

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Lumber VAS997

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

State of Virginia Accomack County SS

John Bull aged sixty-one years this day personally appeared before me William R Custis a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that in the Revolutionary War and subsequently he was well acquainted with Thomas Lumber who was a Gunner's Mate on board the Galley *Diligence* commanded by Captain Johannes Watson and belonging to the Navy of the State of Virginia. The said Thomas Lumber was first a Seamen on board said Galley and on the appointment of William Lumber as Gunner the said Thomas Lumber was appointed Gunner's Mate and continued in that station until the Galley was laid up near the close of the War. The deponent was frequently on board said Galley and saw the said Thomas Lumber engaged on board and he knows said Thomas Lumber was employed on board said Galley the whole time she was in Service. How long this was the Deponent cannot positively say, but he is satisfied it was more than three years. Given under my hand this 5th of March 1831

S/ John Bull



Custis Bull aged sixty-seven years made oath before me Jno. G. Joynes a Justice of the peace that he knows all the facts set forth in said Deposition of John Bull – he and the said John being brothers and frequently on board the said Galley together, except that this deponent cannot positively say whether the said Thomas Lumber was a Gunner's mate or Boatswain's mate, he [several words too faint to discern. He well recollects that said Thomas Lumber was an officer in said Galley and was either a Gunner's Mate or Boatswain's Mate, and he is not certain which.

Given under my hand this 28th of February 1831

S/ Jno G. Joynes

Accomack County SS

Bowdoin Snead aged seventy-one years personally appeared before me and made oath that he was well acquainted with the within named Thomas Lumber and knows that he was in service on board the Galley called the *Diligence* belonging to the Navy of the State of Virginia and commanded by Captain Johannes Watson. The deponent's brother was Surgeon of said Galley and the Deponent often went on board to visit his brother and from his own observation

he is satisfied that said Lumber was in service the whole time said Galley was in service – but at this distant time he cannot positively speak with precision as to the length of time nor can he say whether said Lumber was an officer or not – this 5th March 1831

S/ Bowdoin Snead

Bowdoin Snead