Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to James Thorp VAS4723 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Monday the 13th day of July 1778.

Ordered that the keeper of the Public Store deliver to James Thorp of the Safeguard Cloth for a Jacket, two shirts, two pairs of trousers and a Hkf [handkerchief] – to Morris Loyd [Morris Lloyd VAS956] two shirts, two pairs of trousers, a pair shoes, and a pair of stockings; and to Michael Doncrean of the Henry Galley Cloth for a suit of Cloths, a hat, a pair of shoes, on their paying for the same. From page 427.

Thursday the 3rd day of September 1778. Ordered that Captain Geo Elliott [George Eliott (Elliott) R38] deliver Mr. William Christian, Carter Frost and [blank] Thorp to be shiped on Board the ship Dragon. From page 463

Thursday the 8th day of October 1778

Ordered that James Thorp of the Lifeguard Galley have leave of absence from his duty for the space of one month from this date. From page 483.

To the Executive of Virginia

It will be seen by the accompanying transcripts No (1) from the Books of the Safety Galley in 1778, that James Thorp was in the Navy of the commonwealth of Virginia, And by an order of the 7th Feby 1798, you will discover that James Thorp is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Boatswaines Mate in the Navy of the Commonwealth of Virginia for three years service. And on the 26th March 1800 A Warrant No 4941 issued in favour of said James Thorp for 200 acres of Land: Therefore Thomas Thorp, and other heirs of James Thorp dec'd residents of Page County, pray that the Executive will authorize the Register of the Land office to issue a Warrant for (such testimony as the law requires) in favour of said Heirs for 2666²/₃ acres of Land, after deducting the 200 acres already allowed James Thorp in his life time, when said Heirs shall have fully established their heirship, and your Petitioners will ever pray &c. John McPherson/ Atty for Thos. Thorp and others of Page County

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Thorp, Jas.]

I Do hear by Sertify that Jas Thorp sarved Three years in the Naval Department as Boatswain's Mate and is Discharged this 22 Day of December 1785 Geo Eliot Cap

Safe Guard

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Geo Eliot

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Thos. J. Thorp of the City of Louisville & State of Kentucky respectfully represents; that his ancestor James Thorp was a warrant officer of the Virginia State navy in the war of the revolution, and received for his services as such 200 acres of land, which was not as much by 2466²/₃ acres, as an officer of his rank was entitled to as your memorialists has been informed. Your memorialist further states that himself, George W Thorp & Hawkins C. Thorpe are the only descendants & heirs, that he has any knowledge of, of the said officer. Memorialist is informed, that evidence of the services of said officer is on file in the archives of the capitol at Richmond, to which he refers–and respectfully asks a consideration of his claim & such additional allowance as to your Excellency may seem right & lawful. 1st July 1840 [signed] Thos J Thorp