

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Sturdivan (Sturdivant) VAS4516
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Sturdivan, John, Jr.]

I do hereby certify that John Sturdivant Jun'r of the county of Prince George entered on board a rogally [sic: row galley] (I think) called the Rawleigh [*Raleigh*] as a second Lieutenant of Marines in the spring of the year 1776 in the old revolutionary War which Galley was commanded by Joel Sturdivant Sen'r [VAS4518] of the aforesaid County of Prince george, and that he continued on board the same untill the Death of his Captain, or untill the Rogally was dismissed the service of the United States.
given under my hand this 7th day of April 1818 Mary E. Manlove

Dinwiddie County to wit.

Mrs Mary E. Manlove, aged 65 or 7 or thereabouts, this day made oath before me, a Justice of the peace for said County, that the within certificate contains the truth to the best of her recollection and belief.

Given under my hand this 29th April 1818.

I do hereby Certify, that I was well acquainted with John Sturdivant Jr. Dec'd of the County of Prince george and from frequent conversation with him am fully of opinion that he commanded, as Lieutenant, on board a Gally, a Company of Marines and from common report also, I am convinced he did. I am unable to say how long he did Command. It was in the Old Revolutionary War between Great Britain & America.
F. W. Young

I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with John Sturdivant Jun'r Deceased, of Prince George County and am fully of opinion, that the said John Sturdivant, Commanded a Company of Marines, on board of a Roe Gally, in the old Revolutionary War, between Great Britain & america, as Lieutenant and I am fully of opinion also that he was in that command three or four years. Three years at least. Given under my hand this 18th day of May 1818.
John Griffin
[Petersburg]