

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Higdon S5538

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Commonwealth of Virginia to wit; Be it known that Charles Higdon of King George County in the said Commonwealth, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year 1818, made oath, in due form, before me, one of the Judges of the General Court of the said Commonwealth, that, in the year 1779, he entered as a sailor on board the *Manly* galley, under the command of Captain William Saunders and Lieutenant Daniel Richardson; that, after serving some time on board the said Galley, he went on board the brig *Jefferson* also commanded by the said Captain and Lieutenant; and after serving some time on board that vessel, he went on board the ship *Tartar*, under the command of the same Captain and Lieutenant William Parker; that he the said Higdon served two years in the whole on board these several vessels as a sailor in the Navy of the said Commonwealth of Virginia; and was discharged from said service at Hampton.

Westmoreland County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County John Kennidy,<sup>1</sup> and made oath that he was a mariner in the service of the United [states] on board the ship *Tempest* in the Revolutionary War & that he knew Charles Higdon also engaged in the said service and knows that the above statement of his services is correct. Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1827

S/ Henry T Garrett, JP Westmoreland County

[State of Virginia, King George County]

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices thereof in Session, Charles Higdon, a resident of the County of King George, State of Virginia aged sixty-eight years next March, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832: that in the year 1779 he entered as a sailor on board the *Manley* Galley in the service of the State of Virginia in the War of the Revolution, under the command of Captain William Saunders & Lieutenant Daniel Richardson; that after serving some time on board the said Galley, he went on board the Brig *Jefferson* also commanded by the same Captain & Lieutenant and after serving some time on board this vessel, he went on board the ship *Tartar* under command of the same Captain & Lieutenant William Parker; that he the said Higdon served two years in the whole on board these several vessels, as a sailor aforesaid, in the Navy of these State of Virginia – & was discharged at Hampton from the said service, which discharge said Higdon gave to his Captain the said William Saunders as evidence on which to draw his Land & depreciation of pay

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<sup>1</sup> I suspect this MIGHT be the same man as John Cannaday VAS190

& it was never returned to him. That the evidence of his said service here with exhibited is the best he can now procure. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ Charles Higdon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup> 1831, for service as a mariner in the Virginia Navy.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 1-page file indexed under the name "Chas. Higden" even though all the references to the veteran in the documents spell his name "Higdon"

I do Certify that Charles Higdon enlisted with me as a Ordinary sailor in June 1777 for 3 years & served the time for which he enlisted for with me.

S/ William Saunders, Captain

March 8, 1786

Passed

T Meriwether

April 5, 86

I do assigned over to William Reynolds a good right to the pay and bounty of Land due me for my services in the Navy of this State.

S/ Charles Higdon, X his mark

Westmoreland to wit

I do Certify that the above Order was signed and acknowledged to William Reynolds before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day June 1786

S/ Beckett Batters

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John Pendleton