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Virginia documents pertaining to John Revell VAS4194
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I Levin Hyslop [W7858] of accomack county aged 76 years do hereby certify that I knew John Revell well during the war of the Revolution and I do certify that he was in the Service of the Virginia State Navy more than three years during the said war; but I do not recollect what office he held, but I do know that he was an officer of some grade in the said navy. Given under my hand this 1st of January 1831.

Levin Hyslop hisXmark

The deposition of Hillary Means aged 72 years he being first duly sworn, deposeseth and saith that in a very early period of the war of the revolution he knew John Revell as an officer in the virginia State navy during the said war; and that he continued in service as an officer in the said navy for more than 3 years but how much longer he cannot recollect nor does he now recollect what was his proper rank or office but he well recollects that he was an officer in the said services – this deponent has always understood and believes that the said John Revell was in a naval action between the american and British vessels not far from the coast of this county.

Hillary Means hisXmark

Accomack County to wit

The above deposition was sworn to by the above named Hillary Means this 12 of March 1831. Given under my [the rest missing from bottom of page]

State of Virginia Accomack County Ss

James Poulson aged Sixty Two years made Oath on the Holy Evangelists, That he was well acquainted with John Revell dec'd late of said County for many years before his death. And the deponent has often heard said John Revell & many others say that he was in service for a considerable length of time in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary War, and that he was severely wounded in an action with some British Bays [sic] in the Chesapeak [sic: Chesapeake] Bay. The deponent has seen the scars caused by those wounds as he understood and beleives. How long the said Revell was in service this deponent does not know but he has often understood that said Revell was an active and vigilant Officer. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 26 day of March 1831

Levin L. Joynes J.P.

[signed] James Poulson

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

State of Virginia }
Accomack County }

I William Welburn [S7856] aged 69 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Revell decd. he and I were raised together by the late Col. Corben of this County, and from my own knowledge I certify and make known, that he was an officer in the Virginia State Navy during the war of the revolution, and was in service in the said navy more than three years, but I do not at this distant period of time recollect what office he bore: from my own personal observation I also certify that when the vessel to which he was attached was in harbour he would join the troops on land so that he was always in constant service either on sea or land, and whenever the vessel to which he was attached was again ready for service he would again join her – he was perhaps one of the most valuable officers in the State during that period. I have always lived in this County and am well acquainted with the services rendered by the State Navy on the coast during the war of the revolution. Given under my hand this 2^d day June 1831.



On reference to “A list of State and Navy Officers who have received certificates for the balance of their full pay &c” under an act of November Session 1781, filed in this department – it appears that a certificate issued on the 27 Nov 1787 in the name of John Revell Gun mate [Gunners Mate] for £26.9.11
Jos Jackson Clk of Aud/ Aud’s Office 20 Feb’y 1832.