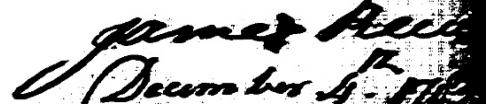


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Virginia documents pertaining to James Reaves (Reeves) VAS4188
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The index card is headed, "Reaves, James- Able Seaman- Navy. It refers to papers in the file of James Jennings VAS365, which includes a roster of the ship *Dragon* listing a James Reavis or Reaves. One document in the file is illegible.]

S'r Please to grant a Certifycate for what Land I may be Intitled to unto Joseph Sanders and it will greatly Oblige Your [undeciphered] James Reev[es]
Test/ Henry Hinton December 4th 1783
To Colo Meriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether]



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia:

The memorial of the undersigned, residents of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, respectfully represent, that they are the only children & heirs at law of James Reaves decd. who was a resident of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia, & so far as they have been informed, they have every reason to believe, that the said James was a Seaman in the state navy during the Revolutionary War, & served till the close of the War. Your memorialists have not been able to ascertain the year the said James enlisted or onboard of what vessel he entered the service, but are informed that in Sept. 1779 he was onboard the *Dragon* then commanded by Capt. James Markham [R72]. At this late period it is almost impossible to find any person old enough to prove positively the time of enlistment & service and believing the naval journals afford sufficient proof they confidently rely on them particularly as the said James is reported to be entitled to bounty land by Jno. H. Smith Esqr [Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims for Virginia]. Should the Journals not shew the facts, to your Excellency's satisfaction, they trust their claim may not be rejected; but suspended for the purpose of giving them an opportunity [the rest missing at bottom of page]

Corporation of Fredericksburg Sct.

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said Corporation aforesaid, Lucinda Phillips & Elizabeth Williams the signers to the foregoing memorial, and made oath in due form, that the same is believed by them to be true. Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1834.

[signed] Samuel Phillips JP