover that this is a mistake that might easily occur H H Harvey

Rich[mon]d 31 Decr 1831[?]

Dear Sir [William Selden Esq, Register the Land office], I have looked into the Acts of our Assembly to see on what authority Land warrants have issued to the Warrant officers of the Navy and the proportion of Land to which they are entitled.

All the acts giving Land Bounty to the Navy seem designed to place that arm of the Public Defense on an equal footing with the Land forces; And without, in any instance, stating what particular quantity of Land Bounty should be received by the Respective Officers of the Navy, have in several instances stated that the officers of the Navy shall be entitled to the same proportion of Land as was allowed to the Continental Line of equal Rank.

See Vol 10 Hen. Stat. Large [Hening's Statutes at Large; <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-01.htm>] page 24 after stating the Bounty to be given soldiers, sailors & marines, proceeds "and every of the Officers commanding the said soldiers, sailors or marines, shall be entitled to a grant of the like quantity of Lands as is allowed to officers of the same rank in the Va. Regts. on Continental Establishment &c" So in same Vol. pae 467 "That the officers services" &c &c "shall be entitled to the same advantages as the officers belonging to the State in the Land service, Agreeable to their respective Ranks."

Other acts state the same thing. But the relative Rank of the Navy & Army is nowhere expressly presented. That relative Rank must have been considered as understood by the Country & for that reason, was not thought necessary to be recited.

It became the duty of the Register to issue the warrants to the Naval officers agreeable to their respective relative Ranks as understood by the Law – in doing which he had to be guided by his own views & the opinions of others.

By way of abundant caution he seems not to have given the naval officers (some of them at least) as much as they were entitled to . And the Executive has recently decided that some of those officers should receive more than theretofore had been granted to others of the same Rank.

Annexed is a statement which shows what the practice of your predecessors, soon after the war, was. The Warrant Officers of the Navy was considered of the same rank with the Subaltern officers on Land. And I believe, in not one single case, has a midshipman ever rec'd less than $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres, the proportion given by Law to Subaltern Officers in the army.

And this I think was clearly right upon principle. It is well known that navy officers of the same nominal grade outrank Land-forces – that is – a Captain of the Navy outranks a Captain on Land &c &c. The Resolution of Congress expressly ordained that Lieutenants in the navy should rank with Captains on Land. Now if the Warrant Officers of the navy being near in grade to Lieutenants in that service, should not rank with Subalterns (viz Lieutenants Cornets & ensigns) on land, there would be no grade in the navy, inferior to Captains on land. Taking this into consideration the general understanding in the navy & country that Midshipmen are superior in Rank to Sergeants & Corporals – and the invariable practice of your office from its Establishment, I do think there is not a shadow of doubt about a midshipman's being entitled to $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres of land the proportion due an Ensign.

The preciding taken shows [?] the other warrant officers who received the like quantity – I have understood that a Gunner, a mate and a Boatswain received higher pay and were of Equal Rank with Midshipmen. They are called "officers" by the Resolution of Congress – on reference to those Resolution,

see 1 Vol Journal of Congress page 549. I find they did receive higher pay than Midshipmen.

That Resolution gave to a Mate (in the very smallest Vessels) the same as in the largest) \$15 pr. month. and midshipmen \$12 and evidently placed the other warrant officers Gunners Boatswains &c on rather higher ground than midshipmen.

And in the absence of any regulations prescribed by Virginia on the subject, she must be presumed to have adopted the [undeciphered word] understanding of the Country or the regulations presented by Congress.

In every aspect of the case in which I can view it, I think these officers should not be considered inferior to Ensigns on Land. yr. obt ser't/ Th. Green

Richmond June 16th 1832

Sir During the last winter I submitted to the Executive an application of John Thrall a Lt in the Virginia state navy for additional land bounty, having rec'd (I think in 1783) 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, the quantity to which a Lt of the line is entitled; my impression is that since the year 1783 Lt's of the navy for 3 years service have allways rec'd 4000 acres. previous to 1784 as I understand from examinations in the Register's office the Officers of the navy rank'd no higher than officers of the line, since 1784 they have been ranked higher & rec'd larger land bounty. Capt John Thomas a Captain in the navy from my own neighbourhood rec'd in 1783 4,000 acres his heirs have lately made application for additionally land bounty, the executive has advised a warrant should issue for additional bounty.

The evidence on which the executive in 1783 advised a warrant should issue to Thrall is on file in the Clerks Office of the executive, it is the discharge of his Captain for three years service the Virginia State Navy as a Lieutenant; now if Mr Thrall had rec'd his warrant some months later he would have rec'd 4,000 acres instead of 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$, midshipmen in all cases have rec'd 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres there must be a [dif]ference] in the land bounty of a Lt & a midshi[pman]

The application of Thrall has been [illegible] abt the same time Thrall's case was presented I presented an application of the heirs of John Flynt a Carpenter in the Virginia State Navy for additional land bounty, having rec'd in 1783 100 acres his discharge is allso on file in the clerks office, it seems about the year 1784 & ever since that Carpenters, gunners &c have been considered warrant officers & ranked as Lts of the line & consequentlly rec'd 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, Mr Selden the register has prepared a statement on this subject (warrant officers) shewing the am't of land which they have rec'd; the application in fact has not been rejected the Executive has advised that he shall receive land bounty as a Seargent of the line deducting the am't rec'd

I hope that the executive will pardon me for suggesting the propriety that when there is a doubt upon the subject of additional bounty that it would be proper that all cases should be put on the same footing particularly as 99 in 100 have [undeciphered] rec'd the highest land [several undeciphered words] unpleasant to the heirs of Officers to know that there is a difference in am't of land rec'd by officers of the same rank & serving on board the same vessel, on of my neighbours has lately rec'd as Lt in the Navy for 3 years 4000 acres. it seems that Mr. Thrall was too early in obtaining his warrant, if he had been a little late he would have rec'd 4,000 acres Mr. Flynt is on the same footing must the hirs was it. [?] If the foregoing statements are entitled to any consideration I will thank the executive to again look into the Cases of of Thrall - Flynt

Very Respectfully your ob't/ Svt/ H H Harvey
representing a few of his neighbours who can not represent them selves

Land office/ Richmond July 25 1832

Windham Robertson Esq/ Lieutenant Governor of Virginia

Dr Sr In reply to your Letter of yesterday desiring me to inform you whether there has been any uniform allowance of Land bounty to Navy Lieutenants, Boatswains & Gunners, & if so, what that allowance has been; & if not uniform, what has been the usual allowance, & what appears to have been the cause of the irregularity.

Respecting the Land bounty to Warrant officers of the Navy I addressed the enclosed

communication to the Governor [John Floyd; letter dated 19 June 1832 not transcribed] & sent it to his House; but his indisposition prevented its delivery.

In addition to what I stated in my communication to the Governor I furnish a statement of the Land bounties allowed to Lieutenants & Warrant officers of the Navy

Lieutenants in the Navy formerly received $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres each. But, since the passage of the Act of Congress of the 30th of May 1830 the Executive seem to have reviewed & settled the rank of such Lieutenants & of the warrant officers of the Navy. Since then the uniform practice of this office has been to issue 4000 acres to a Lieutenant of the Navy; & $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres to each warrant officer of the Navy. Respecting the warrant officers of the Navy the Executive have, in several instances, directed the Register to issue $2666\frac{2}{3}$ acres, "in addition to what they (the warrant officers) had previously received." So likewise to Lieutenants $1333\frac{1}{3}$ acres in addition to $2666\frac{2}{3}$ previously received. These repeated sanctions[?] of the Executive seemed to have settled their opinion as to the rightful measure of Land bounty to the Navy officers

Since I have acted as the Register it has been the uniform practice, from which I recollect no exception, to issue to Lieutenants in the Navy the bounty due Captains in the Land Service; & to warrant officers in the Navy the bounty due Subalterns on Land.

The early practice of this office seems not to have been very uniform. Some Captains in the navy received $5333\frac{1}{3}$ the bounty due a Major in the Land service. Others, with out any apparent reason for the change, & without directions from the Governor & Council, receive only 4000 acres. This may have been occasioned by the Clerks' overlooking the distinction in the rank of Land & Naval officers in any of those cases without the special direction of the Executive; which direction has been given in some instances.

In relation to Boatswains & Gunners I have ascertained that 9 of them received smaller quantities of Land than it has been my practice to issue warrants for; some of those received 200 acres; others only 100 acres of Land; & Some of those have [undeciphered word] received the difference between the quantities issued & the quantity due subaltern officers on Land as for example, the Heirs of Wm House [William House VAS1620] who served as a Gunner See Advice of Council of the 29th July 1831; also the Heirs of Wyatt Riviere see Advice of 29 July 1831

My opinion, which [undeciphered] of little worth & is only given because it has been asked for, is that Lieutenants in the navy should receive the Land bounty awarded to Captains in the Land Service; & that warrant officers in the Navy should receive the Land bounty awarded to Subalterns on Land. In this opinion I have acted & shall continue to act while I issue Land bounty warrants unless it shall be the pleasure of the Executive to prescribe a different measure of compensation to those officers.

With great respect/ yr obt St/ W Selden

[The original of the following table is arranged in seven columns. Full names and numbers of pension and bounty-land applications are added. Not all Virginia bounty-land applications have yet been transcribed and assigned a number.]

A List of officers in the Navy with their Rank & Land bounty

Rank	Names	quant'y	
Lieut	Richd Servant [Richard Servant]	4000	
Gunner	Wm Lumber [William Lumber]	2666 ² / ₃	
Lieut	Robert Milliner	4000	
S[ailing] Master	Jenifer Marshall [Jenepher Marshall R70]	2666 ² / ₃	
"	Jno Murray [John Murray]	2666 ² / ₃	
Lieut	Wm Christian [William Christian]	4000	
Carpenters Mate	Levin Melson [VAS638]	2666 ² / ₃	
Midshipman	J Bloxum	2666 ² / ₃	
Gunner	Nimrod Perkins	2666 ² / ₃	
"	Jno Broadwater [John Broadwater]	2666 ² / ₃	
Boatswain	Alex Lang [Alexander Lang]	2666 ² / ₃	
Pilot	Rob Webb [Robert Webb]	2666 ² / ₃	
"	Levin Bird [R9]	2666 ² / ₃	
Boatswain	Isaac Waters	2666 ² / ₃	
Midshipman	Bev Copes [Beverly Copes]	2666 ² / ₃	
Carpenter	Jno Cropper	2666 ² / ₃	
Quarter Master	Laban Bailey	2666 ² / ₃	
Lt	Phil Chamberlayne [Philip Chamberlayne VAS2946]	4000	
Lieut	Jno Pettigrew [John Pettigrew]	4000	
Master at Arms	Wm Corbin [William Corbin]	2666 ² / ₃	
Q Master	Jas Broadwater [James Broadwater VAS2666]	2666 ² / ₃	
Carpenter	Jacobus White	2666 ² / ₃	
Boatswain	Jacob Phillips [VAS177]	2666 ² / ₃	
Master	Wm Bennett [William Bennett R8]	2666 ² / ₃	
Armorer	Moses Salsbury [Moses Saulesberry VAS667]	2666 ² / ₃	
Lt	Richd Parker [Richard Parker R81]	4000	
Gunner	Jas Burk [James Burk S6649]	2666 ² / ₃	100 had been drawn
"	John Burk	2666 ² / ₃	
"	Jas Gibson [James Gibson VAS1833]	2666 ² / ₃	
Midshipman	C Broadwater [Covington Broadwater VAS668]	2666 ² / ₃	
Gunners mate	Thos Lumber [Thomas Lumber VAS997]	2666 ² / ₃	
Lieut	Jos Singleton [Joshua Singleton S7510]	1333 ¹ / ₃	2666 ² / ₃ had been drawn
Gunner	Wm House [William House VAS1620]	2666 ² / ₃	
Lieut	Jas Watkins [James Watkins]	4000	
Lieut	Danl Richardson [Daniel Richardson R86]	1333 ¹ / ₃	2666 ² / ₃ had been drawn
"	Chas S Boush [Charles S. Boush R12]	1333 ¹ / ₃	d'o d'o
Midship'n	Ben Strother [Benjamin Strother R97]	2666 ² / ₃	
	And some few others since drawn		

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Midshipmen

Alexr Moore [Alexander Moore]	141	1783
Ben Taylor [Benjamin Taylor VAS2011]	1112	“
Josh McWilliams [Joshua McWilliams R75]	1334	“
Wm Cottrell [William Cottorell]	1577	“
Gawin Summerson	1579	“
Iveson Nuttall [Iverson Nuttall (Nuttal) VAS445]	1708	“
Martin Shearman	1722	“
Richd Sanders [Richard Saunders]	1813	“
Davd Henderson [David Henderson S5506]	1851	“
Seth Blunden	2095	“
Rodham Harcum [VAS1383]	2078	“
Jno Muir [John Muir VAS781]	2745	“
Sharpleigh Waddy	3281	1784
Hawson Kenner	3783	“
Edwin Eskridge	4072	“
Jesse Kent [VAS1046]	4174	1786
Jesse Muse [VAS798]	4226	“
Saml Eskridge [Samuel Eskridge VAS1285]	4266	1787
Wm March [William March]	4369	“
Jno Hubbard [John Hubbard VAS1636]	4384	“
Lot Harcum [Lott Harcum VAS1382]	4377	1788
Alexr Elliott [Alexander Elliott S31008]	4402	1788
Jno Hughlett [John Hughlett VAS1657]	4428	“
Jas Carrell [James Currell R31]	{4473}	“
	{4474}	
Dawson Cook [Dawson Cooke W4657]	4436	1794
Warren Ashby [VAS2305]	4637	“

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Other Warrant Officers

Jno Tupman [John Tupman R104]	213	1783	Master
Jno Gibson [John Gibson R52]	724	“	Sail[in]g Master
Rd Smart [Richard Smart VAS2520]	752	“	Master’s Mate
Jno Rydman [John Rydman]	819	“	Gunner
Lewis Jones [VAS1304]	1201	“	Masters Mate
Robert Dobson [R36]	1486	“	Saling Master
Jno Brittain [John Britain (Britton) R13]	1487	“	d’o
Jas Banks [James Banks W5762]	1504	“	d’o
Jno Jennings [John Jennings R48]	1877	“	d’o
Jno Moore [John Moore R78 or R78½]	1854	“	Master
Wm Ballard [William Ballard]	1960	“	Pilot
Burgess Longith [Burgess Longweth VAS974]	2818	“	Gunner
Thos Mains [Thomas Mains VAS473]	3580	1784	Quarter Master
Isaac Mercer [R76]	{4204}	1786	Master
	{4205}		
Ebenezer Price [VAS272]	4278	1787	Quarter Master
Ro Hall [Robert Hall R40]	4311	“	Master
Wm Cook [William Cook VAS2522]	4327	“	Gunner
Phil Evans [Phillip Evans VAS2521]	4331	“	Carpenter
Morris Lloyd [VAS956]	4401	1788	Gunners Ma[te]
Wm Green [Will Green VAS2519]	{4423}		Gunner
	{4424}		
Ambrose Arnando [VAS1102]	4424		“
A[?] Bennett [Artexrs (Artaxerxes) Bennett VAS2483]	4437		”
Silas Tucker	4689		Pri. Mas. [Prize Master]