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Pension Application of Luke Ashburn W5649 Susan Ashburn VA Sea Service
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State of Virginia

Lancaster County Sct.

On this 21st day of Jany. 1833 personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of Lancaster Luke Ashburn, a resident of Christ Church parish in the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia, aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted on board of the Page Galley in the service of the United States in the year 1776 & served on board of the same under the following named officers James Markham [R72] Capt. & Henry Liburn [sic: Henry Lightbourne] Lieutenant – that he left the service the 24th July 1779 – that he only served three years, the period for which he enlisted. That he was a resident of the County of Lancaster & State aforesaid when he entered the service. That he was only in some slight engagements in the Chesapeake bay with some British barges – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Luke hisXmark Ashburn

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

Sir. Please to grant a Certifyficate for what Land I may be Intitled to unto Joseph Snders. And as it is not in my power to come and Settle my self I hope you will Oblige

Witness/ William Edwards

Your Ob't Serv't/ Luke As[rest illegible]/ October [illegible]

I do Certify that Luke Ashburn Ented with me In the state Navy the 24th of July 1776 as an Able Seaman for the term of three years which Time he served faithfully and truly. Given Under my hand this 6th of October 1783

A Copy J Pendleton Jr

James Markham

NOTES:

The *Page* was also known as the *Second Row Galley*. It was in service between 1776 and 1779.

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Luke Ashburn received his final pension payment up to the day of his death, 24 Dec 1837.

On 19 Jan 1846 Susan Ashburn, about 70, applied for a pension stating that she married Luke Ashburn sometime before 1794. On 15 Feb 1852 she applied under a later act, adding that her name was Susan Roberts before she was married to Luke Ashburn by Rev. Daniel McNorton.

Luke Ashburn applied for bounty land as the brother and heir of Lott Ashburn VAS2297.