

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Francis Lennis VAS892

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

To his Excellency Governor Floyd

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of Francis Lennis Lieutenant State Navy

This Officer's name has not been found in the Navy Journals, or papers concerning the Navy. It is not in the list of lieutenants in the Virginia Navy, which is appended to "minutes of the Navy Board, from March 1779 to June 1779," in the first auditor's office. There is no proof, that that list was full & perfect; but it is entitled to some respect.

For respectable witnesses prove – that Francis Lennis died sometime in 1779 or 1780, in the service of the State – and state that he was Lieutenant in the Navy: among whom his Commodore James Barron.¹

These are all the facts. If your Excellency should think them sufficient to authorize and allowance of bounty land, the allowance should be made for the War. (There is no proof of the times, when this officer entered the service).

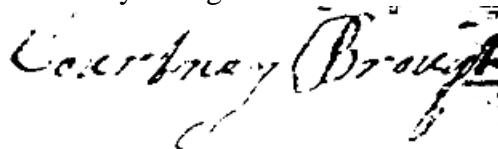
Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner

The affidavit of Courtney Brough aged 74 [? very faint] years taken this the second day of March 1834 before me William Hope, a Justice of the Peace in and for Elizabeth City County

The said Courtney Brough being duly sworn states that he well remembers Lieutenant Francis Lennis during the revolutionary War – The said Francis Lennis was lost at sea in the early part of the war whilst in service as an officer of the state Navy of Virginia.

S/ Courtney Brough



I William Jennings² of Elizabeth City County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Francis Lennis. The said Lennis was lost at sea as the deponent has always understood and verily believes during the War of the Revolution. The circumstances is well

¹ This affidavit is not included among the papers in this file.

² Very probably the same man as [William Jennings S5615](#)

impressed on my mind because my wife's brother was lost with him (his name was Wm Walls [? very faint]).

S/ Wm Jennings

[Attested March 13, 1834 in Elizabeth City County Virginia]