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Pension Application of John Banks W5763 Sally Banks VA
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At a quarterly Sessions Court continued & held for Goochland County at the courthouse on Wednesday the 22^d day of May 1822

Present in Court William Bolling, Josiah Leahe, James B. Ferguson & Benjamin Anderson
Gentlemen Justices.

On this 22^d day of may 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the county of Goochland, John Banks Sen'r. aged 73 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he the said John Banks enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Holman Rice [pension application S31327] as a private soldier in the county of Goochland & State of Virginia about the year 1779 during the continuance of the convention troops in the State of Virginia [Hessian soldiers captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] and belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Theodorick] Bland. That he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States for and during the term of upwards of two years that he was regularly discharged at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle in the said State of Virginia in May 1781, that he was in no battle during his service & he solemnly swears that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An [act] to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him [any property, securities, or debts due to him], nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by him subscribed and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & Richard Toler [W6299] being duly sworn according to law who is a credible witness who declares upon his oath that the said John Banks did serve for the term of upwards of two years as stated by said Banks above and the court doth certify that it appears to its satisfaction, that the said Banks did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceeding declaration for the term of nine months in the continental establishment & doth now transmit the proceedings & testimony had & taken before it to the secretary for the department of war pursuant to the direction of the aforementioned act of congress the said court is satisfied that said John Banks needs the assistance of his country for support; A Schedule towit: John Bank's family, himself aged 73 years & very infirm. his wife Sally about 66 years old tolerable well for a person of her age. Mary Banks his niece about 15 years old & John Brown his nephew about 12 years old, the two last in good health. that he has no kind of estate whatever having lately taken the oath of an insolvent debtor. Witness my hand & seal this 22^d may 1822.

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NOTES:

In the 1820 federal census of Goochland County John Banks is listed as head of a household of "Free Colored Persons."

On 19 Aug 1845 Sally Banks, 89, applied for a pension stating that she married John Banks in Cumberland County VA about the spring of 1772, and he died 24 Nov 1842 at age 94. In the 1850 federal census Sally Banks, 95, is recorded as Black. On 16 Apr 1855 at age 100 she applied for bounty land.