

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Christie VAS3003  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Saturday the 3 day of August 1776.

Ordered that Col William Aylett keeper of the publick Stores deliver unto Doctor William Christie four pounds of Bark for the use of the Cruizer Liberty Capt Lilly [Thomas Lilly VAS923]

Extract from the Naval Journal page 31./ Jas E Heath/ Aud office/ Dec 14 1833

The affidavit of George Younger taken before me William Wright a Justice of the Peace for the County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia states that on the third day of last august he attained his 77<sup>th</sup> year. That in the first of the War of Independence in the year 1775 he enlisted in the Naval service of Virginia under John Smith who was at that time a Lieutenant of Marines. Deponent served nine months as a Marine, under his Command, was then put on board of the Independence Capt. Mathews; and about two years afterwards was transferred to the command of Capt. Thomas Bryant, who then commanded the Schooner Dolphin; Some time in the year 1778 or 1779 when off Tangier Island on a Cruise a little before sun rise, the Dolphin engaged two british armed barges but was compelled to sheer off, in consiquence of a considerable reinforcement coming to aid the enemy; five of the Americans were killed in that action and this deponent severly wounded, & the deponent continued crippled for some time, and remained with Capt. Bryant as well as he recollects about a year afterward. He then volunteered under Captain Johnson of the Virginia State line, was at the Seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and took part in several skirmishes until the final surrender of Lord Cornwallis to General Washington. The Deponent in the course of his several cruises frequently saw, and at one time received the medical aid of Doctor William Christie, who was a Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia, and who afterwards died during the War, whilst in active service; that the galley Accomack Commanded by Lieut. or Captain Davis, afterwards he think by one Harris rode consort with the Dolphin in many of her cruises,

Geo. hisXmark Younger

Norfolk County June 26<sup>th</sup> 1833

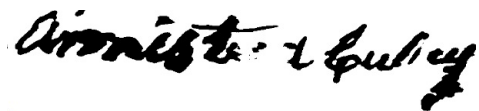
State of Maryland

City of Baltimore to wit

I Armistead Cully [Armistead Culley S8270] do hereby certify that I am now in my 76<sup>th</sup> year and am by birth a Virginian being born in Mathews county. I removed to the state of Maryland about 1[?] years ago, where I have resided. My recollection of the events of the Revolutionary War is very distinct, having served five years and seven months. that is, one year in a [undeciphered word] company commanded by Wm. Smith [William Smith], and the remaining four years and seven months in the Virginia State line on Continental establishment. I was personally acquainted with many of the Naval officers of the Virginia State Navy. Among them Lieutenant Joshua Singleton [S7510], Capt Robert Tompkins [R102], Captain Peter Thompson of the Henry Galley and also Doctor William Christie the last of whom to the best of my recollection died in the service they were all considered officers of high merit. I knew many other naval officers and could with a better reflection state their names and service at large

Given under my hand and seal this tenth day of July 1833.

witness/ Jesse Hunt



Elizabeth City County to wit

Before me William Hope a Justice of the County aforesaid personally appeared Anne Payne and being duly sworn states, that she was well grown during the revolutionary war, and has a distinct recollection of many of the incidents. The deponent was born and raised in the aforesaid County and knew many of the Officers both in the naval service and in the army, among them she was well acquainted with Doctor William Christie who was a Surgeon in the state Navy of Virginia and died to the best of her recollection some time in the year 1779 or 1780 – deponent was a young girl at the time, but her recollection of Dr. Christie enables her to speak positively of the fact.

[15 July 1833]

Anne herXmark Payner

Norfolk County, to wit,

I James Wood [S6445?], an old Revolutionary Soldier, do hereby Certify and declare, that I entered the service of Virginia, during the War of the Revolution, and was originally on Board of the Raleigh. Towards the close of the year 1776 I was transferred to other Vessels, in the naval service of Virginia, and afterwards went into the Continental service of the same, and continued throughout the war, and am now a revolutionary Pensioner. In the course of my services, I frequently saw Dr Christie who was a Surgeon in the Naval service; he died some little before the close of the War, but I cannot at this distant period, remember the circumstances, or time of his death precisely, though I am confident he died in the service, and in active employment.

[4 Sep 1833]

James hisXmark Wood

NOTES: The file includes an application for bounty land dated Norfolk, 22 Dec 1833 for the heirs of William Christie.