

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Marshall¹ R69

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Pension Office Washington March 13, 1851

I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Joseph Marshall who was a Sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy under the act of July 5th 1832, & find that the said Joseph Marshall was a Sailing Master of the Schooner *Scorpion*,² until the last of the year 1781 about which time said Vessel was captured by the Enemy at sea & carried to Bermuda where said Marshall was confined as a prisoner of War until after the ratification of the treaty of peace in April 1783 & was therefore entitled to half pay at the rate of \$152.08 per annum from 22nd of April 1783 to 1 July 1812 about which time he died & that the same is payable to James G Berrit Attorney in fact for Robert H Vaughan the administrator of said Joseph Marshall deceased

[unsigned]

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

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[Note: very poor image: use transcript with care]

City of Norfolk to wit

Before me A. C. Whitehead a Justice of the Peace in and for the City aforesaid personally appeared Colonel Stephen Wright³ an aged and respectable Citizen of said City and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he performed military service at various periods during the War of the Revolution in the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth and was regularly [indecipherable word] in a company of militia commanded by Captain Charles Brown [last name unclear]. The post of Ensign becoming vacant, deponent was duly appointed to fill the vacancy and in the fall of 1781 was dispatched to York Town with a detachment of men which he commanded in his capacity of Ensign, and crossed over in one of the small cruisers commanded by Captain John Archer of the Virginia Navy, and reached York just as the British under Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the American Troops, deponent with his command afterwards returned to Portsmouth, and continued in service, until the troops raised for the defense of the Commonwealth were generally discharged. – [One or more indecipherable words], deponent

¹ VA. Half-Pay See N. A. Acc. No. 837—Virginia State Navy Joseph Marshall YS File Va. Half Pay

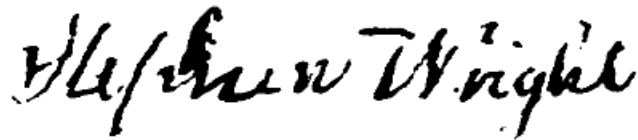
² *Scorpion*. Coggins:102, Dandridge:186, 188, VANavy:163, Eller:202, ND5:607, ND6:811, ND7:850, sloop in VA Navy, 1776-81. ND8:422, ND9:339, ND11:1164, Capt Wright Westcott 18 Jun 1776, Capt Laban Goffagan in Jan 1777, captured in 1781. C64, 123. The vessel was to be sold 25 Jul 1777. Silverstone:20.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20S.html>

³ [Stephen Wright R11907](#)

was invited by his near relative and Guardian Captain W. Westcott [Wright Westcott] one of the esteemed [?] officers of the Virginia State Navy to join his vessel, one of the small cruisers retained in that branch of the Public Service, then about to sail for the West Indies, which invitation deponent excepted, and volunteered as a sort of aid to Captain Westcott. They sailed from Hampton Rhodes direct for the Island of Martinique and in the prosecution of the cruise they fell in with the British frigate *Cerberus* commanded by Sir Jacob Wheat [Jacob Wheate] and after being chased from sunrise to sunset were captured and taken to Bermuda, where the officers and men were thrown into the bulks (prison ships) and confined as prisoners of war until the close of said war. The officers taken prisoner and there confined were the Commander Captain Westcott, Lieutenant John Crew, Sailing Master Joseph Marshall and deponent, all of whom were esteemed as prisoners of War, and not discharged until after peace in April 1783. The said Marshall died early in the last war with Great Britain, and the said Crew somewhere about or during the year 1810. And further deponent saith not.

S/ Stephen Wright



[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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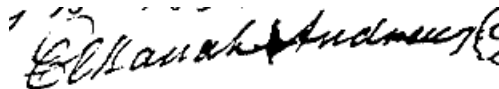
This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of April 1785, in the name of Joseph Marshall, as Master for £196.12.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
26 day of February 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Deposition of Elkanah Andrews⁴ aged 71 or thereabout who deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Marshall and that the said Marshall served on board the Galley Accomack Commanded by Underhill in the Revolutionary War and said Marshall served until the Galley was laid up. Given under my hand and seal this January 15th 1834

S/ Elkanah Andrews



[From Fold3.com Virginia Half Pay and Other Related Revolutionary War Pension Application Files: The National Archives; Publication M910; Nara Catalog Id: [2601035](#)]

[p 3: a better image of Col. Stephen Wright's affidavit transcribed above]

⁴ [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)

City of Norfolk to wit:

Before me N. C. Whitehead a Justice of the Peace in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared Col. Stephen Wright, an aged and respectable Citizen of the said City, and being duly sworn deposed & saith that he performed military service at various periods during the War of the Revolution in the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and was regularly enrolled in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Charles Connor. The post of Ensign being vacant, deponent was duly appointed to fill the Vacancy, and in the fall of 1781 was dispatched to York Town with a detachment of men which he commanded in his capacity as Ensign, and crossed over in one of the small cruisers commanded by Captain John Archer of the Virginia Navy, and reached York, just as the British under Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the American Troops. Deponent with his command afterwards returned to Portsmouth, and continued in service until the troops raised for the defense of the Commonwealth were generally discharged. – Subsequently, deponent was invited by his near relative and Guardian, Captain W. Westcott, one of the retained officers of the Virginia State Navy to join his Vessel, one of the small cruisers retained in that branch of the public Service, then about to sail for the West Indies, which invitation deponent accepted, and volunteered as a Sort of Aid to Captain Westcott. They sailed from Hampton Roads direct to the Island of Martinique and in the prosecution of the cruise, they fell in with the British frigate *Cerberus* commanded by Sir Jacob Wheat and after being chased from Sunrise to Sunset, were captured and taken to Bermuda, where the officers and men were thrown into the bulks (prison ships) and confined as prisoners of War, until the close of the said War. Among the officers taken prisoners and then confined were the Commander Captain Westcott, Lieut. John Crew, Sailing Master Joseph Marshall, and deponent, all of whom were retained as prisoners of War, and not discharged until after the peace in April 1783. The said Marshall died early in the last war with Great Britain, and the said Crew somewhere about or during the year 1810, and further deponent sayeth not.

S/ Stephen Wright

Conl. Stephen Right did make oath before me this day to all the facts set forth in the above statement – October 26, 1850

S/ N. C. Whitehead, JP

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The affidavit of Mrs. Ann Payne before me Fayette Jones, a Justice of the Peace for Elizabeth City County, Virginia, on this 19th November 1850.

The said deponent being duly sworn, states that she is a native of Elizabeth City County, and resided in Hampton Virginia, during the whole of the Revolutionary War, deponent was well acquainted with Joseph Marshall, who was first a Midshipman in the Virginia State Navy, and was subsequently a sailing master, and in that capacity was attached to the Schooner call the *Scorpion*, during or near the close of the War, The said Vessel was captured by the British, and the officers and men attached to the said vessel were kept in captivity until sometime after the close of the War, among whom was the said Joseph Marshall

S/ Ann Payne, X her mark

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Elizabeth City County, to wit

Before me John Jones a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared Ann Payne and being duly sworn states that Joseph Marshall late of this county who was a

Sailing Master in the State Navy of Virginia and whose services in the war of the Revolution has been duly set forth by her in a former affidavit died intestate as far as she knows or believes and that Ann A. Collier formally Ann A. Marshall and Fanny Young the daughter of Virginia Marshall of this county are his next of kin and only surviving heirs-at-law.

S/ Ann Payne, X her mark

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Elizabeth City County, to wit:

The undersigned Ann A. Collier and Fanny Young surviving heirs at Law of Joseph Marshall late of Elizabeth City County Virginia a Sailing Master in the State Navy of Virginia during the War of the Revolution do hereby certify and declare that at our instance and with our full approbation Robert H Vaughan of said County of Elizabeth City took out letters of Administration on the estate of said Joseph Marshall.

As witness our hand and seal this 8th day of March 1851

Ann A Collier *[Seal]*
Fanny Young *[Seal]*