

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Pettigrew [Pettygrew] S46639

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At a Court held for Accomack County by adjournment at the Court House thereof on Tuesday the 29th day of November 1836

Leah Collins child and only heir at law of Richard Pettigrew this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832 viz. State of Virginia County of Accomack SS on the 29th day of November 1836 personally came before the Justices of the Accomack Court Leah Collins daughter and only heir of Richard Pettigrew who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That she is the daughter of said Richard Pettigrew that she is about 40 years of age that she has frequently heard her father speak of his services on board the *Accomack* Galley in the Revolutionary War – that he resided in Accomack County until about 48 years ago when he removed to Kent County Delaware where he died on the 5th day of October 1835 – that the applicant has received a Warrant for 100 acres of Land for his Services for 3 years – that she hereby relinquishes every claim to any annuity but the present and declares that her name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

S/ Leah Collins, X her mark

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I Elkanah Andrews¹ of Accomack County hereby certify that I served on board the Galley *Accomack*² in the State Navy of Virginia in the Revolutionary War until said Galley was laid up and dismantled in 1781 and that Richard Pettigrew then living in this County also served on board said Galley *Accomack* until said Galley was laid up a period of 3 years from the time of his enlistment and upwards: that said Richard Pettigrew remained in this County a few years after the war ended and then removed to the State of Delaware & as this deponent has understood died there in the last month or two, but at what time, this deponent does not know.

S/ Elkanah Andrews, X his mark

Petition for bounty land

¹ [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)

² *Accomac*. Coggins:102, VANavy:156, ND8:1045, ND11:191, 1196, row galley of the VA Navy, 1777-1782, Captains Ishmael Andrews and William Underhill, captured a British vessel, 1779. GMB:35, sold 16 Jul 1781. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20A.html>

Richard Pettigrew – Seaman S. Navy

This Seaman's name is on the Army register. Colonel Cropper received for him a certificate for £47.19.6 the balance of his full pay as Seaman on the 5th day of April 1785.

Elhanah Andrews, a credible witness, says that he knew Richard Pettigrew well, that he served in the revolutionary war on board the Galley *Accomac* commanded by Captain Underhill from the time it was ready for sea until she was laid up. This has in other cases been proved to be more than 3 years.

I did not find the name of Richard Pettigrew on the few pages which have been preserved relating to the *Accomac* Galley; and therefore did not report him entitled to bounty land in the printed list no. 5 of Seaman &c entitled to land for revolutionary services.

The proof is satisfactory that he was in service as Seaman, Elhanah Andrews says he served more than 3 years. The law of the land required that Seaman in the state Navy should enlist for 3 years.

Respectfully submitted
S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

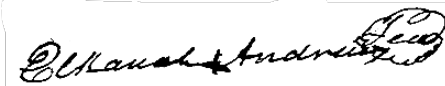
May 6, 1834

To his Excellency
Gov. Tazewell

Accomack County, Virginia.

Deposition of Elhanah Andrews, aged Seventy one or thereabouts, who deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Richard Pettigrew, and that he served in the revolutionary war on board the Galley *Accomac* commanded by Captain Underhill from the time she was ready until she was laid up. Further this deponent saith not. Given under my hand this January 15th 1834

S/ Elhanah Andrews {Seal}



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 26th day of April 1785, in the name of Richard Pettigrew, as a Seaman for £47.19.6, 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

[Veteran's heir was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a Seaman in the Virginia Navy during the revolution.]

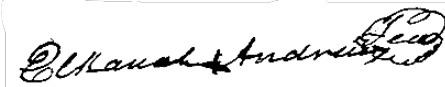
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] [The following was erroneously filed under the records relating to William Perry]

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elhanah Andrews", enclosed within a faint rectangular border.

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[Note: The report of Commissioner John H. Smith transcribed above appears in the VA bounty land records under the name Pettygrew, Richard.]