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Pension Application of Samuel Barron R6

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[On 28 Feb 1850 in Norfolk VA Samuel Barron of the US Navy assigned power of attorney as administrator of his deceased father, Commodore Samuel Barron, to obtain the commutation of five years full pay for his father's services in the Revolutionary War as a Captain in the State Navy of Virginia.]

Commodore James Barron's affidavit –

The affidavit of Commodore James Barron taken before me Tazewell Taylor a Notary Public of the Borough of Norfolk duly commissioned and qualified for that purpose.

The affiant being first sworn deposeseth and sayeth – That he is the Brother of Commodore Samuel Barron of the Navy of the United States and formerly of the State Navy of Virginia who departed this life in the month of November 1810. That the said Samuel Barron to the best of his recollection entered the said State Navy of Virginia about two years before the Siege of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and having been promoted to a Lieutenancy was entrusted with the command of several vessels belonging to the said State Navy – Amongst them the Schooner Liberty and Patriot. That the said Samuel was in actual service until the end of the War in 1783. The affiant will forbear making any remarks as to the merits of the said Samuel Barron in consequence of the near relationship that subsisted between them.

The affiant is well acquainted with Wm Jennings sen'r. [William Jennings, pension application S5615] Jeremiah Cain, Captain John Cowper and James Webb and he has no hesitation in saying that all of them are men of undoubted veracity and competent to speak of the events of the Revolutionary War and of the persons who served in it from personal knowledge. (signed) James Barron

A true copy from papers on file in the Third Auditor's Office Dec. 21, 1850

Miles King's Affidavit –

The affidavit of Miles King of the Borough of Norfolk taken before me Tazewell Taylor a Notary Public of the said Borough duly Commissioned and qualified on the 9th day of May 1831 –

The said affiant (being first duly sworn) deposeseth and sayeth that he is the son of Miles King dec'd. [pension application W20342] who commanded in the revolutionary War a Vidette Company and has heard his father in repeated conversations assert that the late Commodore Samuel Barron and formerly an officer of the State Navy of Virginia was engaged in an action which was fought off the mouth of Hampton Creek between one of the State Vessels of War and a British tender in which as he was informed by his father the said Samuel Barron bore a gallant and conspicuous part. [See endnote.] That the said action was fought during the said War and at a time when the said Samuel Barron was not more than 17 years of age and that it was regarded by all as a most brilliant achievement as more of the British were taken or destroyed than there were men on board the Virginia Vessel.

The said affiant wishes it to be distinctly understood that he has no personal knowledge of the events of that period – but that he merely details what he has heard from his father whose statement he has heard confirmed by Mrs. Hannah Westwood the sister of his father and now deceased.

(signed) Miles King

A true copy from the papers on file in the Third Auditor's office. Dec. 24, 1850

I James Barron pension application W12264] of the Navy of the United States, do hereby certify that my brother, the late Commodore Samuel Barron U. S. Navy, served in the Virginia State Navy during the revolutionary War, in the grades of Midshipman and Lieutenant until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at YorkTown in the year (1781) seventeen hundred eighty one – After this period he was

placed in command of the Schooner Patriot of ten guns, and promoted to the rank of Captain. And thus he continued to be employed until the disbandment of the Navy of the State of Virginia

[signed] James Barron

Sworn and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace for the City of Norfolk this 3^d Jan'y. 1851

NOTE:

On 21 June 1776 the boat *Liberty*, commanded by Capt. James Barron, Sr., and the boat *Patriot*, commanded by Capt. Richard Barron [R5] and his brother, Lt. Samuel Barron, captured the *Oxford* with 200 Highlanders intended as reinforcement for Lord Dunmore.

On 15 Mar 1836 Samuel Barron, Lt. in the US Navy, wrote to the 4th Auditor of the US Treasury Department inquiring about obtaining proof necessary to draw the unclaimed pension of his father, "the Late Commodore Sam'l. Barron." The letter includes the following: "My father died in 1810 leaving myself, and a daughter, who was married in 1818 and died herself in 1821 – leaving a daughter who was married in 1836 – not yet of age – I became of age in Novb'r 1829."