

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Reuben Triplett VAS4765
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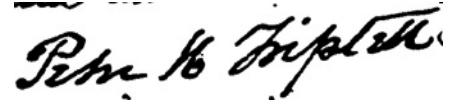
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Journal Navy Board
Monday 13th July 1778.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Mr. Slaughter, Reuben Triplett, John Prince & Benj. Strother [Benjamin Strother R97] two handkerchiefs each on their paying for the same; and three quires of paper for the use of the Ship Tempest.

This is to Certify that Reuben Triplett was a midshipman in Virginia Navy in the year 1776 I saw him in Philadelphia in that year – as Witness my hand and Seal this the 16 day of January 1832

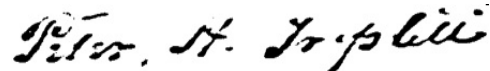
Peter H. Triplett [W2706]



I Peter H. Triplett of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia do declare that I was in the army of the Revolution; that I went to the north, at an early period of the war under the Command of Colo Gibson [George Gibson BLWt1985-500] which was in 1777 but early in 1776 I was a Marine on board the Liberty Sloop of war Commanded by Com'dr Walter Brooke [R14] and sailed from the port of Alexandria. In that year I saw Reuben Triplett he was then in service a midshipman and was a meritorious, young officer active, zealous, brave and inteligent, and highly respected by his brother officers; he was in service at least three years. He was from the county of prince William, near Loudon [sic: Loudoun County], [undeciphered] His heirs reside in that section of country as I have understood but their names I do not recollect, nor do I recollect ever having heard their names repeated to me. The said Reuben, was certainly from the section of country I speak of for I knew him well and knew that he was in the service as stated above. Given under my hand in Culpeper County this 7th march 1834 in the 80 year of my age.

Witness

Wm S. Field



To His Excellency The Governor of Virginia

The petitioners, Children and distributees of the late Reuben Triplett dec'd who was a midshipman and Clerk on board of one of the State vessels in the war of the Revolution, Respectfully States

That their ancestor was a midshipman in the State Navy of Virginia at an early period of the Revolutionary War and remained in service as a Mids'n & Clerk long enough to entitle him to bounty Land.

The Journals of the Navy Board will show that in July (13th) 1778 supplies were delivered to him & others for the use of the Ship Tempest. The name is to be seen repeatedly on the old navy journals and will prove the service as stated and the aff't of Peter Triplett of Culpeper shows that the said Reuben Triplett was in service so early as 1776. It appears that mids'n Triplett never rec'd his bounty in lands and that he died in the county of Loudon many years ago leaving several children who now ask that the bounty in lands may be accorded to [undeciphered] that is by law personally granted to officers of that grade.

And feels in duty bound ever to pray
Felix Triplett Reuben Triplett Roderick Triplett
by their Atto A. M. Green