

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Brooke R14

VA Sea Service

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[The federal pension file contains copies of the following documents from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

W. T. Brooke, B. E. Brooke, Lucy A. Brooke, Virginia Brooke, Jabez Rooker & Mary C. Rooker, John Graeff & Ann Graeff, heirs of Commodore Walter Brooke, who served in the Virginia Navy establishment, during the Revolution Pray your Honorable body for an advice of Council requesting the Register of the land office to issue a warrant to the above named Heirs & Representatives of Commodore Brooke for the amount there may appear due – And further ask an advice of Council, to the Register of the Land Office, designating the relative rank of a Commodore with the officers of the State & Continental Line of Virginia. And respectfully refer your Hon'ble body to the Statutes of Virginia Vol. 10. Page 375. Oct. 1780 - Vol. 11 Page 469 - Nov. 1781 – Vol. 11. Page 162 Oct. 1782 – Also laws of the U.S. Vol. 1<sup>st</sup> Page 625 - Nov. 1776.

H. S. Handy Atty

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 [VAS1949], 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.

N. B. Van Zandt/ Justice of the Peace



NOTES:

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

*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.