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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edward Joynes VAS1336

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

The affidavit of Wm Thornton Sr. who is upwards of 75 years of age – & who says he lived near where the galleys Accomack & Diligence were built & manned – & that Edward Joynes commonly called Ned Joynes enlisted on board the galley Accomack when she was first manned & remained in service till said galley was dismantled a period of from three to four years.

S/ William Thornton, Sr. , X his mark

[Attested in Accomack County August 23rd, 1832]

I certify that Edward Joynes served on board of one of the galleys built in this County whilst said galley was in service.

S/ John Bull

[Attested in Accomack County February 16, 1832]

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 26 day of April 1785, in the name of Edward Joynes, as a Seaman for £28.1.10, 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 27 day of December 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

The deposition of Elhanah Andrews aged nearly sixty-six years who being first duly sworn

http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Accomac%20Virginia%20Navy%20Galley%205bUnderhill%20Andrews%20Harris%5d.html

http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20C-D.html

testifies & says that he was well acquainted with Edward Joynes who was a sailor on board the "Accomack" galley during the Revolutionary War. This deponent served on board said Galley with said Edward Joynes & knew him well – and both served till discharged.

S/ Elkanah Andrews,3 X his mark
[Attested April 21, 1831 in Accomack County Virginia]

The affidavit of Elkany Andrews who says he served on board the galley "Accomack" during the whole of the time she was in service in the Revolutionary War – & that Edward Joynes (called always Ned Joynes) served with me all the time I was in the service on board said galley. This affiant thinks said galley was manned [?] in the spring of 1777 and was laid up in the winter of 1780 – 81 – and that he has no hesitation in saying that she was in service considerably upwards of 3 years & that Edward Joynes served more than 3 years as a Seaman on board said galley.

S/ Elkanah Andrews, X his mark
[Attested July 30, 1832 in Accomack County Virginia]

The affidavit of Bowdin Snead who says he knew Edward Joynes who served on board of one of the galleys either the "Accomack" or "Diligence" whilst said galley was in service & till they were dismantled & their crews discharged –

S/ Bowdin Snead
[Attested in Accomack County January 27, 1832]

The affidavit of Bowden Snead aged about 72 years, who being duly sworn says that he lived very near where the Galleys Accomack & Diligence were built & launched – & that they were carried across the bay to be armed & on their return the men were immediately enlisted & that Edward Joynes was among the first who enlisted on board the Accomack & that he continued in service till said galley was laid up. This deponent is confident in the opinion that the Galleys Accomack & Diligence went into service in the spring of 1777 & were not laid up until last of the year 1780 having been in service more than three years.

S/ Bowden Snead4
[Attested July 31, 1832 in Accomack County Virginia]

The deposition of William Wellborn Sr.5 aged nearly 70 years who says that Edward or Ned Joynes enlisted on board the Accomack Galley when she went into service & continued on board said Galley till said galley was laid up. This deponent thinks he enlisted for 3 years or for the war & is not certain which, & that the galley was in service for 3 or 4 years. Ned Joynes was a very active young man.

S/ Wm Wellborn

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3 Elkanah Andrews S6507
4 Bowdoin (Bowden) Snead W7196
5 Probably the same man as William Welburn S7856
The heirs of Edward Joynes pray a reconsideration of their claim to bounty land for three years services of said Joynes as a Seamen.

Enclosed all the depositions of Snead, Welborn & Andrews taken more explicitly as to time of service. When the agent for the heirs took the former affidavits he had been informed that it was only necessary to prove that they served on board the galley "Accomack" whilst she was in service.

The Executive will please refer to the papers in "Robert White" claim (a midshipman) for a synopsis of the acts of assembly in regard to the Galleys "Accomack" & "Diligence" & a deposition marked "A" proving upwards of three years continue service of said galleys – Edward Joynes' name is on the depreciated pay list as a Seaman as per certificate of the Auditor filed in Simon & Stephen Stephens papers.

The deposition of William Welbourn Senior of the County of Accomack & State of Virginia aged upwards of sixty-eight years being first duly sworn testifies & says that he was well acquainted with Ned or Edward Joynes in the lifetime of said Joynes – that said Edward Joynes enlisted on board of the "Accomack" Galley during the war of the Revolution to serve as this deponent always understood & verily believes for the term of 3 years or during the War – that this deponent frequently saw said Joynes on board said Galley as she frequently came into the Creek near the wharf & near where this deponent then lived & where he now resides – that said Joynes was a citizen of Accomack County when he enlisted or entered on board said Galley & that he said Joynes served on board said Galley until she was dismantled & he was discharged which was done near the wharf now owned by this deponent & near which this deponent then resided. This deponent was several times on board of said Galley – she was commanded by Captain William Underhill.6

S/ Wm Welburn, Senr.

[Attested February 19, 1831 in Accomack County Virginia]

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6 UNDERHILL, WILLIAM VA, Captain, Virginia Navy
William Underhill was commissioned as a Captain in the Virginia Navy on 30 May 1777 [NOAR, 319] and assigned to command the Virginia Navy Galley Accomac, then under construction on the eastern shore of Virginia. She was presumably launched on 1 July 1777. [NDAR, VIII, 1045-1046 and 1046n] In August 1777 Underhill took her to the Eastern Shore, with a second galley and other forces, during the operations surrounding the British invasion of Pennsylvania. [NDAR, IX, 853] She (and presumably Underhill) was still in service in May 1780, when she was ordered to the Eastern Shore again. [Paullin, 411] http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20U.html