

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Francis Brown VAS2691
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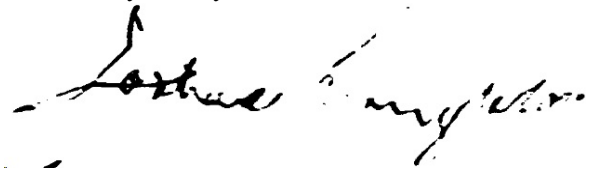
[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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 30th day of April 1785, in the name of Francis Brown as a Steward for £15.16.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Henry Hill and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23rd day of January 1834.
Jas Adams Smith 1st Clk/ Acting AUDITOR.

Gloucester county to wit

Personally appeared before me Henry L [undeciphered] a Justice of the peace for the County of Gloucester in the state of Virginia Mr. Joshua Singleton [S7510] of the said county of Gloucester & state of Virginia and made oath That he was well acquainted with Francis Brown who was a Steward on board the Henry Galley commanded by Capt Robert Tompkins [R102] during the revolutionary war but how long he served I do not know as he was on board when I was transfered as first Lieut from on board the Mandley [sic: *Manley*] and from the Mandly on board the Ship Dragon I left the said Francis Brown on board the said Henry Gally I am inclined to think he enlisted and served three years as the men were enlisted for that term Given under my hand & seal this nineteenth day of July 1833



I Richard Ripley [S11299] of the County of Mathews & state of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Brown formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County. The said Francis Brown did enlist in the Virginia navy on board the Gally Henry captain Robert Tompkins in the year seventeen Hundred and seventy six or seventeen hundred and seventy seven as a Stewart and served as I allways understood and believe untill the end of the war. As Witness my hand and seal this the third day of Febuary A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four
Richard hisXmark Ripley

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

To The Honorable Littleton Waller Tazewell/ Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Spencer Brown of the western country Nancy Gayle and Frances Walden of the County of Mathews and state of Virginia [several undeciphered words] state that the said Spencer Brown resides in the Western Country said Nancy Gayle and Frances Walden [two undeciphered words] the county of Mathews and state of Virginia that said Spencer Brown is the son of Francis Brown and said Nancy Gayle and Frances Walden is the daughter and heirs of said Francis Brown that they are the only heirs that they Claim to be entitled to Bounty [several undeciphered words] the said Francis that said Francis Brown was a resident [several undeciphered words] parish then a part of Gloucester County Virginia that during the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 or 77 he entered the state service in the navy of virginia that he

enlisted on [undeciphered word] the Galley Henry under Capt Robert Tompkins in the capacity of steward and served in that Character untill the end of the war [several undeciphered words] in service As your memorialists are informed and verily believe.

Your memorialists verily believe that Francis Brown never received the Land Bounty to which he was entitled and pray that their claim to the same may be [undeciphered word] into by your Honor In testimony of the foregoing facts they have hereunto subscribed their names this the 20th day of April 1835
Witness Jno. Borum junr Nancy herXmark Gayle/ franes herXmark Walden

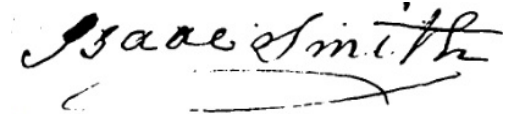
I Mathias Gayle [S16818] of the County of mathews and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Brown formaly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parrish now Constituting Mathews County the Said Francis Brown enlisted On board the Galley Henry in 1776 or 77 under Capt Robert Tompkins in the capacity of Stewart and was Removed to the [undeciphered word] Boat Liberty under Capt Robert Hall & continued in the Virginia Navy three years. As Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1835

Witness/ John N. Sale/ Jno. Borum Junr
State of Virginia/ Mathews County/ to Wit



I Isaac Smith [S11427] of the county of Mathews and state of Virginia do hereby Certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Francis Brown formerly of that part of Gloucester County caled Kingston parrish now constituting Mathews County he the said Francis Brown enlisted on board the Galley Henry under Capt Robert Tompkins in 1776 or 77 in the Capacity of steward and served in the virginia navy untill the siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] as witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1835

Witness/ John N. Sale/ Jno. Borum Junr
State of Virginia/ Mathews County/ to Wit



A Pay Roll of Mens Wages belonging to the Henry Galley
From the 20th Dec'r Robert Tompkins Capt 31 days 8/- 12.8.0
to Jan'y 28th Francis Brown Steward 31 " 3/- 4.13.0
Extracted from pay roll filed in 1st Vol of paper concerning the State Navy.
Jas. E. Heath/ Auditors office/ 22 May 1835