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Virginia documents pertaining to John Jester VAS3883
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

I certify that Elkanah Andrews [S6507] a Navy pensioner & a man of truth & veracity came before me & made oath that John Jester of this County sailed on board the Diligence galley for three years & remained in service till said galley was laid up [several undeciphered words] Given under my hand as a Justice of the Peace in & for Accomack County this [the rest undeciphered]

The heirs pray a reconsideration of their claim to Bounty land for his services as a Seaman in the Navy & refer to this & the papers formerly filed
March 7 1834 allowed 3 yrs J.F. [Gov. John Floyd]
Dep'n's [Depositions] referred to above are connected with those in Jas Walkers [James Walker VAS3884] case.

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

I certify that William Thornton sen'r. aged upwards of 75 years & who is a man of the strictest truth & veracity & of sound mind & memory, came before & made oath that he resided very near the place where the galleys "Accomack" & "Diligence" were built & manned & that he was acquainted with nearly all the Officers & men who belonged to said galleys & that he recollects that James Walker [VAS3884], Daniel Taylor [VAS3885], Adam Romas [VAS3886], & John Jester, were among those who enlisted on board the galley "Accomack" when she was first manned, and that they all served on board said galley until she was laid up, which was a period of nearly or quite four years. Witness my hand & seal this 23^d day of August 1832 at Accomack County, Va. Jno F Riley J.P.

Elkany Andrew, who is a man of truth & veracity and of sound mind & memory, came before me & made oath that he served on board the galley "Accomack" during the time she was in service in the Revolutionary War & that amongst others, James Walker, Daniel Taylor, Adam Romas & John Jester, enlisted on board said galley at or about the time said galley was first manned, & that they remained in service until said galley was laid up, which was a period of nearly or quite four years. Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of September 1832 at Accomack County. Jno F Riley J.P.

The names of Js Walker and Dan'l Taylor are on the lists in this Dept. corroborating the testimony offered and their claims are allowed from the same list. it is almost certain that Romas & Jester were not in service on the Galley between July & May [two undeciphered numbers]
[undeciphered] are rejected/ 8 June [1832]