

Pension Application for John Banks

W.23502 (Widow: Abigail) Married February 15, 1782. John died September 22, 1826.

I John Banks of Hollis in the County of York & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Sixty years, do declare, that I enlisted as a private soldier in the American Army, on the Continental Establishment on the fourth day of June A.D. 1778, at [?] under Capt Daniel Lane in Colonel Aldins [Alden's] regiment for nine months & marched to Cherry Valley & was besieged at fort Alden & was present when Colonel Alden was killed. I served at said term regularly & was discharged at Cherry Valley by Major Whiting who had command of said Regiment on the fourth day of March A.D. 1779).

Three soldiers beside myself were discharged at this time. Our discharged amounted to an order for valuors on the road which were duly received. Which of the company had the orders aforesaid. I do not recollect, I had none. I have no pension & from my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of the assistance from my country for support. I am a citizen of the United States. (Signed) John Banks. April 13, 1818, before a subscribed one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, & have caused the seal of said court to be hereunto affixed this twenty sixth day of June. In the year of our lord eighteen hundred & eighteen. George Thatcher.