

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Bartholomew Mears VAS633

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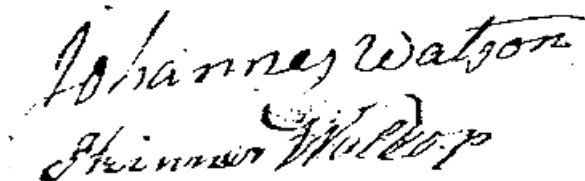
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

We the undersigned certify that we were well acquainted with Bartholomew Mears and that he was a meritorious Seaman in the Service of Virginia during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, that he enlisted the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 17??[last 2 digits too faint to discern] and continued three years in the service and was on board the Galley *Accomack*<sup>1</sup> the last man that the said Mears entered the service while William Underhill commanded the said Galley as a common Seaman, afterwards he was appointed Quarter Master and afterwards was Gunner under Captain J. Harris [John Harris] who is now dead as all the officers who were commissioned and on board the said Galley.

S/ Johannes Watson

S/ Skinner Wallop

Handwritten signatures of Johannes Watson and Skinner Wallop. The signature of Johannes Watson is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Skinner Wallop is written in a similar cursive script below it.

Accomack County Sct.

On the application of Bartholomew Mears I do hereby certify that I well remember the aforesaid pathology new Mears served on board the *Accomack* Galley in the American revolutionary War for a considerable time perhaps at least three years but in what particular capacity I do not now recollect. That from some, or from cause the Men enlisted on board the Galley & the *Diligence*<sup>2</sup> each built & generally stationed in this War almost all left their respective Galleys but Bartholomew Mears [indecipherable word] I hereby affirm that he remained at his station as long as any if not till every last man on board the said Galley *Accomack*. The duty of provisioning & paying the cruise of the Galleys being placed on me by

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<sup>1</sup> See Ken Kellow's site at

<http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Accomac%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%20%5BUnderhill%20Andrews%20Harris%5D.html>

<sup>2</sup> The *Diligence* as a sister Galley of the *Accomack*. *Diligence*. Ken Kellow notes regarding the *Diligence*: Coggins:102, VANavy:157, ND8:1046, ND9:853, row galley of the VA Navy, Capt Johannes Watson, from May 1777 to 1780. Selby:255, Jefferson hoped to make the galley serviceable for the Chesapeake Eastern Shore in 1780. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html>

Authority, for the last years of their service enables me to know the foregoing & I also certify that Johannes Watson who has with him subscribed his name about & before the same period commanded the Galley *Diligence* under in original appointment from the Executive – Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> July 1815

S/ John Teackle, Jr.