Wednesday 19th March 1777.
Joseph Speake is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the Hon’ble the Council as a proper person to be appointed first Lieutenant of the Safeguard Galley. From page 192.

Tuesday 24th June 1777.
Ordered that Mr. William Holt deliver to Lieut Joseph Speake two hundred pounds of Bacon, two Barrells of Bread, half a bushell of peas, Ten Gallons of Whiskey and five Gallons of Rum From page 240.

Thursday 10th July 1777.
Ordered that Mr. William Holt deliver unto Capt Joseph Speake twenty barrells of Bread, ten barrells of Flour, five barrells of Beef and two thousand pounds of Bacon for the use of the Hero and Norfolk Revenge Gallies From page 246.

Tuesday 15th July 1777.
Ordered that William Holt deliver unto Capt Joseph Speake one hogshead of Rum and one bushell of Salt for the use of the Norfolk Revenge Galley. Ordered that William Hold deliver unto Capt Joseph Speake one bbl of Rum, one Box of Candles and one bushell of Salt for the use of the Hero Galley. From page 248

Wednesday the 19th day of November 1777.
Ordered that Mr. William Holt deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake one barrell of Bread and one ditto of pork for the use of the Boat Nicholson. From page 316.

Friday the 28th day of November 1777.
Ordered that the Keeper of the public Store deliver to Lieutenant Joseph Speake three pairs of Stockings for the use of the people on Board the Boat Nicholson upon his paying for the same From page 321

Monday the 5th day of July 1779. [Copy certified 4 Oct 1834.]
Present James Innes, William Nelson and Samuel Griffin esquires.

The Manley, Safeguard, Hero, Lewis and Page Gallies, and the Ship Gloucester, being represented to this Board as useless and inadequate to the purposes of defence, it is ordered that the said Gallies and Ship be immediately dismantled, and that their men with such of their Stores, as may be necessary, be consigned to the use of the other armed Vessells, and that their hulls be exposed to public sale.

Extracted from Minutes of the Board of War page 3. Bound in 1st Vol of papers concerning the army of the Revolution.

[The following is part of a table certified as a copy “Extracted from a Roll of the Safeguard Galley Bound in 1st Vol of papers concerning the State Navy.”]
George Elliott [pension application R38] Capt 1st Mar’h.
Jo’s Speake 1st Lt. 19 D[itt]o

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph H Cooksey of Charles County and State of Maryland administrator De Bonis non in the Estate of Joseph Speake late of said County Deceased a Lieutenant of
the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Northrup of Washington City my true and lawful attorney with powers of substitution for me and in my name to prepare papers and collect proofs and vouchers to enable me as administrator aforesaid to obtain a further amount of half pay from the United States in right of the services of the said Deceased beyond the sum of $2183.50 heretofore received in right of the proper officers or department at Washington City and if allowed to ask demand and receive such further allowance the same being payable under the Third Section of the Act of Congress of the 5th of July 1832 intitled and act to remunerate Virginia – and my said attorney is hereby authorised to do and perform all manner of things touching the same which I myself might do were I personally present In witness of which I have set my hand and seal at Washington City this Eleventh day of August 1845 Joseph H Cooksey

Washington 19 Aug’t. 1845.

Sir, On behalf of Joseph H. Speak’s adm’r. Joseph H. Cooksey, I have the honor to present his claim for a balance of half pay under the Act 5th July 1832. Lt. Speake was the Lt. of the Safeguard Galley. See roll of that Vessel filed in case of Charles S. Boush [pension application R12]. That vessel was among three ordered to be sold when the Navy was reduced, see 10 vol. Hening p. 217 [ships Tartar and Dragon, and the gallies Henry, Manley, Hero, Page, Lewis, and Safeguard; Hening’s Statutes at Large, http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-10.htm]. When you allowed the claim you allowed it only from the 22d April 1783 because of having no evidence that it should commence at an earlier date. I beg leave to refer you to the papers filed in the 3d Auditors Office and ask you to enquire of Mr. Heath whether he was called into service after the reduction.

Enclosed is evidence of Administration and a power of Attorney.

Yours very respectfully/ Francis A. Dickins

James L Edwards Esq/ Com’r. of Pensions.

Pension Office/ June 8, 1846

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Joseph Speake, dec’d. who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy during the revolution, and it appears that under the act of July 5, 1832, half-pay has been allowed from the from the first of January 1782, when it was supposed he left the service. It now appears that he left the service on the 5 of July 1779. Half-pay from July 5, 1779 to January 1, 1782 is therefore still due, and it should be paid at the rate of one hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per annum, for that period. The amount is payable to Henry Northrup, attorney of Joseph H. Cooksey, administrator of Joseph Speake, deceased. Commissioner of Pensions

Approved/ Secretary of War

NOTE: A document dated 19 Feb 1836 refers to “Elizabeth Chunn and the other Heirs.”