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Virginia Pension Claim of Thomas Brooks VAS1226 Mary Brooks
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[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brocks, Thomas. Some of the online images are illegible.]

Prince Edward – November Court 1784.

It appearing to the Court, that Thomas Brooks late a soldier in the Continental Service in Colonel Bufords Detachment, departed this life in 1779 [see endnote], while a soldier in that service leaving Mary Brooks his Widow & five Children, the oldest seventeen & the youngest seven years, & that the said Mary having little property, is in Indigent Circumstances, Ordered that the same be Certified the Auditor of Public accounts. Copy Teste/ F Watkins Clk

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Mary Brooks, widow of Thomas Brooks who was a private in Bufords Detachment and died or was killed in the service of the United States, is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of ten pounds yearly commencing the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 2nd[?] of October 1792

Sam Coleman

Henry Lee

Rec'd of John Watson, DSL[?] for John Clarke high Sheriff of Prince Edward County, Twenty pounds for what was allowed me as Pensioner, for the year one thousand seven hundred and Ninty and one Thousand seven hundred and Ninty one this 9th day Oct'r. 1792

Test/ Thomas Watson

Mary Brooks

NOTES:

The Third Virginia Detachment under Col. Abraham Buford was organized in the summer of 1779, but it had not completed recruiting until the spring of 1780. The detachment had no engagement in 1779, but it was in a skirmish at Leneud's Ferry on Santee River in SC on 6 May 1780 and in the Battle of Waxhaws SC on 29 May 1780.

A document dated July 1786 states that the oldest child was a daughter aged 19. On 12 April 1796 it was stated that Mary Brooks had a family of three children.

The file contains other documents similar to the above, the last being Mary Brook's receipt signed 15 Sep 1806.