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Pension Application of John Pasteur R83

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Pension Office,  
November 1, 1838

I certify that I have examined the claim of the Heirs of the late John Pasteur, dec'd. who was a Captain in the Naval service of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war; that he continued in the service until the reduction of the Navy in 1781; that he died in the year 1794, between the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and the 2<sup>d</sup>. of December; that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1832, entitled "an act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of Two Hundred and Forty Three Dollars and Thirty Three and One-Third Cents per annum, from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three, when the war ended, to the twenty second of August seventeen hundred and ninety-four; and that the amount is payable to Vespasian Ellis, attorney in fact of Mary Hodsdon, of the County of Isle of Wight in Virginia, administratrix de bonis non of John Pasteur, deceased.

Approved/ Secretary of War.

Comm'r. of Pensions

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To Capt. James Barron [W12264]

Sir, The Commissioners of the Navy desire that you will turn over William Almond a sailor lately on board your Vessel to Capt. John Pasteur of the Schooner Molly who hath orders to receive him on board his Vessel

Signed Thomas Whiting 1st Com'r.

3 January 1777

Extract from papers concerning the State Navy. Vol. 1st

Jas E Heath aud

Auditors office/ Feb 7 1834

Friday 3 Jan'y 1777

Capt. John Pasture appeared & agreed for the sum of £425 to deliver unto the Naval Board of Commissioners a Schooner Boat called the Molly together with the Rigging Tackle & apparel belonging to her. The money to be paid him upon his giving a Bill of sale for the said Vessel – ordered that Capt. John Pasture take the command of the Schooner Boat Molly this day purchased of him by the Board. Ordered that Capt. John Pasture proceed with his Vessel to Hampton and have her fitted & put in proper order for making a voiage as soon as he possibly can. (Navy Journal page 157)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1777

Jno. Pasture recommended to his excellency the Governor & the Hon'l the Council as a proper person to be appointed to the command of the Pilot Boat Molly. (N. Journal p.g. 167)

Friday 31st Jan'y 1777

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Magazine deliver unto Capt. Jno. Pasteur three Musquetts & eight Cartouch Boxes for the use of the Pilot Boat Molly (N. J. p. 169)

30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1777. John Pastur recommended to the Governor as a fit and proper person to take command of the Molly

Navy Journal page 167. Guns ordered for her, and orders for a voyage page 157. orders to him for arms 169.

Edward Lattimore [VAS840] is recommended to his Excellency the Governor & the Hon<sup>l</sup>. the Council as a proper person to be appointed first Lieut. of the Pilot Boat Molly. (N. J. p. 169)  
Extracts from the Naval Journal pages 151-167 & 169. Jas E Heath/ Aud Office Feb 7 1834

The Deposition of William Jennings [S5615] of the County of Elizabeth City in the State of Virginia, taken on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1833 before Samuel Watts a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid.

This Deponent being first sworn according to Law deposeth and saith, that he is now in the eighty first year of his age, that he was born and raised in the Town of Hampton in the County aforesaid, that he was brought up to the business of a Pilot, and acted in that capacity for a considerable time in the Virginia State Navy during the Revolutionary war, that he was well acquainted with Capt. John Pasture, who was also raised in the County of Elizabeth City, and who removed just before the war from that County to the Town of Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wight; the said Pasture was regularly bred to the Sea, and Commanded a Vessel which trades generally to the West Indies before the commencement of the Revolution; the said Pasture was an active and skilful seaman, and soon after the commencement of the Revolution, commanded an armed Vessel (the name of which he does not now recollect) in the State Navy.

This Deponent further states, that during the siege of Little York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], he thinks in the year 1781, he, this Deponent acted as one of the Pilots in conducting the French fleet, consisting of about thirty sail, from Cape Henry to York spit, about twenty miles below York Town and at that time, as he has always understood and heard from all the old inhabitants, the said Pasture was still in the Naval Service of the state, and he believes he so continued to the end of the war. and further he saith not.

(Signed)

William hisXmark Jennings

I Thomas Uzzell of the County of Isle of Wight, do hereby certify, that I am now in the 74<sup>th</sup> year of my age, that I was well acquainted with Capt. John Pasture of said County, that I went to sea, during the Revolutionary war, in a merchant Schooner, from Smithfield bound to St. Eustatia [Sint Eustatius], then a neutral port in the west Indies, while there, Capt. Pasture came in, in an armed vessel, mounting eight or Ten guns, and I returned home to the United States in Capt. Pastures vessel. I understood she was commissioned by the State, tho' I could not say positively, as I was only in her during my return home, and was a lad of about 18 or 19 years of age. This was in the year 1779. Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833.

(Signed)

Thos. Uzzell Jr

Virginia District of Norfolk Sc. [30 Jan 1834]

Before me Frederick Vincent a Notary Publick in and for the district aforesaid personally appear'd George Younger an aged and respectable Farmer of Norfolk County and being duly sworn states that he was in the Naval Service of Virginia during the war of the revolution, was first attach'd to the Brig Independence and was transferr'd from that Vessel to the Schooner Dolphin commanded by Capt Thos Bryant [Thomas Bryant]. Affiant well recollects the Schooner Molly of the same service. She was a stout arm'd Vessel but he does not recollect the name of the Commander thereof He was at diffrent period with the Accomack Galley and the Dolphin on the look out service for a day or two at the time. And further Deponent saith not.

George hisXmark Younger

The affidavit of George Younger of Norfolk County taken on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1834 before John Johnston a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid.

This affiant being duly sworn, saith that he is now in the seventy ninth year of his age, that he belonged to the Virginia State Navy during the Revolutionary War, that he seved in said navy three years and about nine months, that he first seved in the Independence Gally, and was transfered from her to the Schooner Molly, as he has before deposed &, that the said Schooner Molly belonged also to the State

Navy and was commanded by Captain John Pasture, and that he perfectly recollects that the said Schooner Molly then commanded by Capt. Pasture was in service in the latter part of the Spring in the year 1780, at which time she lay off the mouth of York River in company with the Dolphin which he was on board of and that when the Dolphin left the mouth of York river and went to Cherry Stone on the Easter Shore [Cherrystone on the Eastern Shore], they left the molly still there, which had been before that time mostly employed as a look out Vessel. This affiant further saith, that from the time he left the mouth of York river as before stated, he did not again see or fall in company with Capt. Pasture, until some few weeks, before the French Fleet came into Hampton Roads, when he again saw him on board of his Schooner, lying off a place call'd Sandy Point at the mouth of Tanners creek, at which time Capt. Pasture was still in the Navy. This affiant further saith, that the foregoing facts, have come to his recollection since the taking of his affidavit in the case of the molly, and which was taken by Mr. Vincent in a great hurry when he had not time to recollect, but that since, on reflecting upon the subject, they have distinctly recured to his memory. And further he saith not.

(Signed) George hisXmark Younger