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Virginia documents pertaining to William Chowning VAS2996
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

To the Agent of the State for settling Revolutionary Claims.

The Petition of the heirs of Wm Chowning respectfully represents that their ancestor Wm Chowning was a Surgeons Mate in the State Navy during the war of the revolution.

They [undeciphered word] of the State of Virginia the allowance of land Bounty and beg leave to refer to the evidence on [undeciphered word] in the proper department. See Report No 5 page 4.

Petition for bounty land.

The Heirs of Wm. Chowning Surgeons mate State navy.

The Journal of the Navy Board, & the Navy papers, shew that Wm Chowning was surgeons mate in the navy for some time. They do not [rest of sentence undeciphered] They do not shew [undeciphered word] this officer left the service before he had served 3 years nor before the end of the war. The facts of this case are, I believe, [undeciphered word] reported in printed list No 5, to which yr Excellency is refered. There it has been said "He was Surgeons mate on b'd the Tartar in 1779 & 1780, and was in service at the time of the reduction of the officers in 1781; after which he was probably supernumerary." I report the Petition reasonable.

If your Excellency should allow the bounty [undeciphered word] I presume it should be for the war.

His Excellency/ Gov'r [John] Floyd

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c
March 21st 1834

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

I John Chowning a resident of the county of Lancaster in the state of Va do upon oath testify and declare, that it is my belief, from the information I have received that my uncle William Chowning did enter the navy of Virginia in the war of the revolution and acted as a surgeon's mate in said navy, but in what ship or under what officers, or when he entered the service or when he left it, I am unable to say; but it is my belief that he died about the time the war closed, & never returned home to Middlesex County where he resided, as I have been informed. I further state my belief, that my s'd uncle left no issue, and that the following persons, being his nephews & nieces are his only heirs at law viz – Wm Chowning of Westmoreland County, Wm Shepherd, Middlesex, Thos. Wright, Essex, Jacob Chowning a seaman, Jas Chowning, Mary I, Eliza B, William, Mary Anne, Indiana M. Chowning all of Middlesex; Nancy Foster, Essex, Robt Reit[?] Lancaster, Churchill Kidd, & Mary Anne Kidd Middlesex, Lucy Shackleford western country, Thos Kidd near Williamsburg, Louisa Kidd, Lancaster, Elizabeth Major Middlesex, Sarah E R Owen, Lancaster, Maria Montague, Robt Blakey, Henrietta, Adaline, John and Jas Blakey all of Middlesex – Catharine Chowning & John Chowning Lancaster, Cordelia Oldham, Lancaster, Lucy Roane, Middlesex, Jas Chowning, Wm H Kesterson, Henrietta Mitchell, Felicia Kesterson all of Lancaster, Jas C Kesterson Gloucester, Edward Dobbins, Lancaster, Matilda C George ditto, Betsey Payne ditto, Jno Towles, Kenyon College, Thos Street Middlesex, Maria Yerby Lancaster,
J. Chowning

Lancaster County Va 29th Nov 1834

Col Jno Chowning personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county of Lancaster and made oath that he believes the facts stated above to be true

Wm H. Towles