

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis T. Brooke S8093

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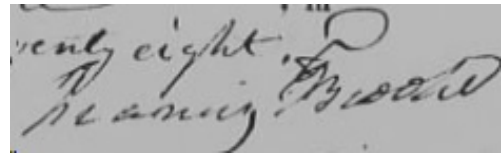
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Francis T. Brooke of Spotsylvania county, in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such from 1780 to the end of the war, at which period I was a 1st Lieutenant in the first Artillery regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

Witness my hand, this eleventh day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight.

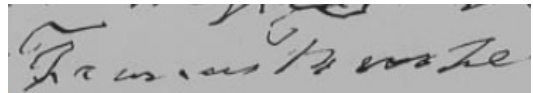
[Witnessed by E. Brooke and Thomas Miller.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis T. Brooke".

Staunton July 11th 1830

My Dear Sir

Having seen your letter to Mr Walter Cabell I give you the following information. I was appointed a first Lieutenant in Col Charles Harrison's [VAS1411] regiment of Artillery in the month of February (I think it was) in the year 1781. I joined one of the companies of the Regiment in the month of April following, but I had previously been sent down the river to reestablish the fortifications at Portsmouth which, had been destroyed by Genl [Benedict] Arnold the winter before; and then had various commands until I joined the Marquis's [Marquis de Lafayette's] army and served under him during that Campaign until after the battle of Green Spring [6 Jul 1781], when the corps I belonged to was ordered to join Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the South. The troops however were detained in Virginia for some time; and finally I joined Genl Green's army early in the year 1782. Soon after which I was appointed Quarter Master of the Parc of Artillery on condition that I should not lose my rank in the line but should perform both duties and was frequently attached to the Light Infantry under Col Lawrence [probably John Laurens] and afterwards under Genl [Anthony] Wayne. But on going to the War Department you will find there my account as Quarter Master furnished by Col Carrington [Edward Carrington W6635] the Quarter Master Genl of the Army and if the orderly book of Genl Green for the year 1782 can be found there also, it will be seen how and when I was appointed. I am now in the receipt of half pay as Quarter Master instead of whole pay which I receive as an Officer in the line under the act of 1828 and I suppose the Officers under that act are entitled to whole pay also. with great respect/

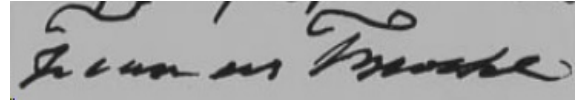
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The Petition of F. T. Brooke respectfully represents

That he has been inscribed on the Rolls of the Pension office as an Officer of the army of the Revolution under an act of Congress entitled "an act Supplementary to the 'Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution'" passed 22nd Congress and has been paid semiannually at the rate of \$520 per ann.

You Petitioner held the rank of Lieutenant of Artillery & Q'r master in the Continental Army of Va. He is advised that by a recent decision of this department, his pay should have embraced both ranks,

which he held in the Army to wit: that of Lieutenant of Artillery at the rate of \$400 pr. ann. and that of Q'r Master at the rate of \$360 per ann. forming an aggregate sum of \$760. Claiming the right to be inscribed as a Pensioner of the United States, under the act of the 15 day of May, 1828 having exclusively served in the Continental Army of Virginia, your petitioner respectfully prays that his accounts may be readjusted computing his pay from the 3rd day of March 1826, as authorized by the act of 1828, until the 3rd March 1830 when last paid, deducting therefrom the respective sums heretofore paid to him to that period, and that the annual stipend hereafter accruing may be paid at the rate of \$760 pr. annum.

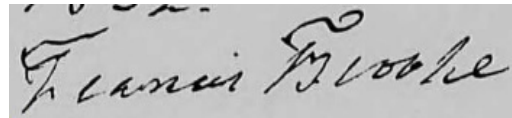


Lt Francis Brooke has been allowed the additional pay as Quarter Master at 16 Dollars per month from the 1 April 1782 to the 1 August 1783. See settlements made by E. Dunscomb.

Treasury Dept/ 2 Aud office/ October 27 1842/ Peter Hagner Aud

State of Virginia } SS.
City of Richmond } [16 Nov 1842]

I Francis T. Brooke do hereby on oath declare, that I acted as a lieutenant and quartermaster to the park of Artillery consisting of the Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania Artillery in the war of the Revolution: that I am advised that under the act of the 7th June 1832 I am entitled to an additional compensation, to the pay allowed to me by the act of 1828 in consideration of my having done duty as a staff officer. That I hereby relinquish all claim to any pay, except that which is specified in the certificate now held by me, and which I do now herewith relinquish and surrender, for and in lieu of, a certificate which is to be issued in my name for the additional pay to which I am entitled under the act of the 7th June 1832.



[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brooke, Francis.]

Richmond Jan'y 8th 1784

I do Certify that Fran's Brooke was appointed a Lieutenant the First day of Feb'y 1781 in the First regim't of Artillery & continued as such till the end of the war.

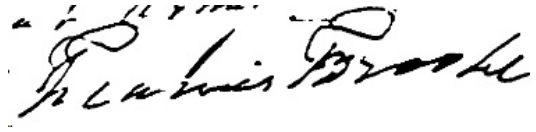
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[Ambross Bohannon BLWt280-200]



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A few days after I joined the Northern army (Commanded by Gen Greene) [one or two undeciphered words] of Lieutenant in Harrison's Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia Continental line I was appointed Deputy Quarter Master of the Park of Artillery consisting of the Pennsylvania Companies of Artillery the Maryland Companies of Artillery and a company of Harrison's Regiment of Artillery to which I belonged. I accepted the office of Deputy Quarter Master and continued to execute the duties of that office until the [several undeciphered words] until the army was disbanded [several undeciphered words] of the officers coming by land. For most of these facts I refer to Robert Saunders affidavit, who was during the time

assistant Quarter Master to Col Carrington the Quarter Master General of that army.



This day came before me F. T. Brooke and made oath on the Holy Evangelists to the truth of the above statement of fact. March 30th 1838 Jno. G. Mosby (JP) of Henrico Cty

Richmond Jan 13th 1839

Sir [Edward C. Davis esq'r/ Register of the Land office], I have examined the various acts of assembly relative to the allowance in land to the officers & soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental & state establishment & am of opinion that where under the act of 1779 a non commissioned officer had enlisted for the war & served to the end thereof & more than six years he shall be and is intitled for every year he continued in service beyond the term of six years to one sixth part in addition to the quantity of land apportioned to his rank. The quantity apportioned to the rank of a non commissioned officer of the description just mentioned by the act of 1779 is four hundred acres; to which the act of 1780 (chan. Rec pa 135) add one third. Upon these allowances the additional sixth for each year above six years ought to be calculated. This I am satisfied upon reflection on the various acts on this subject is the true construction. The expressions[?] of the act of 1782 are very broad. The language is "and/or every year which every officer or soldier may have continued &c: This clearly includes the present case. In adverting to the language of the act of 1779 the case of the non commissioned officers of the beforementioned description is the only class of that description of officers who can derive a benefit from the act of 1782. As to the other description of non commissioned officers mentioned in the act of 1779 (to with those who inlisted for three years & served out the same or untill the end of the war) the question under the act of 1782 cannot occur. Because to make that question occur the officer must have served more than six years "to be computed from the time he last went into service."

I am Sir/ Yr. Obt. Servt./ Philip Naborne Nicholas.

This claim is allowed as a dep Q. Master to Harrisons brigade of Artillery of the Continental line with the rank of Major for a service from Feb 1781 to 3 Nov 1783 being the end of the war – deducting what has been received as Lieut. D. Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]
23rd April 1838

NOTES:

The federal pension file includes a copy of an account showing pay to Francis Brooke as Lieutenant and as Quarter Master.

A letter dated 13 March 1848 by John Taliaferro of Virginia, "many years a member of Congress from that state," refers to Francis T. Brooke as "Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia" and "my near relative."