

### Pension Application for John Banks

W.16818 (Widow: Abigail)

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

Be it known that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1845, personally appeared before me the undersigned the Surrogate of said County Abigail Banks a resident of said County aged ninety years who being first duly sworn before me in open court being a court of record doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of John Banks deceased who was a soldier and served as follows in the service of the war of the Revolution as she has been told by her said husband and other persons likewise and that she verily believes it to be true.

That in the year 1775 her husband moved from the State of Connecticut to the County of Westchester in the State of New York and that in the year 1776 her husband was out from home in the service from time to time during that year she thinks under one Capt. Holly on the Hudson River to guard the inhabitants against the British Army and was in one or two battles that year and that he was out in 1777 and 1778 under Capt. Haight she thinks in Col. Drake's Regiment and that he was frequently called out on alarms during the two years. That he enlisted and served in a company of Light Horse in the years 1779 or 1780 she thinks in 1780 and she has understood he was a Sergeant in said company and was out from home some length of time and she thinks he might have served one year or more during said terms, she thinks he returned home in the summer or fall of that year and that he served in Capt. Delevan's Company and that while in said service was in Dutchess, Westchester Counties, but she cannot state all the different places where the company was stationed during said term of service and that soon after his time expired in said company of light Horse he entered the service and served under Capt Moses St. John in Col. Thomas regiment but the length to time she cannot state and that in the year 1781 he was out from home the greater part of the year on duty under Capt. St. John or Capt. Haight she thinks in Col. Drakes or Col. Thomas Regiment and served to the North and on the Hudson River and that he was out from home in the service many other different times and served on alarms from the commencement to the termination of the war but she cannot state with certainty the places and different periods of time that her husband served under different officers during said war by reason of old age and loss of memory, and that she had no documentary evidence in her possession to prove the services of her husband in the revolutionary war and that she knows of no person now living by whom she can prove the services of her husband but she must rely on whatever records may be found in the pension department to prove her husband's services and that she further states that about three or four years ago she heard for the first that she was entitled to a pension and that since that period she has made application to several persons to aid and assist her as agent to procure a pension and that no application has been made but the present.

She further declares she was married to the said John Banks on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1775 by the Rev. Solomon Mead who was then pastor of the Presbyterian Church at South Salem now Lewisboro, in the County of Westchester aforesaid and that her husband the aforesaid John Banks died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1793 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Abigail Banks

Sworn to and Subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848 before me. Tho. S. Coffin, [?]