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Jonah Sawyer's
Application for Land.

Recd May 5, 1835,

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I *Josiah Sawyer* of *Stenton* in the County of *Washington* and State of Maine, aged *seventy one* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "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 in the town of *Cape Elizabeth* in April 1780 in *Capt Haskell's* Company *Col. Shepard's* Regt & *Genl Patterson's* Brigade *Nam* 4th Company, 4th Regt and 1st Brigade in the *Massachusetts* line, for the term of 3 years, and served till the close of the war, and was discharged at *West Point* in the State of *N. York* in the latter part of 1783—

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of *Cape Elizabeth* now in the State of *Maine* and after my discharge from the army, I moved to *Washington* and resided there till the last two years, since which I have resided in the town of *Stenton* 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 *Stenton* aforesaid, where I have resided for *two* years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Josiah Sawyer

STATE OF MAINE.

Washington ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *thirtieth* day of *April* 1835—
BEFORE ME,

Bruce Godfrey Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Joshua Sawyer of *Stenton* in the County of *Washington* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Saml Moore* of *Stenton* 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 17, 1835, entitled a "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 acknowledgement 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 *thirtieth* day of *April* A. D. 1835

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Benj. Godfrey
Joseph. Hutchings Jr. *Joshua Sawyer*

STATE OF MAINE.

Washington ss.

Be it Known, that on this *thirtieth* day of *April* 1835, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Joshua Sawyer* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Benj. Godfrey Justice of the Peace.

No 34
Private Sawyer

Private
Capt. Shephard's Regt.
Massachusetts Line
30 April 1781 to
11 October 1783

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I Josiah Sawyer of Harrington in the County of Washington Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that I was enlisted at the town of Steph Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland into the Continental army on the thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one for three years, or during the war. I first mustered at the town of Halcomb in s^o County of Cumberland by Colonel Noyes from thence was marched to Boston then was joined by a number more men ninety seven in all from thence ~~was~~ was marched to West Point by a Lieutenant his name I now forget, at that place was turned to the Company commanded by Captain Haskell of the Fourth Regiment in the First Brigade in the Massachusetts, s^o Regiment at that time was commanded by Colonel Shepard the Brigade was commanded by Brigadier General Putnam - the remainder of the time I was in service I was stationed at different Ports on the North River until I was discharged which was in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three on the eleventh day of October I received an honorable discharge from the proper authority. I am now fifty four years old.

(Signed) Josiah Sawyer.

Washington Pa. April 7th 1818. Then the above named Josiah Sawyer made oath to the truth of the above declaration by him subscribed before me.

(Signed) James Campbell, Judge C. C. C. Third

Eastern District of Massachusetts

Washington Pa. June 1st A.D. 1819. I am satisfied that the above named Josiah Sawyer by reason of reduced circumstances in life, is in need of assistance from his County for support.

(Signed) James Campbell, Judge of the Circuit Court of Com.

more I was for the Third Eastern Circuit of Massachusetts.

Washington D. C. April 7th 1818. It appearing to my satisfaction, that Josiah Sawyer subscribed to the annexed declaration, sworn to before me, did serve in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy, as stated in said declaration, I now transmit the testimony in the case, with the proceedings had thereon, to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war"; the testimony and proceedings in the premises being the declaration aforesaid, with the accompanying documents marked — — together with this certificate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands, and caused the seal of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Third Eastern Circuit of Massachusetts to be hereunto affixed.

(Signed) James Campbell, Judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Third Eastern Circuit of Massachusetts.

I Benjamin Sawyer of Freeport in the County of Cumberland, Maine, testify and say that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one or two I was present in the town of Cape Elizabeth in said County, when Josiah Sawyer, then of said Cape Elizabeth, enlisted as a soldier in the Continental army, for the term of three years, and where he left he gave me an order on the collector of the Camp to receive the balance of his bounty money, which I afterwards

received; while he was in the army I received three or four letters from him informing me of his welfare, and at the conclusion of the war he returned to my house and brought with him a regularly and honorable discharge, which he submitted to the care of a young woman to whom he was paying his address, and went himself to Narragansett, where he married another woman. I afterwards called upon the young woman first mentioned, to get his discharge which she refused to give up, and as I believe, destroyed it.

(Signed) Benjamin Sawyer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Cumberland Co. Portland May 24 1819. Subscribed and sworn to before me Horatio Southgate Esq. Justice.

Cumberland Co. May 24 1819. I certify that the above named Benjamin Sawyer is a credible witness.

Horatio Southgate. Esq. Justice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Cumberland Co. The subscriber Clerk of the County in said County certify that on the day of the date of the foregoing certificate made by Horatio Southgate Esq. he was a Justice of the Peace legally appointed & qualified as such for the County aforesaid, and that the signature thereto is his. In testimony whereof I do hereto set my hand & the County Seal this twenty fourth day of May A.D. 1819.

(Signed) Geo. Bradbury.

I Oliver Thresher of the Town of Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland Maine, and one of the Selectmen of said town, testify and say, that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and

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eighty one or two, the town of Cape Elizabeth hired
Josiah Sawyer, then residing in said Cape Elizabeth,
as a recruit to join the Continental army, and
the said Sawyer left the town as a soldier and
as I always understood, joined the army; and
after peace took place he returned to said Cape
Elizabeth.

(Signed) Eben Thresher.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Cumberland Co. Pittsburg May 24. 1819. Subscribed
and sworn to before me.

(Signed) Horatio Southgate. Just peace.
Cumberland Co. May 24. 1819. I certify that the
above named Ebenezer Thresher is a credible
witness.

(Signed) Horatio Southgate. Just peace.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Cumberland Co. I the Subscribed Clerk of the
County in said County certify that Horatio
Southgate Esq on the day of the date of the
 foregoing Certificate was a Justice of the Peace
legally appointed & qualified as such for
the County aforesaid, and that the signa-
ture thereto is his - In testimony whereof
I do hereto set my hand & the County Seal
this twenty fourth day of May A.D. 1819.

(Signed) Geo. Bradbury.
I hereby certify that the foregoing
pages numbered from one to four inclusive are truly
copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office
War Department; and I do further certify that it ap-
pears from a register of final Settlement Certificates
given by John Pomeroy Esq Paymaster General and
Commissioner of the Army accounts of the United States,

deposited in said Office; that Josiah Sawyer received
two Certificates, dated March 1. 1784, one for \$237¹¹/₁₀₀
and the other for \$351¹¹/₁₀₀ both due on the 1st of Jan-
uary 1784.

Benj. L. Beale
Sept 8th 1835

Washington City.

I Certify that Benjamin L. Beale, who is employed
by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under
a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, ap-
proved by the Governor on the 17th of March 1835,
to obtain from the Pension Office, certain do-
cuments and records, has made as full an
examination in the case of Josiah Sawyer,
as the Books and Papers of said Office will
allow, according to the best of my judgment
and belief. Dated at the Pension Office the
8th day of September 1835.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions