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Virginia documents pertaining to Adam Romas VAS3886  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[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, & John Jester [VAS3883], 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<sup>d</sup> day of August 1832 at Accomack County, Va. Jno F Riley J.P.

Elkany Andrew [Elkanah Andrews S6507], 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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]

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1785, in the name of Adam Rowmas as a Seaman for £75.14, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Cropper [John Cropper W3781]

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832.  
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

To the Gov'r &c of Va

The heirs of Adam Romas Carpenters Mate pray a reconsideration of their claim presented last year & beg leave to refer to the report of the agent of the Executive, as well as to the former evidence.

Respectfully submitted/ The heirs.

Petition for bounty land.

Adam Romas – Carp'ters mate. S. Navy.

This claim was rejected by the Executive in June 1833 – a reconsideration of it has been ask'd and obtain'd.

The evidence of public documents, in relation to the claim, is – that Romas was regularly enroll'd as Carpenters mate, on board the Diligence Galley in 1780. His name is on the army Register. he

received £75.14. & his bal[ance] of his full pay, as seaman.

Two Respectable witnesses – Wm. Thornton sen'r., and Elkanah Andrews, say – that Adam Romas enlisted on board the accomac, when she was first mann'd, and servd on board the said vessel until she was laid up – which was nearly or quite, four years.

The officers & Seamen, of the state navy, were often transfer'd from one vessel to another, for a temporary service; and sometimes, permanently.

To his Excellency  
Gov'r Tazewell

Respectfully submitted  
John H Smith Com'r &c  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1834