

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Doxey S3303

VA Sea Service

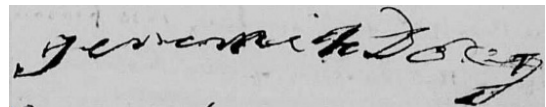
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State of Tennessee }

Hardeman County }

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Hardeman and State of Tennessee now in session Jeremiah Doxey aged eighty one years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7 1832 That he enlisted in the navy of the United States in the year 1775 and continued therein till the year 1781 or the end of the War as a Captain [sic] under the following named officers to wit Commodore [James] Barron who commanded the Ship Tartar and Charles Bailey and William Ballad[?] officers on board of the aforesaid Ship which Ship was ordered to guard Cape Henry May and Delaware & he remained on board in the aforesaid Service as a ~~Captain~~ Sailing Master seven years and was at the time he entered the Service a resident of the State of Virginia and from thence removed to North Carolina and thence to the State of Tennessee wherein he has resided for the last forty six years. The ship Tartar aforesaid of which he was a ~~Captain~~ or Sailing Master was engaged in the following named battles at the mouth of Rappahannock at Hampton Roads and Craney Island [now in Portsmouth] and during the whole of the Service he was not employed in any Civil pursuit. This declarant knows of no one at present alive who can testify as to his term of Service as aforesaid. nor has he any documentary evidence other than the one enclosed shewing that an act was passed regulating pilot fees during the period of the revolution he served as aforesaid stated neither does he know of any person whose testimony he could procure who could state as to his term of Service as aforesaid. they who were cognizant of the fact he believes are dead or have removed to parts unknown to this declarant. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 2 day of July 1833



The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the said Jeremiah Doxey. the delarant as aforesaid  
1<sup>s</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Answer In the year Seventeen hundred and fifty two as well as he recollects

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer. I have in the bible at my son Doct. Doxey's house in Hardeman Cty Tennessee

3 Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in Northumberland County in the State of Virginia when I enlisted in the Navy of the United States at the period stated as afs'd. as a Sailing Master of said Ship Tartar as afs'd. and served as such till the end of the war, and after the war removed to North Carolina and thence to Sunner [sic: Sumner] County in State of Tennessee thence to Hardeman Cty. Tennessee where I now reside  
4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Answer I enlisted as a Sailing Master on board of the Ship Tartar commanded by Commodore Barron and Bailey and Ballad Officers on board of said Ship. I neither volunteer'd neither was I substitute for any one but enlisted as a Sailing Master as stated and continued after my enlistment till the end of the war of the revolution

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. I had a discharge from Commodore Barron but I cannot give any account of it. it has been lost as I believe

7 Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom it was signed and what has become of it.

Answer. I rec'd. a Commission from Commodore Barron as a Sailing master of said Ship Tartar signed by him which Commission I believe was burnt among other papers with my house in the State of Virginia

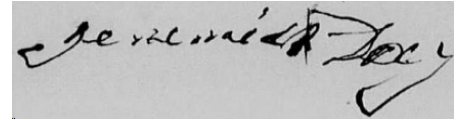
State the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I believe that every man nearby who knows me in my neighbourhood and other parts of the County would certify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Sailing Master of said ship Tartar conmanded by Commodore Barron Bailey and Ballad Officers on board of said Ship Tartar

Hon'l. Secretary at War. Bolivar Tennessee July 2 1833

Enclosed is the declaration for pension duly executed as the War department has required The Check or draft transmitted to me will be sent to me or direct to my son Dr. Stephen H. Doxey near this place.

Yr. friend &c.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeremiah Doxey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

A note in the file states that the document "shewing that an act was passed regulating pilot fees during the period of the revolution" was sent to the Library of Congress.

I could find no other record of Jeremiah Doxey or of naval officers named Charles Bailey or William Ballad, William Ballard, or similar names. Capt. James Barron was commissioned as Commodore of the Virginia State Navy in July 1780. E. M. Saavedra-Sanchez, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007) states that the ship *Tartar* was built in 1776 and in 1780 was transferred to the Virginia Board of Trade and then sold. The captains were Richard Taylor (pension application S25873), John Lurty (R65), and William Saunders (R89). Lieutenants were Merryman Payne, William Parker, and William Richards. In October 1778 the ship *Tartar* and the boat *Patriot* engaged H.M.S. *Lord Howe*.