

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Robins VAS4269
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

I do hereby Certify that Mr. John Robins Enlisted with me the 8th day of February 1777 as Midshipman to Serve in the Navy of this state for the Term of Three years. Given from under my hand this 12th day of Octob'r 1784
John Thomas [R100] Capt

Examined & Passed: Mr. Robins claim as Midshipman Only.
Octo'br 28th 84 T Meriwether Com'r

I do believe that Jno Robins Clk. [Clerk] & Midshipman on Board the Ship Tempest in the State Navy Seved until the first of Septemb'r (or their abouts) in the year 1780 After which he had or was entitled to a full Discharge. The time he sev'd as Clk. I Do not well rememb'r but believe it to be about twelve or fourteen Months.

Given under my hand this 24th Octo 1784

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W. H. Parker Lt [William Harwar Parker R82]

I believe the within Certificate to be Just being well Acquainted with Mr. Will'm Parker, who was Lieut. on Board the Ship Tartar & believe he we would not give a Certificate where it was not Right

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Rich'd Taylor [Richard Taylor S25873] Capt. S. N.
Certified Octob'r 26th 1784

To The Governor of Virginia

The Petition of the heirs of John Robins respectfully states that he was a Midshipman in the Virginia Navy more that three years in the Revolution and on the 24 of Oct. 1784 was allowed by the Executive the land Bounty due a Midshipman for 3 years. The evidence on file shows conclusively that the allowance was correctly made.

Yet by some strange misconception of his rights, he received 200 acres only instead of 2666²/₃ acres, which every other midshipman, who drew any land, obtained.

The Register [of the Land Office] is fully sensible of the right of your petitioners to the remaining 2466²/₃ acres, but after this great lapse of time declines to act without the direction of the Executive. Yr. petitioners pray that the error may be corrected and that they may now receive what they are so evidently entitled to. which is respectfully submitted by
T. Green/ Atto for the heirs

Capt Saunders [probably Celey Saunders], Capt. Taylor & one other Officer of high rank, stated that Mid. John Robins was in Service upwards of 3 years. John Cannady [John Cannday (Canady) S9161] of Stafford County in his Aff't in favor of Mid. Jno Pierce [John Pierce VAS189] says that Jno Robins was 3 years in service to his knowledge