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Pension application of James Palmer S7293   f30VA
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State of Virginia, County of Rockingham SS
       On this 21st day of January 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting James Palmer a resident of New Haven in the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged 69 years who being 1st 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 and served as herein stated. He was born in King William County Virginia on the 28th of January 1763. His age was recorded by his father in a book called "A Week's Preparation," which he has not in his possession at present. In the spring of the year 1779 he was drafted as a militia man in King William County and served two months as a private under Captain Catlett [perhaps William Catlett or Cattlett]of the Virginia Militia. He marched to Williamsburg and thence to Yorktown, and thence down the Country in the direction of Hampton Virginia but did not reach the latter place, and was marched back to Yorktown and was discharged there. The detachment to which he belonged during this period of service was under the command of General Scott and had no engagement with the enemy. In January early in the month 1781 he was drafted in the militia service from King William County, and marched to a place called Holt's Forge, New Kent County, and after a short stay at that place he was marched to Williamsburg Virginia and after a stay of about four or five weeks at the latter place, he was marched to a place called Sandy Point on James River, and continued there until he was discharged in the Spring, early in April, after having served 3 months. This tour was served under Captain Richardson of the King William militia. During his stay at Sandy Point, he was under the command of Major Turbefield or Turbeville [Turberville?], who had command at that place. During his stay at Sandy Point, the detachment to which he belonged took a British vessel with twelve men on board, but on discovering that the vessel was unarmed and was bound to a private house up the James River, the residence of a Tory family, an excursion of pleasure, she was released.
       In June 1781 he was drafted as a militia man in King William County Virginia, under the same Captain Richardson and was detailed for the service of building boats, he being a ship-Carpenter. He continued employed in building boats for the use of the Army, in King William County, until a short time before the surrender of Cornwallis. He was employed in the service three months and was discharged. He received no written discharge for any of his services – and never received a commission. He has no documentary evidence of his services, but relies on the deposition of Philip Johnson & William Bowles of King William County herewith submitted. He resided in King William County until the year 1813 with the exception of about three years during which he lived in King & Queen County Virginia and about 2 or 3 years in Richmond

city. In 1813 he removed to Rockingham County Virginia where he has lived ever since. For his character for veracity, and the belief of his services in his neighborhood, he refers to Dr. Kemper, and Stephen Harnsberger Esquire Justices of the Peace in this County.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. Palmer

[Michael Meyerhoeffer, a clergyman, and Stephen Harnsberger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put to Philip Johnson Senior & William Bowles Citizens of King William County Virginia by Christopher Johnson a justice of the peace for the aforesaid County respecting the services of James Palmer of Rockingham Virginia in the militia of the United States during the Revolution

Question.

What do you know respecting the services of James Palmer in the revolution? Answer. We can both conscientiously say that James Palmer served two terms in the militia, in what year or years, we cannot positively say, but we both can testify that he was afterwards employed a good long time in the operation of building boats for the purpose of conveying baggage across rivers for the use of the Army in the summer of 1781.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]