

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Marshall VAS490

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

To his Excellency Lyttleton W Tazewell Governor of Virginia

The Memorial of Jane Marshall of the County of King George respectfully represents that she is the widow and relic of the late James Marshall deceased who served in the Navy of Virginia in the Revolutionary War in the capacity of Midshipman; that the said James Marshall served upwards of three years and returned home to the County of King George and some time afterwards died there, leaving no children. She further states that she does not remember at what time he entered the service nor under what officer he served but presumes there may have been returns made showing these facts.

S/ Jane Marshall, X her mark

[attested August 18, 1835]

To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Pretty Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia –

Your Memorialist Jane Marshall of the County of King George in the State of Virginia begs leave respectfully to represent That her late husband James Marshall formerly of said County, enlisted as a Midshipman in the Navy of the State of Virginia during the War of the Revolution and some time in 1776 or 1777 under one Captain Stafferd Lightburn [Stafford Lightburne]¹ who commanded a Rowing Galley on the Rappahannock River and that he said James Marshall continued in that service to the end of the Revolutionary War having served as a Midshipman more than three years as it appears from the archives of the State that he was serving in that capacity as Midshipman or [indecipherable word] of a public armed vessel called the *Tempest* in 1778 and he is entered in Mr. Smith's Register of the Officers of the State Navy [illegible word or words] page, as being entitled to Land bounty for service of three years. Your Memorialist will further represent that at the close of the Revolutionary war said James Marshall returned to his residence in King George County and shortly thereafter died intestate without leaving any children or their representatives and without any paternal or maternal parents that your

¹ LIGHTBOURNE, STAFFORD: First Lieutenant, Virginia Navy :On 17 June 1776 Stafford Lightbourne was appointed as First Mate [Lieutenant] on the Virginia Navy Galley *Lewis* (Captain CELEY SAUNDERS). [NDAR, "Minutes of the Virginia Committee of Safety," V, 593-594 and 594 note] He was commissioned on 20 July 1776. [NDAR, "Journal of the Virginia Council of Safety," V, 1164 and notes] According to Stewart this was on 2 August 1776. [Stewart, 215-216] He later commanded the *Lewis* and resigned his commission on 12 May 1778. [ibid] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20L.html>

memorialist has heard of & she is convinced that by the [image of the document becomes very broken up and difficult to read at this point but it appears to state that under the Virginia laws passed by the General Assembly she is entitled to the military bounty land to which her husband was entitled.]

[Charles Higdon² gave testimony on August 22, 1835 in King George County Virginia, that he saw James Marshall serving in the naval service on the Rappahannock River in 1779 or 1780; that said Marshall died shortly after the revolutionary war without children leaving a widow named Jane Marshall. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[George Strother³ gave testimony on June 6, 1834 in King George County Virginia that he is about 75 years old; that he knew James Marshall enlisted in the revolutionary war under Captain Stafford Lightburne to serve only Roe [sic] galley on the Rappahannock River.



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29th day of June 1784, in the name of James Marshall, as a Midshipman for £46.14.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to M. King and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
24th day of March 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

² [Charles Higdon S5538](#)

³ [George Strother S18611](#)