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Pension Application of Walter Brooke R14

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[The following heirs of Walter Brooke applied to the Governor and Council of Virginia for bounty land: W. T. Brooke, B. E. Brooke, Lucy A. Brooke, Virginia Brooke, Jabez and Mary C. Rooker, John and Ann Graeff.]

District of Columbia } Ss.

Washington County }

On this twenty fourth day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty, personally appeared Commodore James Barron [pension application W12264] of the United States Navy, before me, the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and being duly sworn says that he was acquainted with Commodore Walter Brooke of the State Navy of Virginia, during the Revolutionary War; that he was on board the Vessels of Commodore Brooke's Squadron frequently and saw his broad pendant flying: – That Commodore Brooke was the senior officer during a part of the Revolution, and of course, Senior to his father Commodore James Barron, who succeeded to the Command of Commodore Brooke, when he was commissioned as Commodore and Commander in chief of the State Navy of Virginia. And further saith not:

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

James Barron

NOTES:

*The History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution* by Robert Armistead Stewart (1934) states that Walter Brooke was the son of Maj. Walter Brooke of Chickamun, Charles County MD, that in Aug 1776 he was Captain of the sloop *Liberty* (formerly the *Hornet*), that he was made Commodore on 21 Mar 1777, and he died in Fairfax County VA in 1798.

On 16 Oct 1830 in Washington DC Anna Maria Graeff, daughter of Walter Brooke, deposed that she had seen his commission as Commodore. On 12 Apr 1831 also in Washington another daughter, Mary C. Rooker, deposed that she had long possessed the commission of her father as Commodore and Commander in chief of the State Navy of Virginia.