

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Healey R42

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Va. Sea Service

Healey, Samuel

R42

Va. Half Pay

See N. A. Acc. No. 837—Virginia State Navy

Samuel "Healy" Y S File

Va. Half Pay

Pension Office

December 16, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Samuel Healey, who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy; and I find that half-pay has been allowed under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," from the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1783. The claim is now presented for half-pay from the 30 of April 1781. It is my opinion that it should be allowed. I therefore certify that half-pay at the rate of \$182.50 per annum from the 30 of April 1781 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1783 is still due and payable to Henry Northup, attorney of William Face, of Elizabeth City, Virginia, Administrator of said Samuel Healey, deceased.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved

Secretary of War

Enter this in Reg

Act 5 July '32

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 12-page file

To the Governor of Virginia

The petition of the Heirs of Samuel Hayly [sic] respectfully States – that their ancestor was a Lieutenant in the Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution. He received his Appointment as Lieutenant from the Governor of Virginia on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1776 being recommended by the Navy Board to him as appears by the their Journal on file in the Auditor's Office – he files here with a copy of the Recommendation.

They also file the affidavit of Jeremiah Cain who proves he was in service the whole war – as also the affidavit of Elizabeth Cain – but neither knew his grade.

They respectfully asked the Land Bounty due to him for his Services  
S/ Thomas Green

Journals of the Navy Board from 1776 to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1776  
A Commission signed by his Excellency the Governor appointing Samuel Healy [sic] 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lieutenant of the *Lewis* [?] Row Galley Commanded by Sheley Saunders [sic, Celey Saunders]<sup>1</sup>  
was delivered to him by the board which was received.  
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Saml. Healey Lieutenant Navy Bounty land 4000 acres

James Healey was a Lieutenant in the state Navy from June 1776 to December 1778 – see  
Extract from the Journal of Proceedings of the Committee of Safety p 131 appointing him a mate  
– see Executive Journal of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1776 – appointing him Lieutenant of Celey Saunder's  
Galley – was Captain of the *May Flower* see Navy letter 19 June 1778 – see also Journal of  
Transactions December 19, 1779 = from June 76 2 December 79 three and a half years

[p 8: affidavit of Jeremiah Cain but the image is illegible]

The heirs of Henry Healey of Hampton respectfully ask to be allowed the Bounty land due a  
Lieutenant in the Navy for three years service. They beg to refer to the Journal of the Navy  
board & of the Navy for proof of his services.

August 14, 1833

#### Petition for bounty land

Heirs of Samuel Healey Lieutenant – State Navy –

The evidence furnished by the Journals of the Council & Navy Board is that Samuel  
Healy [sic] was Lieutenant in the Navy, & in service upwards of two years.

Two witnesses say that he served longer – one of them says he served more than 3 years –  
the other, that he served to the end of the war (see printed list No. 5).

If your Excellency should allow this claim, I presume, it would be safe to make the  
allowance for a service of three years.

Respectfully Submitted  
John H Smith, Commissioner &c  
March 19, 1834

To his Excellency  
Governor Floyd

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<sup>1</sup> SAUNDERS [SANDERS], CELERY [CILY] VA Captain, Virginia Navy Celey Saunders was born about 1740  
near Dumfries, Virginia. [Stewart, 244-245] [Cily Sanders] He was commissioned as a Captain in the Virginia Navy  
on 1 April 1776 and given command of a galley in the Rappahannock River (Virginia Navy Galley *Lewis*). On 12  
September 1776 he was ordered to transport troops to New York, along with other Virginia commanders. John  
Hawkins was paid £9.12 for supplying whiskey for the galley. [NOAR, 271]  
<http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20S.html>

I Ann Payne of the County of Elizabeth City and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I knew Samuel H<sup>e</sup>aley in the State Navy & Mark Parrish who was likewise in the state Navy and George Watkins who was a pilot in the State Navy and Thomas Humfield [?] who was a Lieutenant in the state Navy all of whom served during the revolutionary war. As witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831

Test S/ David C Hicks

S/ Ann Payne, X her mark

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[From [Virginia Half-Pay record on Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)]  
<https://www.fold3.com/image/616521418>

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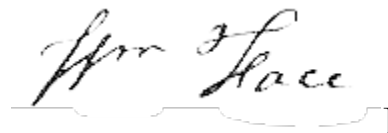
Office of Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims of the State of Virginia.

I certify that it appears from public documents in my possession as Commissioner of Revolutionary claims &c that Samuel Healy was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1776; and that his heirs have been allowed Bounty Land for his services as such; and that I know of no evidence proving that he resigned his commission and have no reason to believe he did resign – Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1834

John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

Richmond, Virginia

[p 4: Power of attorney dated December 30, 1844 given by William Face of Elizabeth City County Virginia appointing Henry Northup his lawful attorney to pursue his claims as administrator of the estate of Samuel Healey, late a Lieutenant in the Virginia state Navy for the half pay due Healey.



Handwritten signature of William Face, enclosed in a bracketed box.

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Copy

Deposition of William Jennings Senior

I William Jennings Senior<sup>2</sup> do hereby certify that I served in the Virginia Navy in the Revolutionary War & that I knew Lieutenant Samuel Haley [sic] both in and since the Revolutionary war. Said Haley served as a Lieutenant of the Virginia Navy on board of one of the Gallies, the name of which I do not now recollect, though of his services in one of which I am confidently certain. I also certify that said Haley served until the Galley he was attached to was ordered out of the service by direction of the Government which I believe was about the time that other vessels left the service – sometime in the year 1781

Wm Jennings

[certified January 18, 1835]

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No. 676.12

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<sup>2</sup> [William Jennings R15422](#)

Treasury Department

First Auditor's Office 1<sup>st</sup> May 1835

I hereby certify, that I have examined and adjusted an account between the United States and Samuel Haley [sic], (formerly) a Second Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary War and find that the sum of two thousand nine hundred and eighty-six and fifty cents is due from the United States unto Vespasian Ellis, Attorney of William Face, Administrator *de bonis non*, on the Estate of said Samuel Haley being the amount of his half pay from 22 April 1783 to the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1799 to be paid in pursuance of an Act of Congress to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia approved 5 July 1832 as appears by the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereof.

\$2986.50

R. Harrison, Auditor