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Pension Application of Henry Brinker S5305

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State of Virginia } On this 24 day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court
Hampshire County } before Wm. Donaldson, John Sloan, Sam'l Cockerill & David Parsons
The Court of Hampshire now sitting, Henry Brinker a resident of Springfield in the County of Hampshire
and State of Virginia aged seventy one 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th
1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served
as herein stated

That he served six months guarding the English prisoners taken with Genl. Burgoyne [at Saratoga
on 17 Oct 1777, sent to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779, then to Winchester in Apr 1781] while they were
in Winchester as a Lieutenant under the command of Colo. Homes [sic: Joseph Holmes] – but he cannot
say exactly in what year – there was no other officer attached to this command save Colo. Homes and this
Deponent –

That he went as a Volunteer without any particular command with Capt. [William] Frost to
Richmond in Virginia, but was chiefly employed as an express rider by the Marquis DeLafate [sic:
Marquis de Lafayette] – he was two months on this tour –

he went also to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] with about 1500 men as Volunteers where he
remained 5 or 6 weeks, serving as a Volunteer under Colo. Homes –

he also served two months in the Horse with Capt Gill as a Volunteer at Richmond –

He also served two months as a Lieut'n against the Indians as appears from an order from Colo. [John]
Smith, and a discharge from Colo. [Benjamin] Wilson this was his last service and in the year 1782 –

And this Depo further states that his place of residence during all these different periods of
service as stated above was in Winchester in Virginia, that his present residence is in Hampshire County
Virginia. That for further testimony he offers the accompanying certificates That he is now an old man
and cannot particularly point out the time when he was engaged in the service that is to say the month or
year – as he has lost his commission and two of his discharges – he says he never was engaged in any
battle nor attached to or connected with any troops of the regular army – nor has he any other
Documentary Evidence than now Exhibeted

And this Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present
and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

This is to Certify That Henry Brinker Lieut of Mali[tia] from Frederick County hath preformd a Tour of
Duty under my Command in Monongalia County and is hereby Discharged With Honour. Given under
my h[and] this 25th Day of Sept'r 1782 Benj. Wilson Lt Co[l]

Note you are Directed to Discharge your Men as soon as you Return to Colo. John Smiths Where your
publick arms is to be Delivered B.W.