

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Francis Reed VAS57

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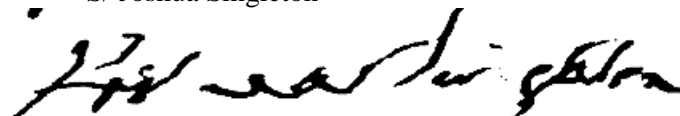
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The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection contains the following documents in its bounty land records relating to this veteran:

Gloucester County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Henry L Neville [?] a Justice of the Peace for the said County Joshua Singleton¹ of the said County who being first sworn as the law directs saith that he was well acquainted with Francis Read [sic] of the Parish of Kingston and County aforesaid that part now Mathews County and knows that he was a midshipman on board the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins during the Revolutionary War, but does not know how long he served but he believes he served at least three years, this affiant states that he was a Lieutenant in the Navy during that war that he was first attached to the Galley *Manly* Captain Edward Travis from which vessel he was transferred to the Galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins from whence he was again transferred to the Ship *Dragon* and further this affiant sayeth not.

S/ Joshua Singleton



The foregoing affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me I didn't certify that the said Joshua Singleton is a credible witness given under my hand & seal this 7th day of May 1833

S/ H. L. Neville [?], JP

[Note: the petition for a warrant for bounty land is largely illegible. It appears to be dated May 24, 1834 but I could not make out the identity of the petitioner, it MIGHT be someone named John Smith as Counsel but the names of the client(s) are not discernable.]

I William Diggs of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Reid [sic] formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County. The said Francis Reid did enlist in the Virginia Navy on board the galley *Henry* Captain Robert Tompkins in the Revolutionary war in the year 1776 or 1777 and knows that the said Frances Reid did serve three years on board said vessel in the capacity of a midshipman by frequently seeing and talking with him whilst he was attached to said vessel as witness my hand & seal this 28th day of December A.D. 1833.

S/ William Diggs, X his mark

¹ [Joshua Singleton S7510](#)