

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Wilson VAS5043  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

We Cyrus Wilson & Elizabeth B. Yerby only heirs at law of John Wilson decd. late a Midshipman in the State Navy during the Revolutionary, do respectfully ask for the bounty land (& commutation pay, if any) due for the Services of said John Wilson. All those persons who were old enough to recollect him in the time of the Revolutionary war; are dead, or have removed from this section of Country so that they have not been enabled to obtain the necessary evidence in regard to his services. From what they have heard they believe the said John was a Midshipman in the Navy & they have moreover been informed, he is reported entitled to bounty land by John H. Smith Esqr. Ag't. for the Commonwealth in one of his lists No. 5 pa. 8 & they hope an order may forthwith issue for his services as aforesaid & they as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Cyrus Wilson Elizabeth B. Yerby

Lancaster Co./ 4th April 1834

Petition for bounty land.

The heirs of John Wilson Mid. S. Navy.

This officer has been reported by me in the printed list No 5 of officers of the Navy &c &c entitled to land for a service of three years.

John Wilson was Midshipman Feb'y 7 1778 (see memo on loose sheets of the navy Journal in 1<sup>st</sup> Auditors office) – He then belonged to the Hero Galley.

In Decr (7<sup>th</sup>) 1779 he was Midshipman in the Transport commanded by Celey Saunders Capt. [VAS4353] (see [undeciphered] of [undeciphered] for the Tempest vol. 1<sup>st</sup> navy papers) see also other Papers of the Tempest, which shew him at other times in [undeciphered]

I have several times reported to your Excellency the principles which [undeciphered] me in reporting upon the claims of Midshipman in the State navy. I still think them correct; and under the influence of those principles, & the evidence above mentiond, I have reported this claim as good, for a service of three years.

Resply submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1834

Warrant Officers on Board the Hero Galley and their dates.

Jno Kautzman [John Valentine Kautzman R59] Midshipman      dated Sept. 3 1777.

Jno Wilson      D'o      dated Feb'y 7 1778.

Francis Powell [VAS253]      D'o      dated May 14 1778.

The foregoing is a Copy of an endorsement on the back of an Old Naval Journal filed in this Office. Jas. E. Heath Aud'r Va./ aud off Nov. 7 1834