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Virginia documents pertaining to Wilson Boush VAS2568
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I hereby certify that from a list of Warrant officers on board the Hero and other vessells and their dates, which list is found on an outer leaf of a book filed in this office, and which book purports to be a journal of the Navy board, the name of Wilson Boush appears as a Midshipman in the Washington, February 1st 1777 – this list appears to be in the same hand writing as a part of the journal.

Jos. Jackson Clk of Aud'r/ Aud'r Office 9 Dec'r 1831

Norfolk Borough to wit:

This day, before me, an alderman of said borough Mrs. Ann Brough, daughter of Capt. Goodrich Boush [R19365], formerly of the State Navy, made oath that her brother Wilson Boush entered the State Navy with her father, very early in the war of the revolution, and was afterwards a Midshipman, and continued with her father till his (her father's) death; and, she believes, he a ~~remained~~ midshipman in the navy after that period.

Given under my hand & seal this tenth day of December 1831. I hereby certify that Mrs. Brough is a lady of the first respectability, and is worthy of full credit. Geo. Newton/ Recorder Norf. Boro.

To His Excellency/ John Floyd Esq'r./ Gov'r of Va.

Portsmouth Va. Dec 21st 31

My father-in-law Wilson Boush dec'd was a Midshipman in the Navy of Virginia during the Revolution under his father, Capt. Goodrich Boush who entered the navy (as I am informed) very early in the revolutionary contest, & took his son, Wilson Boush with him. Mrs. Brough the daughter of Capt. G. Boush & sister of Wilson Boush, proves the fact; and in addition to her evidence, I have procured from Mr. Heath's office a document, marked A & herewith inclosed, which proves that Wilson Boush was appointed a Midshipman in the "Washington" then commanded by Capt. G Boush, in Feb 1777. [See Goodrich Boush R19365.] I am informed that Wilson Boush's name appears amongst other names of persons in the navy in an old Journal of the Committee of Safety, which lies in Mr. Heath's office, under date of May 15 1778. I have written to Col. Wm. C. Holt, of the Senate, to obtain it for me, to be placed before your Excellency. I send herewith also a certificate from the land Office, which proves that Capt. G. Boush was in the Navy & received his lands, & I think, from that fact, Wilson Boush ought to have received land also. I send a copy of Capt. Boush's Will [see endnote] & a certificate of court shewing that my wife & her sister (an infant) are the heirs of Wilson Boush. I hope your Excellency will consider this Claim, & allow my wife & her sister whatever they may be entitled to. with great respect/ I am, Sir, yr hmbles/ servant/ Henry Robinson

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To His Excellency/ Gov. Tazewell/ Sir

I presented the claims of Lieut Ed'd Latimer [sic: Edward Lattimore VAS840] & Mid. Wilson Boush of the State Navy for Land bounty, previous to the order of the Executive of the 18th of August 1834, requiring a petition & affidavit to accompany all claims presented to the Executive. The Commissioner having since reported on those cases, I respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to reconsider those cases without the petition of the heirs. The heirs of Boush are known to your Excellency

The claims of Captains Woneycutt [Edward Woneycutt R110] & Ivy [William Ivy R46] of the State Navy have been allowed but the Register issued only 4000 acres, to each being only the quantity allowed to a

Land Captain instead of 5333 acres the usual quantity of a Navy Captain whose rank is that of a Land Major. I beg that your Excellency will cause the additional quantity of Land to be issued to each of those two officers
I have the Honour to be' Yr. Excellency/ Ob Sert/ J Murdaugh

NOTE: The file contains a copy of the will of Goodrich Boush of Norfolk signed on 17 Aug 1778 while he was living in James City County. In it he made the following bequests:

To "my loving wife Mary four negroes two males and two females such as she shall chuse out of my negroes during her life and all my house and kitchen furniture."

To son Wilson Boush "the lott of land I use to live on."

To son Samuel Boush "two lotts of land on the Creek side that I bought of Charles Boush."

To son James Boush "one lott of land on the road leading to Mr. Godfrey's that I bought of Charles S Boush."

To his three daughters Ann, Mary and Eliza Boush "one negro to each."

To all of the above proceeds from the sale of his plantation in James City County.

To the sons and daughters equal shares in "the remainder of my negroes."

Samuel Boush, Arthur Boush, James Holt, and Malachi Wilson were named as executors. The will was proved on 19 Dec 1782.