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Pension Application of Benjamin Barham S37720

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District of Va. Towit

On this 15th day of Sept'r. 1818 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Gen'l. C't. of Va. personally appears Benjamin Barham aged sixty four years, resident in Southhampton [sic: Southampton] County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary:" That he the said Benj. Barham enlisted in the 4th Va. Reg't. first commanded by Colo. Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen] & afterwards by Col. [Robert] Lawson in the State of Va. in the Company commanded by Capt. John Walkyns [probably John Watkins, Jr., company raised in Isle of Wight and Surry counties] in the year 1776 and continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for two years when in the year 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania That he was in the Battles of Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776] & German Town [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] – that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of assistance from his Country for support; & that he has no other evidence now for his services having lost his discharge, but the parol testimony of persons in the army with him.

On the same day personally appears before me Judge as a'd Capt. Jno. Smith [John Smith] aged about sixty five & makes oath that he served in the Army with Benjamin Barham as an Ensign & knows his declaration to be true – and that sd[?] Barham was for some time one of Gen'l. Washington's life guard. This deponent was a Lieutenant in a Company commanded by Capt. G. Wayles [possibly George Walls] when the said Barham was discharged at Valley Forge.