

**Pension Application for Michael Brooks**

S.28341

By Richard Varick and Richard Platt of the City of New York Esquires

This is to certify that in pursuance of the Law of the State of New York entitled "An Act making Provision, for officers, soldiers and seamen who have been disabled in the service of the United States, passed the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1786. We have examined Michael Brooks of Lower Salem in the County of Westchester Taylor and find that during the late War he was a private soldier in Captain Abijah Gilbert's (1) Company in the Regiment of Westchester County Militia commanded by Colonel Thomas Thoma. That on or about the twenty fourth Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six being ordered out in the Service of the United States he Marched to Peekskill and on the same Day received a wound by accident from one John Brooks (2) a Private in the same Company by a Musket Ball through his right leg just below the knee by means so being in some measure rendered incapable of obtaining his Livelihood by Labour that on the fourth Day of August last he was thirty three years of age: Wherefore in pursuance of the law aforesaid. We do further certify that upon the principles of the Act of Congress of the seventh Day of June 1785 the said Michael Brooks is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a Yearly Pension of twenty four Dollars from the fourth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand and seven Hundred and Eighty three if not be fore paid.

Given under our Hand this thirtieth Day of November 1787

Richd Varick

Richd Platt (3)

State of New York

Genesee County SS

Michael Brooks of the Town of Covington in said County being duly sworn says that he is the same Michael Brooks in the within Certificate mentioned and described and that he now resides in the said town of Covington in the County of Genesee and further saith not.

Subscribed and sworn before me

Robert Moore Commissioner

In and for County Court

The 26<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1824

Original Certificate

Varick & Platt to Michael Brooks

Direct New Certificate to Perry Post Office Genesee County

End Notes—No. S.28341—Michael Brooks

1. Captain Abijah Gilbert of the South Salem Company of Colonel Thomas Thomas's Second Regiment of the Westchester County Militia.
2. So far no record of a John Brooks was found in this regiment. A muster roll of 1776 has also not been located for this company.
3. A footnote on page 332 of Documents Relating To The Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State of Archives, Vol. I, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, Albany N.Y., 1887, state the following, "Accidentally wounded in the right leg on the march to Peekskill December 24, 1776. Tailor Lower, Salem, Westchester Col. A. 26". A 26 is a reference to the Pension Board minutes.