

## **Pension Application for John Franks**

S.44867

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On this first day of October 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said county personally; appears John Franks aged seventy nine years, resident in Southold in said County 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 untitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he was appointed by the Provincial Congress of the State of New York a Commissary in April 1776 to supply the troops stationed at the East end of Long Island in the said State under the command of Colonel James Clinton of the 2d New York Regiment of three companies (viz. Captains Daniel Griffing, Daniel Roe and John Davis) with their rations of provisions at ten pence New York currency per ration, he had an order on the Treasurer for money to purchase provisions for the soldiers, when he applied to the Treasurer his answer was, that there was no money in the Treasury, then he purchased provisions himself to furnish the troops that were stationed at the East end of Long Island and furnished them with their rations from the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1776 until the 3d September following, to the amount of three thousand Dollars, which money was not paid him until 1784 when he rec'd the amount in State Certificates exclusive of interest, and was obliged (owing to his reduced circumstances) to sell them at 2/6 on the pound for necessaries to support his family.

That on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1777 he was commissioned as PayMaster to the 4<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment in the Continental service, commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston and received his pay at 40 Dollars pr month and 10 Dollars pr month subsistence money as Cap'n that he joined the Army as PayMaster in Peekskill in the State of New York, that he continued to serve as Paymaster in the service of the United States until March 1780 when the four New York Regiments were reduced to two when he being one of the supernumerary officers was discharged at Albany in the said State of New York.

That he was at the commencement of the first battle at Saratoga when he was sent with the papers of the Regiment to Albany by order of Col. Livingston that thence he returned to the army and had the honor of being in the second Battle at Saratoga at the taking of Genl Burgoyne & his army.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signe) John Franks

Sworn to and declared before in the day and year aforesaid. Ebenezer W. Case