Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Salathiel Simpson VAS3588 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

The deposition of Elkanah Andrews [S6507] a Navy pensioner of the U. States who says that he served as a seaman on board the galley Accomack during the time said galley was in service & has drawn 100 acres of land for his services for 3 years – that the galley Diligence was built & manned at the same time & place with the Accomack & cruised in the same creeks – and that he was well acquainted with Salathel Simpson who entered the service on board the Diligence about the time she was manned in 1777 & continued in service till said galley was dismantled in 1781. The said Simpson was a Master at Arms when s'd galley was laid up.

Elkanah Andrews hisXmark

Accomack County/ May 24 1833

This day Elkanah Andrews made oath to the truth of the above Deposition.

And I further certify that he is a man of truth & entitled to full confidence and credit – as witness my hand & seal as a justice of the peace.

Jno F Riley J.P

The affidavit of Peggy Taylor aged seventy four years who says she lived a near neighbour to Salathel Simpsons fathers house, (in the family of her father) & that she was intimately acquainted with him – that he entered on board the galley some time during the War & continued on board till the galley was laid up & then he went into the land service & it was always said that he died in the service

Peggy Taylor herXmark

Accomack Co May 28 1833

This day Peggy Taylor made oath to the afsd deposition – and I certify that she is a credible witness & entitled to full confidence on oath.

Jno F Riley JP

The deposition of James Davis aged 72 years who being duly sworn testifies that he was well acquainted with Salathel Simpson of this County & that said Simpson went on board the galley Diligence commanded by Capt Watson [Johannes Watson VAS2458] about the time she was manned in the time of the Revolutionary War & remained in service as this deponent well remembers till said galley was laid up. The said Simpson lived but a short distance from this deponent's fathers house. This deponent always understood that the crews of the galleys Diligence & Accomack were enlisted for three years. This deponent further states that s'd Simpson was in some office on board s'd galley & held his office when the galley was laid up.

James Davis his Xmark

Accomack Co June 27, 1833

James Davis made oath before me to the truth of the above deposition.

And I certify that he is a credible witness & of sound mind Jno F Riley J.P.

The deposition of William Thornton Sen'r. aged 76 yrs who says that he lived near where the galleys Accomack & Diligence were manned & that he was well acquainted with Salathel Simpson & that he enlisted on board the Diligence under Capt Watson, at or about the time s'd galley was manned & remained in service on board said galley till she was laid up, a period of nearly four years.

Wm Thornton Sen hisXmark

Accomack Co. June 28th 1833 I certify that Wm Thornton Sen'r. made oath before me to the truth of the above deposition. And I certify that he is a man of truth & veracity & of good memory as witness my hand & seal as a Justice of the peace

Nath'l Topping JP