Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Nuttall VAS446 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

To the Governor of Virginia

The heirs of John Nuttall state that he entered the service in the year 1777 on board the Dragon ship in the Navy of the Revolution as Gunners Mate.

They would call the attention of your Excellency to the evidence here with file to substantiate his claim. – Lewis Hinton says he served on board the same ship & thinks the said Nuttall served three years.

David Henderson the clerk of the said Ship certifies that he received pay from the 22nd February 1777 to the 20 January 1779 nearly 2 years.

Almon Dunston also certifies that he entered in 77 & served their guns. They respectfully [prey for] the allowance of his claim to Land bounty for three years Service.

S/ Thos. Green

p Thos. Keenan [?] Jr Att. for claimant

I certify that I was acquainted with John Nuttall in the revolutionary war – we resided in the same neighborhood in Gloucester County – Said Nuttall enlisted in the Naval service in the year 1777 to best of my recollection for three years, and served on board the ship *Dragon*, in the capacity of gunner, as I heard – He served out his enlistment –

S/ Almon Dunston¹

[attested May 30, 1834 in Gloucester County Virginia]

I certify that I was a midshipmen in the ship Dragon in the war of the revolution and that it appears from the original book of the Dragon, left in my hands by Captain Callender, that John Nuttall was gunners mate on said ship, & that he received pay from the 22nd February 1777 to the 20th of January 1779 at which time I left the said ship. How long he continued, or when he entered the service. I do not know – S/David Henderson²

David Henderson²

Almon Dunston W731

David Henderson S5506

[attested in Fredericksburg in July 1834]

I certify that I was well acquainted with John Nuttall of Gloucester County when I entered service on board the ship *Dragon*, which was to the best of my recollection in the year 1777, in the spring, I found John Nuttall there, and continued on board the said ship till we left her at the Navy yard on Chickahominy towards the close of the war – the said Nuttall was gunners mate – I have no hesitation in saying he served at least 3 years –

S/ Lewis Hinton, X his mark

[attested in Lancaster County Virginia July 22, 1834]

³ Lewis Hinton S10831