

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Muir VAS781

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

This is to Certify that John Muir was Midshipman on board the *Mugreato* [*Mosquito*]¹, Brig John Harris Commanding in the State Navy & was taken in his vessel to England prisoner with me he attempted to make escape when I did but had the misfortune to be taken & sent back where he remained from every intelligence I have had in Groton Prison [Forton Prison] upwards of three years. I believe he tried every means to come to Virginia & join the Service he belonged to, but still being misfortunate was kept in Europe until he got a passage in the Ship *South Carolina*. He came on board the *Muguato* Brig January 22nd, 1777 we was taken the 4th of June following. I made my escape the [one or more words too faint to discern] December following he remained a prisoner until 2nd of September 1789 [sic] & never received any pay or subsistence from the State.

Signed S/ Byrd Chamberlane²

March 5th, 1784

I do acknowledge this to be a true Copy of the Original certificate

A Copy

Test S/ Charles Jones Clerk A. Office

¹ *Mosquito/Musquito*. ND7:1236, ND8:965, ND9:19-20, Dandridge:187, M389, Coggins:102, ND10:924, ND11:130, 285, 887, VANavy:154, brig in VA Navy, 1776, Capts Jacob Valentine, Isaac Young husband, and John Harris, captured and crew jailed in 1777 in Barbados and officers to Forton Prison.VANavy:154, it captured the British snow *John* and the transport *Noble*. The ship *Noble* was valued at 75,000 l ivres.Connor:345fn (1876), SchV:52, DaviesXIII:1094, privateer of Virginia, taken Aug 1777 in the West Indies by the British *Ariadne*, and part of crew to Forton Prison 8 Aug 1777.SchV:52, Kaminkow:230, 14 guns, 72 men, indicates one of two captains, John Harris or John Martin, capture of Aug 1777 for John Harris, no date for John Martin...C2, 52.Ford1776:861.ND9:19 this was apparently a VA vessel renamed *Endeavor*, .later captured by *Ariadne* 4 June 1777. Silverstone:20. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20M.html>

² [Byrd Chamberlayne R22](#)