

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Newby VAS381

vsl 17VA

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

I certify that William Newby of Lancaster County Virginia enlisted in the State Navy of Virginia during the War of our Revolution for three years as a Ship Carpenter, and was stationed at Chickahominy Ship Yard, where he served out his time. He died many years ago leaving a son (William P Newby) who resides in Culpeper County Virginia. I was a Midshipman in said Navy during the time Ship Carpenter Newby belonged to the Service, and had personal knowledge of the facts above stated. Given under my hand 24th day of October 1837

S/ James Green¹

formerly Midshipman of the Ship *Tartar*

Lancaster County Sct.

Duke Fauntleroy who is a credible person & to be believed on his oath, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that William Newby of the County & State aforesaid to the best of his recollection enlisted into the naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War for the period of three years – That he went from this County to the Ship Yard on the Chickahominy River in the County of ___ & State aforesaid & continued in service for three years & that he had occasionally with him from this County to Negro carpenters belonging to a Mr. William Sydnor [?] of the County aforesaid. The said Fauntleroy moreover made oath that he is now ninety-two years old. Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1833.

S/ Jas. [indecipherable last name], JP

Lancaster County Virginia

The deposition of Richard Nicken² who was a soldier of the revolutionary war – state Navy deposed & saith that he knew William Newby of Lancaster County that he was stationed at the Chickahominy Ship Yard for 6 months while the said Nicken was there that he found the said Newby at the yard & left him there the said Newby was a ship carpenter & was employed in the yard. Given under my hand.

S/ Richard Nicken, X his mark

Report on the claim of the heirs of William Newby a ship Carpenter full land bounty for services performed by Newby in the war of the Revolution

¹ FPA W7563

² [Richard Nicken S5830](#)

To the Governor
Sir,

It appears, that William Newby was a ship Carpenter, in the Navy. He received his depreciation of pay as such – to wit –£186.1.8 – on the 8th day of May 1784, by Mr. fought LeRoy (see the Auditor's Certificate)

Richard Nicken, a Seaman in the State Navy in the Revolutionary war, says that he was stationed at the Chickahominy ship Yard for 6 months during his service and that he found the said Newby in service there as a ship Carpenter and left him so employed in the said shipyard – (see affidavit of Richard Nicken)

Duke Fauntleroy, a witness of character & credit, has deposed – that William Newby of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia, enlisted in the naval service of the State (he says United States, I presume through mistake) for 3 years, and that he went from the said County to the shipyard on the Chickahominy River, and continued in service for 3 years &c – (see the affidavit of Duke Fauntleroy.)

It appears that he received a large sum for the balance of his pay &c viz. £186.1.8.

It appears, that William Newby has received 100 acres of land either as Marine or as ship Carpenter, in the state Navy –

The above reported facts are all, having relation to this claim, which I am able to report.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
August 29, 1835

To the Governor of Virginia

Sir,

My father (William Newby deceased) was a Ship carpenter in the Service of the State of Virginia during the War of our revolution, and as such served as I have always understood from time, upwards of three years. He died in the County of Lancaster Virginia 2nd March 1815 and as I verily believe never received the bounty in land from Virginia which was promised by the state for his services as a Ship Carpenter, nor do I believe he has transferred his claim to the said bounty. I therefore ask of your Excellency to [indecipherable word] to the heirs of my said father any bounty in land that may be due for his services aforesaid, myself and two sisters who live in this state are the only heirs. I have the honor to be your Excellency's,

Obt. Servt.
S/ Wm Newby
S/ Thos. G. Rain
S/ Nancy N. Rain
S/ Sarah E. George

[Attested October 19, 1837

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

Your petitioners William P Newby, Thomas G Rains in right of his wife Anne who was Anne Newby – Daniel P. Mitchell and Virginia his wife, Warren George and Charles George which said Virginia, Warren and Charles all the heirs of Sarah E. Newby

Respectfully state that their ancestor William Newby was a warrant Officer of the Virginia Navy in the revolution more than three years, & never received the land bounty to which he was entitled nor has his Ayers sense. They now respectfully pray that it may be allowed them.

They are personally wholly uninformed of their own knowledge of the facts of his services but have no doubt whatever of the truth of the foregoing statement according to the information they have received from others. The aforesaid William P Newby avers that he has often heard his father speak of his service in the Navy and especially of a personal encounter during the same.

S/ Wm P. Newby



William Newby was a Carpenter in the State Navy & on 1st March 1831 was allowed for three years service as a Marine. He was evidently a Carpenter & account £186.1.8 depreciation – John Lowry's affidavit shows he was a Carpenter – as do the Records.

The Carpenter was as much an "officer" as a midshipman see Journals of Congress 15 November 1776 – page 549 – where it says "the pay of the officers of such vessels be" &c giving the Carpenter the place of the 5th Officer in the vessel.

The bounty due as Carpenter is now asked on the additional evidence – in place of that do as Marine which has been received –

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of May 1784, in the name of William Newby, as a Carpenter Navy for £186.1.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Fauntleroy and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
27th day of August 1835.

S/ Joseph Jackson, Clerk Auditor's Office

William Newby a Carpenter entered the Navy of Virginia in the War of the Revolution, he entered service early in the war about 1778 – I well recollect his going on board the vessel with several of my Father's acquaintances viz. Jno. Carter [John Carer?], Jno. Sowell [John Sowell?], Saml. Drmoval [Samuel ?]³, Thos. George [Thomas George] who was also a Carpenter – the said William Newby left currotoman [Corrotoman] River in the ship *Tartar*, they may have been transferred to other vessels, but they all went on board from my landing within a few hundred yards of my house I well recollect that William Newby was a Carpenter in the Navy and have frequently heard him speak of his services whilst in the Navy. Given under my hand this 22nd day of February 1838

S/ John Lowry



³ *Saml. Drmoval*