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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Ham VAS1364

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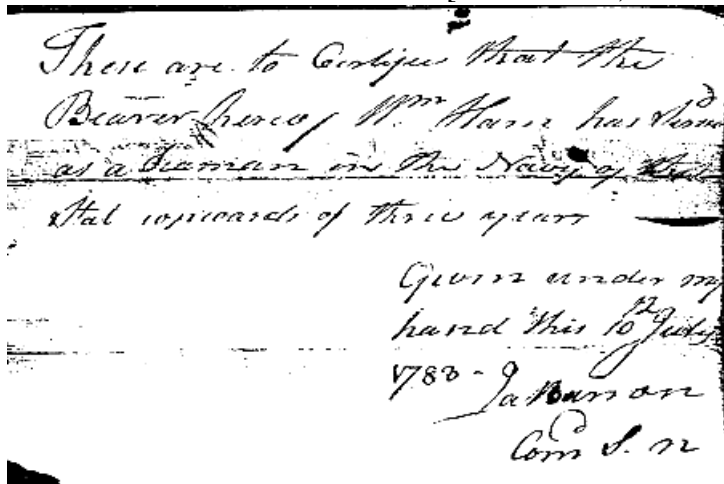
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

These are to Certifie that the Bearer hereof Wm Ham has Served as a Seaman in the Navy of this State upwards of three years.

Given under my hand this 10th July 1783

S/ Jas. Barron [James Barron]

Com. S. N. [Commodore, State Navy]



Pleased to Deliver the Warrant for the within Certificate to Mr. Moss Armistead Hampton

July 29, 1783

S/ William Ham

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Ham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers

of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 22nd day of April 1785, in the name of William Hand, as a Seaman for £62.2.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Jones Allen and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
16th day of June, 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

I, James Barron do certify that I was intimately acquainted with William Ham of Elizabeth City County Virginia – that at a very early age and some years before the Revolutionary War ended, he entered the Naval Service of Virginia, as a lad [indecipherable word] he afterwards became a master's mate, and then a Lieutenant, and that he commanded the Schooner *Nicholson* on the James River engaged in transporting provisions from its various branches to Trebel's [Trebell's Landing, 6 miles west of Yorktown] landing for the use of the Army at the siege of Yorktown in 1781 = that after the Siege of Yorktown most of the vessels were sold or dismantled and many of their officers discharged = [indecipherable word] that Captain Ham continued in the service of Virginia as a Lieutenant until the end of the War. Lieutenant Ham in consequence of his zeal and patriotic conduct was a favorite of my Father's and was [indecipherable word] in his family. My father was associated with Colonel Pickering Commissary General of the Continental Army, and they had their head quarters at Trebel's Landing, and of course had Lieutenant Ham under his eye during that trying time. I can state the foregoing facts as being with in my own personal knowledge.

S/ James Barron¹

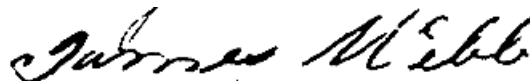


County of Washington, District of Columbia

[Acknowledged January 26, 1836 with the applicant being referred to as Commodore James Barron]

The Affidavit of James Webb taken this 4th day of September in the year 1837 before me William Hope a Notary Public in and for the County of Elizabeth City State of Virginia who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with the late Captain William Ham, that he entered the service in the Revolutionary War very young, that at one time he commanded one of the State Boats, that said Ham he always understood continued in the service till the close of the war, and further this Affiant saith not.

S/ James Webb



¹ [James Barron W12264](#)