

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Meredith Nelms VAS372

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Meredith Nelms a seaman belonging to the state Navy having faithfully & truly served three years in the service the term of his Enlistment is hereby Discharge

Given under my hand this 11th day of June 1780

A Copy

S/ James Markham¹

S/ J Pendleton Junior

Please to grant a Certificate for what land I may be entitled to unto Mr. Joseph Saunders for my services and this [indecipherable text] shall [indecipherable word] Discharge

S/ Meredith Nelms, X his mark

August 11, 1783

Saml. L. Straughan

To Mr. Meriwether

¹ Ken Kellow has posted at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20M.html> the following regarding Markham

MARKHAM, JAMES VA Captain, Virginia Navy On 1 April 1776 the Virginia Committee of Safety appointed James Markham as a Captain in the Virginia Navy and assigned him to the second galley building in the Rappahannock River. This was the galley that eventually was named the *Page*. [NDAR, "Minutes of the Virginia Committee of Safety," IV, 621. Note: Markham is not to be confused with John Marsden, as Stewart, *Virginia's Navy*, 12note apparently does.] On 20 July 1776 by the Virginia Council of Safety. Issued commissions to galley *Page*: James Markham, Captain, John Lurty, First Lieutenant, Henry Lightbourn, Second Lieutenant. [NDAR, "Journal of the Virginia Council of Safety," V, 1164 and notes] Dates of active service 20 July.