

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James H. Leggett VAS881

vsl 17VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)

I certify that I was well acquainted with James Leggett who served as Pilot the greater part of the Revolutionary War: he first went on Board the Vessels called Galleys he was ordered from the Galley onboard the [indecipherable word or words]<sup>1</sup> lookout Ship which ship was anchored up the Bay to keep a look out for the Tories I have often heard him say that he was in hearing of the Guns of the French & British Fleets at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay his Ship could not be got in action on account of the wind being from South East & saw the Flashes of the Guns in the engagement. I am certain he served upwards of three years and believe to the end of the War and he did not come home until the Peace and then came home [one or more indecipherable words]<sup>2</sup> without sent in his pocket. Given under my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1832

S/ Robert J Legget, X his mark

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The petition of the Heirs of James Leggett respectfully represents that the said James Leggett served three years and more in the war of the Revolution as a pilot of the State Navy.

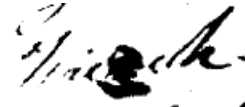
They beg leave to refer to the affidavits of John Whitehead, Elizabeth Lane and R J Leggett, all of whom testify very positively to his service, and on their testimony they asked the usual allowance of bounty land.


Heirs of James Leggett by  
George Below Junior their attorney

Affidavit of Mr. John Whitehead taken before me William Roberts a justice of the peace for the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1849

The said John Whitehead having been first duly sworn deposeth and says I was well acquainted with one James Leggett who served as a pilot in the war of the Revolution in the Virginia State

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Navy after the termination of the war he returned to the County of Princess Anne and [the image of this document becomes very broken up and uneven at this point but it appears that this witness largely restates what was said by Robert J Leggett in his affidavit transcribed above]

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State of Virginia Norfolk County: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1851 Polly Carpenter a resident of Portsmouth Virginia personally appeared before me D. Nash a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law, declared that she was well and intimately acquainted with James H Leggett now deceased who was a Pilot in the Virginia Navy during the war of the Revolution and that she most positively knows that he entered the service as a Pilot sometime during the year of 1777 and continued in said service until the fall of the year 1781 and that she lived in the family of the said James H Leggett and she further swears that she is a disinterested witness.

S/ Polly Carpenter, X her mark

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