Wiscosin, Feb. 3rd, 1840

To the Land Agent, &c., &c.,

Please to deliver to Barker Neal Esq. a member of the Legislature, the certificate due Joseph Clark of this town a Revolutionary Soldier, for land under the Resolution of Maine.

Very respectfully,

J. Bailey, Atty. G.R. Clark

P.S. I have received notice from the Office that the certificate is made out, number 385.
I, Joseph Clark, of Wiscasset, in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine, aged seventy-two years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March 17th, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I enlisted as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution in the year 1781, for three years or for during the war — that I enlisted into Col. Vose's Massachusetts Regiment, my first captain was named Kilcoo — I was in several companies, and served from my enlistment until the close of the war, and received an honorable dis-charge, and in fact they kept me or induced me to stay in the army for some time after the war, — I now receive a pension as a Revolutionary soldier under the law of 1818 —

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of said town of Wiscasset (then called Princeton) in said State of Maine, and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in Wiscasset aforesaid, where I have resided for many years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or from the State of Maine for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Subscribed and sworn to this twenty-first day of August, 1838

Before Me,

Justice of the Peace.
Know all Men by these Presents, That I
Joseph Clark of Winslow in the County of Lincoln
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint of my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve passed March seventeenth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this twentieth day of August A. D. 1836.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

[Signature]

STATE OF MAINE.

Lincoln ss.

Be it Known, that on this twentieth day of August 1836, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Joseph Clark above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

In testumony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

[Signature]

Justice of the Peace.
Joseph Clarke
I hereby certify, That the accompanying pages numbered from 1 to 13, inclusive are truly copied from the originals in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Department of War.

Rosin Orme is employed in copying papers for the State of Maine, and his certificates are entitled to credit.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions.

Be it remembered, That James L. Edwards, who has signed the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to attestations full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department to be affixed, on this 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

W. S. Smith
Secretary of War.
State of Massachusetts,

I, Joseph Clark, a citizen of the United States, now resident at Haverhill, in the county of Essex, in the State aforesaid, do, on oath, testify and declare, that in the year of the Revolution, on or about the month of May 1782, I entered and was engaged in the land service of the United States on the continental establishment, and served accordingly from that time to some time in the summer of 1786; I having enlisted for three years, as a private soldier, against the common enemy without any interruption or absence; that I belonged to Capt. Hitchcock's company, then under the command of Lieut. Stone, in Col. Moses' regiment, Massachusetts line, being the first regiment I think, and that I left the service some time in the summer of 1784, at West Point, where I received a regular discharge, which I have lost, and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support, being now of the age of fifty-four years, that I remained in the same regiment until the close of the war, but I am not quite certain whether I remained in the same company, until that period. But after peace was declared, I think those of us who remained, were transferred to new companies formed, but in what manner, I have forgotten, as I was then quite young. And I hereby relinquish all claims to every pension heretofore allowed me, by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been allowed.

Joseph Clark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Lincoln P.

Be it remembered,

That on this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, pursuant to law of the United States, entitled, an act to provide for certain persons engaged in
the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, made and proved on the 15th of March A.D. 1789, personally appertained before me, Jeremiah Bailey, Judge of the court of Probate within and for the county of Lincoln, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts aforesaid, the same being a bond of record of said county, the above named Joseph Cook, and after due examination and caution to testify and declare the truth, he maketh oath to the declaration aforesaid, and subscribes the same in my presence, and, on examination duly made by me the said Judge, it appeared to my satisfaction, that the said declaration is true.

Jr. Bailey

I, John H. Sheppard, Register of the court of Probate for the county of Lincoln, hereby certify, that the aforesaid Jeremiah Bailey is Judge of said court of Probate aforesaid, and that his signature to this certificate is genuine, and that the seal aforesaid is the seal of said court.

John H. Sheppard

I, Samuel Colby, of lawful age and belonging to the Town of Edgcomb in the county of Lincoln, do testify and say, that I served as a private soldier, in the continental service for and during the revolutionary war, with Great Britain, and had an honorable discharge, signed by General Washington, and I further testify, and say, that some time in the year 1782, being at Taconic Point, I saw Joseph Clark, now of Tiverton, in the uniform of the United States, and that he then belonged to Capt. Bose's regiment of Massachusetts, as a private soldier, and that I saw him said Clark, a short time before I got my discharge from the service, which was in June Seventeen hundred and eighty three, still acting as a soldier, and

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I certify that Seth Tinkham, whose name is above written, was on the 15th of April last, a Justice of the Peace, duly commissioned and qualified to act as such in this county, and that the foregoing is his own proper signature. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the court this twenty ninth day of June A.D. 1819, Nathaniel P. Hoffer, Clerk of the Judicial Court in said county of Lincoln.

I, Alexander Davidson of Newfield, in the county of Lincoln and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of lawful age, do testify and say, that I am well acquainted with Joseph Clarke, of Tiverton, in said county, the person who signs the annexed petition and application, having always lived within three or four miles from him, from the time he was a boy, to the present time, I am knowing to said Clarke being out in the Tiverton Attorney court, as a Soldier in the three years service so called, in the spring of the year 1782 (I think about the fourth of May.) I was present with said Clarke and a recruiting officer, and saw said Clarke sign his name and enlist as a soldier for
three years, I was acquainted with the Officer, and recommended said bleake to him as a stout young man; within a few days after said bleake enlisted he went off and joined the army, I did not see him in the army, having been there myself, and served my time out, and returned home, before said bleake enlisted. But we frequently heard from him, by soldiers who were occasionally returning, that he was in the army well and hearty. I know that he often sent home things, to his mother who was a widow. In the summer after the close of the war (in 1784) he returned home. I lived about three miles from him, I saw him within a few days after his return, I saw his uniform and regimental clothing. He also showed me his discharge, and I well recollect reading it. It was a printed paper, with blanks filled up in writing, I clearly recollect these words in it, that said bleake had served faithfully as a faithful soldier. It was well known and understood by all in that part of the country, that said bleake had been in the army, all the time he was absent, from 1782 to 1784. I further testify that said bleake is a man of remarkable steady habits and sustains a fair character, in the community where he is known.

Alexander Davidson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Lincoln p., June 21st 1819

Personally appeared the above named Alexander Davidson before me Jeremiah Bailey, Judge of the aforesaid court of Probate, and after due examination and caution to testify the whole truth, made oath to the truth of the above deposition by him subscribed, said deposition having been written by me as directed by said deponent. The said deponent is wholly disinterested in the subject matter of said deposition, and is a person of good credit and entitled to belief.

Jer. Bailey
(Filed Sept. 23, 1835)

Not found. Probably did not live 3 yrs.

Rejected.

Moses Shaw Esq.
Know all men by these presents, that I, Joseph Clark of Washington, in the County of Lincoln, and State of Maine, being the sole person to whom the premisses above written were made, on the authority of my appointment, as Attorney General, of the State of Maine, to receive the foregoing copy of the foregoing certificate as a conformance to the laws of the United States, do hereby assign, sell, and transfer to the said Joseph Clark, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of the preceeding certificate as a conformance to the laws of the United States, and I do hereby authorize and empower the said Joseph Clark, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to execute such right, title, and interest as aforesaid, and to collect and receive the same, as the same shall be due to him, from the person or persons to whom the same shall be due, and to do and perform all acts and things necessary or convenient to be done in the execution thereof, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that the said Joseph Clark, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof, and do hereby ratify and confirm all that shall be done by him, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, in pursuance hereof.

Done this 10th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, at the city of Washington, in the State of Maine.

[Signature]

Joseph Clark

Mark

Printed Name: Joseph Clark

Mark: Mark

Witnessed by:

Mary Delaney

Mark

Printed Name: Mary Delaney

Mark: Mark

Before the Honorable Justice of the Peace

Justice of the Peace

[Signature]