

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Charles Lewis VAS900

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

I do Certify that Charles Lewis entered with me in the Navy the first of April 1777 and served the term of 3 years. Given under my hand this 22nd of May 1792.

S/ James Markham

Settled

S/ W. Biggers

Mr. Biggers

Petition for bounty land

Report upon the claim of Charles Lewis – Seaman

Charles Lewis Seaman S. N.

Charles Lewis' name is on the Army Register. He received a [indecipherable words] – to wit –£52.12 to settle balance of his full pay as Seaman.

He was regularly enrolled as a Seaman on board the *Dragon*¹ in 1779 [could be 1777] – and probably served on board that vessel during the whole time of her service –

In the printed list of officers & Seaman of the State Navy No. 5 I have reported Charles Lewis entitled to bounty land for a service of three years.

respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

Augt. 6th 1834

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 1st day of December 1785, in the name of Charles Lewis, as a sailor for £52.15.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Alexander McRoberts and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

¹ For an excellent article on the Dragon, see Ken Kellow's page at

<http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Dragon%20Virginia%20Navy%20Ship-Galley%20%5bCallender%20Markham%20Singleton%20Travis%20Chandler%20Joel%5d.html>

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