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Virginia documents pertaining to Edward Cowper (Cooper) VAS3164
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Cowper, Peter Edward. A certificate by Richard Payne is illegible.]

Virginia Elizabeth City County to wit

I hereby certify that I know Edward Cowper well and that he was a Pilot in the Virginia Navy in the Revolutionary war but I do not know in what year he enlisted or how long he served.

[signed] Susan Rudd

I was well acquainted with Edward Cowper the father of Captain John Cowper. He was an active patriot during the whole of the Revolutionary war and served as a pilot in the state navy of Virginia on board the several vessels of war attached to the said Navy. The time of his service, until the close of the war, exceeded six years.

James Barron [W12264]

Sworn to 7th July 1832 before Holt Wilson J.P.

The Petition of John Cowper sole heir of Edward Cooper respectfully states that said Edward was a Pilot during the greater part of the war and was such at its close. He was an opulent man during the early part thereof and sacrificed a large fortune in the service. His dwelling was burnt and other property destroyed because so generously used to promote the cause of his Country.

The affidavit of Commodore Barron recites the material facts of his claim. The letter of said Barron filed in Edward Ballards case [Edward Ballard VAS2360] is much more precise and particular and shows that the witness cannot well be mistaken.

Your Petitioner thinks no other evidence of the services of his father will be required & prays the allowance of land Bounty to be made to him. John Cowper by T Green atto.

NOTE: In the pension application of Edward Ballard (VAS2360) Edward Cowper is referred to as Edward Cooper.