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Pension Application of Richard French S35955

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District of Columbia, SS.

On this 7th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appears Richard French aged 60 years, resident in Alexandria 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" that he the said Rich'd. French enlisted in Alexandria then in the state of Virginia in 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hamilton of the first State regiment of Virginia on continental [establishment; see endnote]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the year 1779 or 1780, when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia in state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and White Marsh [Whitemarsh, 5 Dec 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of Wm. Grimes [William Grimes, pension application S35980] hereto annexed – and that his discharge is not in his power and he does not believe it to be in existence.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. W. Cranch

NOTES:

The First Regiment of the Virginia State Line was not on Continental Establishment, as required under the act of 1818.

On 4 March 1820 Richard French stated that he served in the 1st Virginia Regiment and that he had lived in Loudoun County for the previous three months and before then in Fairfax County.