

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Levin Melson VAS638

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

I Thomas Cropper of Accomack County aged 68 years do hereby certify & declare that I was personally and intimately acquainted with Levin Melson deceased he and I being raised in the same neighborhood – I do further certify that the said Levin Melson was Carpenter's mate on board the armed vessel called the "Accomack"¹ when she was attached to the Virginia State Navy during the Revolutionary War; and I do further certify that Levin Melson served as Carpenter's mate on board of her the whole time she was in service, a period more than three years – In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th of September 1830

S/ Thomas Cropper

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Cropper". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

¹ For a detailed description of this vessel and its service during the revolution, see Ken Kellow's website at <http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Accomac%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%20%5BUnderhill%20Andrews%20Harris%5D.html>