

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Williams VAS5017  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

I certify that John Williams formerly of Hampton served three years in the Va. Navy in the Revolutionary War in the character of Pilot. Thos. Jennings Sen'r  
[Norfolk Borough, 27 Dec 1831]

I certify that John Williams was three years a Pilot in the Virginia Navy in one of the gallies – to the best of my recollection the Manly [*Manley*] – during the Revolutionary War.  
[Elizabeth City County, 9 Jan 1832] Wm. Jennings [possibly William Jennings S5615]

The heirs of John Williams who was a Pilot in the Va. Navy in the Revolutionary War respectfully pray of the Executive of Va. the allowance of Land Bounty due a Pilot in the Navy.

They file the Auditors & register's certificates & the affidavits of Thomas Jennings & Wm. Jennings. Janry. 12<sup>th</sup> 1832.

I certify that John Williams served the greater part of the Revolutionary War as Pilot of the Manly Galley in the Virginia Navy of which I was first Lieutenant under Capt Ed. Travis [Edward Travis R103]

Joshua Singleton [S7510]

[Gloucester County, 27 March 1832]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Singleton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Memorial of Willams of [illegible] County Sate of Kentucke To His Excellency the Govenor of the State of virginia your Memorilist Respectfully Showeth That he is the Son and only heir at law of the late John Williams who was an officer in the State Navy in the Virginia State Line and From the best information that he has been able to obtain his Father was a Pilot and served untill the Close of the War as such your Memorilist has no Recollection of ever seeing of his Father but have often heard ould men of the Revoluton say he was an officer in the Navy and a true [truer?] whig never lived I well Recollect of hearing Col. Derlied Say Pinting to me that Boys Father was the best man that I ever had to Command or manage a vesell your memorilist Refer to Records for the Service of his Father and Confidentially hopes and believes just will be done his as a Poor applar[?] & an officer of the Revolution who is [illegible] to present to your Excelecy [illegible]

Respectfully give from under my hand this 18 day of July 1837 William Williams