

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Tunnel (Tunnell) VAS431 [vsl var. files](#)

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

Of the Deposition of James Davis Aged sixty-nine or thereabouts being duly sworn deposeth and saith that while he was engaged in keeping Guard along the Shores of Ginchoteague against the Refugees in the Revolution he knew a certain Jacob Philips who enlisted on Board the Row galley *Accomack* under the command of Captain Underhill and served during the whole of his service until she was laid up and he regularly discharged. Further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Davis, X his mark

[List of names labeled "seamen 1833"]

Wm Tunnel

Jos: Tunnel

Wm Riggs

Geo. B. Riggs

Labon Mariner

Wm Miles

Elisha Madrid

Miles Northam

Elijah Ross

Thos. [illegible]—Taylor

Geo Becket

Js Collins

Stephen Collins

Danl Taylor

Severn Taylor

Ayres Taylor

Spence Warlins

Jno White

Tho. Harlow

Dan Lewis

Jacob Philips

Jas Warrington

Jas Tunnel

Jos. Webb

Of the Deposition of Elhanah Andrews of the County of Accomack aged sixty-eight years: Being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was amongst the first that enlisted on board to the galley *Accomack* and he enlisted for the term of three years and served until the galley was laid up and he with the following named Seaman an officers and they and himself regularly discharged that he was well acquainted with William Tunell [William Tunnell?], Jayseph Tunnel [Joseph Tunnell?], Wm Riggs [William Riggs], Gorge B. Riggs [George B. Riggs], Laben Mariner [Laban Mariner], William Miles, Elisha Madred [Elisha Madrid?], Miles Northon [Miles Northam?], Elijah Colens [Elijah Collins?], Donnel Taylor [Donald or Daniel Taylor?], Sevren Taylor, Ayers Taylor, Spencer Wartens, John Whitt, Moses Hester, Dannel Lewis [Daniel Lewis?], Jacob Philips, and James Warington and James Tunnel [James Tunnell?] & Jayseph Weel [Joseph Webb?].

S/ Elhanah Andrews, X his mark

[acknowledged May 26, 1832 in Accomack County Virginia]

14-page file under the name "William Tunnell"

The deposition of Elhana Andrew [Elhanah Andrews] who served in the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution being first duly sworn Deposed and saith that he served in the Navy with Selathel Simpson who was master at arms on board the *Diligence* Galley & served his three years, and remained until she was laid up and sold. Said Simpson served a greater part of his time as Seaman but was towards the last of his service made master at arms and so continued until the Galley was laid up and sold.

Given under my hand this 29th day May 1841

S/ Elkana Andrews, X his mark

[Attested May 29, 1841 in Accomack County Virginia]

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Men belonging to the *Accomack* Galley for back rations of Spirits Commencing the 21st July and continuing until the 15th of October 1779

Men's Names	Rank	No. of Days	Gallons	Quarts	Pints	½ pints
John Morris	Lieutenant	23	1	1	1	1
Jenipher Marshall	Master	23	1	1	1	1
Bartholomew Mear	Qt Master	23	1	1	1	1
William Tunnell	Do	23	1	1	1	1
Joseph Tunnell	private	23	1	1	1	1
& the privates continue down to No. 43						

Above certified as a true copy from the records in the Auditor Office in Richmond 9 August 1841

12th May 1780

We the undersigned hereby acknowledge the receipt of four months pay of John Teackle Paymaster to the *Diligence* & *Accomack* Galleys

Richard Parker

Lieutenant

Labin Bailey

Master

Thomas Parker

Midshipman

Jacobus White	Carpenter
Leavin Bird	Pilot
Jacob Philips	Boatswain
James Rolley	Gunners Mate
Selathiel Simpson	Master at Arms

[the above certified as a true copy of records in the Auditors Office August 9, 1841]

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned, heirs of William Tunnell respectfully represent that the said William Tunnell has received land bounty as Seaman, whereas his services was as a Quarter Master, for which last services he is entitled to the bounty to which other warrant officers of the Navy were entitled, and which have been invariably received by such.

For proof that said Tunnell was a warrant officer will Quarter Master in the Navy, they refer to the commissioners report in this case, Document 6, Page 18, December Session, 1835, and also document 33, page 17, of same session, from which it will be perceived that he is reported by [indecipherable word] Smith as Quarter Master. They also refer to the detail report of the same in full in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, & to the papers originally filed in the case.

On this statement & the documents referred to, and own authority of the Navy Journals in the Auditor's Office which show Tunnells to have been a Quarter Master, they asked the additional allowance of the difference between the bounty of a Seaman and that of a Quarter Master. See Report to the Council Chamber of Comr. Smith in writing on page 322.

Heirs of William Tunnells
Samuel C. White, their atty.

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Men's Names	Rank	No. of Days	Gallons	Quarts	Pints	½ pints
John Harris	Lieutenant	23	1	1	1	1
Jenipher Marshall	Master	23	1	1	1	1
David Murrey	Ms. Mate	23	1	1	1	1
Thomas Howard	Midshipman	23	1	1	1	1
William white	Surgeon's Mate	23	1	1	1	1
Robert Webb	Pilot	23	1	1	1	1
John Field	[indecipherable]	23	1	1	1	1
John Cropper	Carpenter	23	1	1	1	1
Levin Milson	[Indecipherable] mate	23	1	1	1	1
Joshua Johnson	Boatswain	23	1	1	1	1
Jabez Taylor	[Indecipherable] mate	23	1	1	1	1
John Broadwater	Gunner	23	1	1	1	1
Isaac Water	[Indecipherable] mate	23	1	1	1	1
William Simpson	Cook	23	1	1	1	1
Bartholomew Mears	Quarter Master	23	1	1	1	1
Willam Tunnell	ditto	23	1	1	1	1
Joseph Tunnell	Private	23	1	1	1	1

Henry Roger	ditto	23	1	1	1	1
Stephen Collings	ditto	23	1	1	1	1
James Collings	ditto	23	1	1	1	1

[Above satisfied as a true copy of records in the Auditors Office in Richmond May 17, 1851]

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

The heirs of Salathiel Simpson respectfully represent that the said Simpson has received bounty as a Seaman, whereas he performed services as master at arms, which will appear from Commissioner Smith's Report Document 31, page 18, Session 1835, also document 33, page 16, document 38, page 16, from the original papers filed in this case and from the first volume Navy Journal in the Auditors Office which show from the pay rolls of the Diligence Galley that said Simpson was a master at arms.

They therefore asked additional allowance of bounty for the difference between the bounty of a Seaman and that for a master at arms.

Heirs of S. Simpson
Saml. C. White, Their attorney

12th May 1780

We the subscribers hereby acknowledge the receipt of four months pay of John Teackle paymaster to the *Diligence & Accomack* Gallies

Richard Parker	Lieutenant
Labin Bailey	Master
Thomas Parker	Midshipman
Jacobus White	Carpenter
Leavin Bird	Pilot
Thomas Sowel	Stewart & Clerk
Jacob Philips	Boatswain
James Rolley	Master at arms
Addam Romas	Carpenter Mt [mate?]
Solomon Powell	Qur. Master
Simon Stevens	Cook
Wm Phillips	Seaman
Southy Bailey	Do [ditto]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that I enlisted on board the galley *Accomack* as a midshipman, for three years, before she was equipped for service, & served till compelled by ill health to leave the galley, which I did, on condition of serving again if required, & that I was well acquainted with William Tunnell, who enlisted as a Seaman on board said galley about the same time, for three years & remained in service whilst I served, and was afterwards made a quarter master & served as such till discharged.

S/ Scarborough Bloxson

[Attested in Norfolk July 5, 1833]

Scarborough Beeson

The deposition of William Thornton Senior age 74 years who says that he was born & raised very near where the galleys *Accomack & Diligence* were built & launched, and that he was well acquainted with William Tunnell who enlisted on board the *Accomack* about the time she went into service & remained in service on board said galley until she was dismantled & her crew discharged a period of about four years —: And that he verily believes & always understood that the crew of said galleys were enlisted at first for three years.

S/ William Thornton Senior, X his mark

[attested in Accomack County June 28, 1833]