

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Lunsford VAS999

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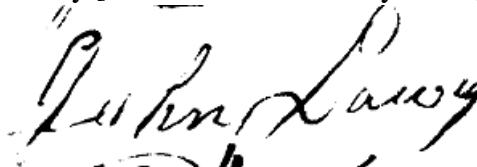
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Virginia Lancaster County to wit

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in the County aforesaid John Laury aged 69 years & made oath that John Lunsford of the County & state aforesaid enlisted in the Naval Service during the Revolutionary war in year of 1778 on board of a galley as a Midshipman for the term of three years which time this deponent states the said John Lunsford served or in other words that he was captured, taken prisoner, that he was held for some time this deponent thinks about a year this deponent further states that after his return or exchange he the said Lunsford reenlisted and went down to the Siege of York.

S/ John Laury [looks more like Lawry to me]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Laury". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Virginia Lancaster County to wit

Personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Luke Ashburn aged seventy years and made oath that the said John Lunsford spoken of in the deposition of Mr. John Laury was during the revolutionary War taken a prisoner that the said Ashburn was during the revolutionary war captured or taken and that he was carried into the Island of Bermuda and that when he was carried into the jail he then found the said John Lunsford of Lancaster County Virginia and that they were exchanged and sent [indecipherable word] to America in the same vessel together.

[The affiant's signature is too faint to discern]

Petition for Bounty Land

John Lunsford – Midshipman – S Navy [State Navy]

The proof of witnesses is that John Lunsford was a Midshipman – that he entered the service 1778, was taken Prisoner & carried to Bermuda, and in confinement about a year when he was discharged, a witness says, he reenlisted & was at the siege of York.

The Journals & Papers of the in Navy Board & Navy have given no information respecting this claim, which enables me to report upon it: and accordingly John Lunsford's name

is not on the permitted list No. 5.

If your Excellency should think the above facts sufficient to authorize the allowance of this claim; it should be allowed for a service of three years only.

Respectfully submitted  
S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

To his Excellency  
Governor Floyd

[p 6 is apparently the petition addressed to the Governor but it is completely illegible as posted online.]