

### **Pension Application for John Foster**

W.21128 (Widow: Susannah)

By Richard Varick and Richard Platt of the City of New York Esqrs.

This is to certify that in pursuance of the Law of the State of New York entitled "An act making provision for officers, soldiers & seaman who have been disabled in the service of the United States" passed the 22d of April 1786, we have examined John Foster of the City of New York labourer and find that he was a private soldier in Capt. Jonathan Hallet's Company in the Second New York Regt in the service of the United States commanded by Col. Philip VanCourtlandt, that while in the service aforesaid in the company & regiment aforesaid to wit, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1777 at Stillwater, he received a wound in his left knee by a musket ball from the enemy under the command of Lieut Genl Burgoyne, which wound has in a great measure deprived him of the use of his leg; and that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August last he was twenty nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1785 the said John Foster is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a yearly pension of sixty dollars.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> June 1786. Rich'd Varick, Ric'd Platt. Peter T. Curtenius Auditor of the State of New York.

Brief in the case of Susannah Foster widow of John Resident in Elgin Co., Canada Registered in State of New York, Albany Agency act July 7, 1838. Claim.

John Foster who served in Hallett's Comp'y VanCortlandts Reft NY Cont'l Line from Dec'r 2d 1776 to Jany 23d 1780 was an Invalid Pensioner under the act of June 1785 and paid at \$60 per annum to Sept. 4, 1815, it is proved by [parol?] died Dec'r 1815.

Susannah, identified as his widow by numerous witnesses, and to have remained his widow from his death to her's is proved by [parol] to have died in Elgin Co., Canada Dec'r 1<sup>st</sup> 1844 and to have remained his widow.

Marriage as early as April 5<sup>th</sup> 1785, is proved by family register and the testimony of witnesses to Cohabitation years before 1794. That Hannah Hooker and Sarah Crossett are her only surviving children is proved by parol. S.G. Dodge Examining Clerk.

Name and residence of Agent, H. N. Teel, Geneva, N. York.