

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Ransone (Ransom) VAS4028

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ransone, Thomas.]

I Howard Hobday of Gloucester County Doth Certify that I am now in my sixty eighth year of age and that I knew Thomas Ransone who enlisted in the state service in the Navey but the name of the Vessill I do not recollect, he was gone from this County for several year and I believe remained in service untill the end of the war. I do not know what office he held and further I cannot say As Witness my hand and seal this first day of May in the year 1833
[signed] Howard Hobday

I Richard White [S6384] formerly of Gloucester C[page torn here and at places marked *] a resident of Portsmout near Norfolk, being [*] the county of Gloucester, do hereby certify that I knew [*] of this county. He was raised to the Piloting business under [*] the commencement of the Revolutionary war he enlisted as a[*] the army, some time about the year seventeen hundred and sev[*] as well as my memory serves me, but having been raised to the [*] he was allow'd to go into the navy service, and put on board of [*] of the navy vessels in york River where I frequently saw him passing [*]wards and forwards. I know he was on board the ship Draggon [sic: *Dragon*] commanded by Captain Markham [James Markham R72] and acted as a Boatswain on board of her for a considerable time. I believe he was on board of some of the other navy vessels in york river at different periods of the war, but do not recollect which of them. I am pretty certain he did not serve the whole of his time on board the Dragon, and am sure he remained in active service during the whole war. The said Thomas Ransone was taken into my Fathers family when he was a small boy, (having lost his mother at a very young age) and I knew him intimately from that time to the time of his death which hapened about ten years ago. I was also rased to the Piloting business with my Father and the said Thomas Ransone & myself were together for a number of years. I have a distinct recollection of his entering the service and being stationed for a while at york in the infantry service under captain Charles Tompkins [sic: Charles Tomkies W6304], and that he was permitted to go from there on board the navy vessels. as witness my hand and seal this 24th day of May AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.



I doubt if Mr. Shields signature be not a forgery – but whether or no the evidence to support this claim is prepared for the witness manifestly and if true, is still very unsatisfactory. Rejection advised
[undeciphered signature]

1833 May 20 Rejected J.F. [Gov. John Floyd]

1833 Nov 20 Rejected

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ransom, Thomas. This file includes certificates by Richard White and Howard Hobday that are mostly illegible.]

Virginia York County

This is to certify that I was a soldier in the revolutionary war and at this time a pensioner of the United States drawing ninety six dollars annually. I enlisted in the County of Gloucester under Capt. Addison Lewis [VAS899]. I further certify that I was intimately acquainted with Thomas Ransom who

was a Boatswain in the navy of Virginia in the revolutionary war and that the said Ransom served one enlistment and of three years and after the expiration of said enlistment he reinlisted and served to the close of the war. Given under my hand this 7th July 1838 Henry Buchanan [S37807]

Richmond Wednesday the 18th day of Oct'r 1780.

Thomas and Augustine Ransom being duly enlisted in the Navy of Virginia, have leave of absence untill the 28th Instant.

The foregoing is extracted from Minutes of the Navy Board to be found in the 1st Vol. of papers concerning the State, and is a true extract

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 16 day of Novem'r 1838

Jas E Heath aud

Additional Evidence in the Case Boatswain Thomas Ransom

County of Gloucester }

State of Virginia }

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Joel Jenkins an old and respectable witness and after being duly sworn made the following statement to witt, That he was well and intimately acquainted with Thos Ransom a Boatswain attached to the navy of the Revolutionary war and know well that said Ransom did serve in the Navy upwards of five years and that his Brother Augustin Ransom served also in the navy with him, given under my hand this 11th day of Feby 1839 [undeciphered signature]

County of Gloucester }

State of virginia }

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Jacob Jenkins an Old and Respectable witness and after being duly sworn made the following statement towitt, That he was well and intimitly acquainted with Thos. Ranson a Boatswain attatched to the Navy of the Revolutionary war and know well that said Ranson did seve in the Navy upwards of four years and that his Brother Augustin Ranson served also in the Navy with him, given under my hand this the 11th day of Feb'y 1839 [undeciphered signature]

State of virginia }

County of Gloucester }

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County an Old and Respectable witness Howard Hobdy, who after being duly sworn made the following statement, towitt That he was well acquainted with Thos. Ranson a Boatswine who was attatched to the Navy of the Revolutionary war and also knew his Brother Augustin Ranson who also was in the sevice of the Navy and well knew that they must have served in the said service upwards of three years

Given under my hand this the 11 day of Feb'y 1839 [undeciphered signature]

NOTE: I did not find in the online version of the rejected-claim file a signiture by Shields.