

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William March VAS3990
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

The board of commissioners for Naval Affairs in Virginia to William March Gent.
These are to Certify that you the said William March have been Appointed Midshipman of the Raleigh
brig of war Mounting 12 Carriage Guns in the service of the Commonwealth of Virg'a for which this shall
be your sufficient warrant signed by Order of the board this 27th day of Oct 1776.

Thos. Whiting 1st Com[missione]r [Thomas Whiting]



King William County towit

This day personally before me a Justice of the peace for s'd County Wm Cottorel [William
Cottorell VAS3157] late a Midshipman in the Navy the state & proved by making oath to the same, that
he [undeciphered] a prisoner of war & confined in the same Joal [jail] in New York with William March
Midshipman & prisoner knows that he died in Captivity in the Month of June 1777. Given under my hand
this 28 May 1787.

James Hall

This is to Certify that Wm. March was taken in the Brig Raleigh. Capt. Ed. Travis Comd. [Edward Travis
Commander R103] & carried into New york & there died June 1777.

John Barrett jr Lt.

June 14 1787

Entitled to depret'n [depreciation pay] as a Midshipman from 1st January to 1st June seventy seven if no
settled. Aug't 16 87./ T. Meriwether

Copy J. Pendleton

Aug't 10 1787

I do hereby impower Mr. Jasper Hughes to settle my claim against the public as heir at Law to Wm.
March & to receive what ever may be due me

Richard March Jr.

I do Assign to Wm. Reynolds what may be due from the State to Wm. Mach dec'd as a Midshipman in the
Navy for a Consideration received this 16th Aug't 1787, also for the bounty in Land I warrant

Test. T. Trower

Jasper Hughes

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NOTE: The brig *Raleigh* was captured by the frigate *Phoenix* in April 1777. (Sanchez-Saavedra, E. M. *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1978.)