

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ishmail Andrews VAS491

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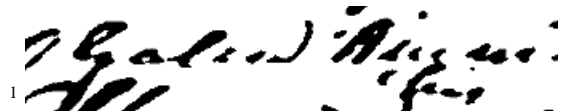
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Virginia Accomack County

Be it remembered that Elkanah Andrews of said County this day personally appeared before me John F Riley a Justice of the Peace of said County and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that during the Revolutionary War this deponent enlisted as a sailor for three years in the County of Accomack on board the Galley called the *Accomack* commanded by Captain William Underhill. That the deponent continued to serve [one or more indecipherable words] the said Galley until [paper damaged, text obliterated] – discharged and the Galley laid up. That Ishmael Andrews was Lieutenant of the said Galley during the whole time the deponent was engaged on board of her and until he was regularly discharged. The deponent cannot say with certainty the time he enlisted on board the said Galley but he thinks it was in the year 1778. The said Ishmael Andrews was engaged in enlisting the men of the said Galley before the Deponent enlisted on board of her but for how long before the deponent cannot speak with certainty. The said Galley belonged to the Navy of the State of Virginia. That Jenifer Marshall was Sailing Master and Robert Millener [?] was also a Lieutenant on board the said Galley during the whole time the deponent was employed on board and the said Ishmael Andrews is now dead and at his death left only one child who is named Caty and is now the wife of Galean [?] [Indecipherable]¹ now of Accomack.

S/ Elkanah Andrews, X his mark

I William Thorton of Accomack County aged 73 & upwards years do hereby certify and declare that whilst the armed vessels called the *Accomack* & *Diligence* belonging to the State Navy during the war of the revolution were being built I lived within two miles of them and was very often at the yard in which they were constructed and I was present when they were launched: I further certify that William Underhill & Johannes Watson for a long time before the said vessels were launched and at the time they were launched superintended their construction – the said Watson and Underhill established a rendezvous near the said vessels for the crews thereof which they enlisted – I do further certify that after the said vessel were launched the said Watson was Captain & commander of one of them and the said Underhill of the other – The said vessels were built at the landing of Isaiah Johnson and the said Underhill & Watson were engaged in


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recruiting & attending to the construction of the said vessels at least 6 months before they were launched – I also certify that I was well acquainted with Jenifer Marshall who served as a sailing master under the command of Captain Underhill – I also was well acquainted with Ishmael Andrews who was a Lieutenant under the said Underhill – I was also well acquainted with Robert Millinor who was a Lieutenant under Captain Watson – they were also 80 and assisting the said Underhill & Watson in recruiting the crews for the said vessels which were built and launched at the beginning of the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 30 of November 1830

S/ William Thorton, X his mark

State of Virginia Accomack County SS

Be it remembered that Thomas Cropper of Accomack aged upwards of 68 years this day personally appeared before me William R Custis a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath on the Holy Evangelists That during the Revolutionary War he was well acquainted with the Galley called the *Accomack* belonging to the Navy of the State of Virginia and commanded by Captain William Underhill. The *Accomack* was usually stationed at Chincoteague and this deponent was frequently on board of her and was well acquainted with all the officers and many of the seamen belonging to her. That Ishmael Andrews of said County was Lieutenant of the said galley from the time she was launched until she was finally dismantled and laid up near the close of the Revolutionary War. The deponent can not say with certainty how long he knew the said Galley in service as aforesaid, but he is satisfied it was upwards of 2 years. So far as this deponent knows or has ever understood, the said Ishmael Andrews conducted himself while in service in an officer like manner.

S/ Thomas Cropper

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Cropper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the beginning of the word "Thomas".

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 10th day of September 1830

S/ Wm R. Custis