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Virginia Bounty-Land Application of John Chilton VAS248

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[The following application for a federal pension found in [Revolutionary rejected-claims records in the Library of Virginia](#) is very difficult to read in the online version. A note in the file reads: "His claim was rejected by the Sec'y of War because he was in the State Navy & not Cont'l. line." The claim for bounty land from the state was rejected for insufficient proof of service.]

State of Virginia. Westmoreland County Ss

On this 30th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber Judge as Presiding Magistrate for the County Court of Record for the said county of Westmoreland personally appeared John Chilton aged about sixty three years resident in the said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – That he the said John Chilton, inlisted with Captain John Thomas who commanded the Galley called the Fly in the year 1777 – That he continued to serve on Board the said Galley untill the Siege of York in Virginia [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and was at that place discharged after peace was proclaimed – that the Galley on board of which he served some time was Burnt by the British [several illegible words] in Northumberland: that after this he went out with [two or three illegible words] Nancy to the South. And was at the Battle at Savana where he Received a wound in his [illegible word] leg [two illegible words] from there he Returned to York as before stated where he was in that Sege making in all about five years. And that he [is in reduced] circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services except the oath of John Davise [pension application W19138] who served on Board the Dragon Ship of War.