

Jos. Wardwell
(Virginia Letter Feb. 1835)

Humpston Feb 2. 1835

Sylvanus M. Robinson Esq

Dear,

Joseph Harewell Esquire,
for whom you have made application to obtain two hundred acres of land, which was granted by an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, to those soldiers of the Revolution, who enlisted and served during the War - has at length obtained from the War Department, the evidence of his enlistment. And the evidence of his serving during the War you now have in your possession.

As you have had some trouble in the business; Mr Harewell wishes you to prepare a petition for him to be presented to the Massachusetts Legislature at their present session, containing all the facts in the case; and the fact that he made application previous to the expiration of the time limited by the Act aforesaid. And the reason of his failure, that the return of the Captain under whom he enlisted was not returned to Massachusetts - but to Congress - when the fact is now fully established.

The reason that Mr Harewell does not call in your personally - is that he is infirm - and his wife is so feeble that he is unable to leave home. Mr Harewell directs me to, say to you that you all think you shall be handsomely remunerated.

I hope you will prepare the petition - and return it to Mr Harewell by the bearer - with all the papers in your possession, which you may think necessary to his case.

The fact that Mr Harewell did so enlist - and serve during the War is beyond all doubt; and that he is deserving all the rights given to that class of meritorious men is without dispute, as he served his Country with faithfulness - and with zeal is also no true.

I remain with great respect
Yours humble servant
Peter C. Davis

Power of Attorney
J. Wardwell 453,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.
to be his free act and deed.

above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by him signed,

before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared

JOSEPH WARDWELL, and on this 5th day of September 1835.

Witness

STATE OF MAINE.

Filed Sept. 5, 1835.
Admitted, & certificate
No. 121. J. P. Sept. 5, 1835,

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of me, the day of September A. D. 1835.

and seal this Power of Attorney, however, my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand

such receipt or acknowledgment as I might, were I personally present.

hereby authorized to execute upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute

deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is

Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the

as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a

Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate

constitute and appoint of the said State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby

State of Maine, in the County of York, and

known and taken in these premises, That I

I *Joseph Wardwell* of *Thumford* in the County of *Oxford* and State of Maine, aged *seventy six* 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 *on the 13th day of March A.D. 1777* to serve during the Revolutionary War, in *Capt. Stephen Abbott's* company, *Col. Fuller's Regiment*. I was appointed a Sergeant *on the 21st of February 1780*, and on the *6th of November 1782* I was commissioned an Ensign, and subsequently transferred to the *First Regiment*, in which I served till the *28th of September 1783*, when I obtained leave of absence on account of ill health.

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of *Anelawson* in the County of *Essex* and Commonwealth of *Massachusetts* 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 *Thumford* aforesaid, where I have resided for *twenty six* 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.

Joe Wardwell

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *twenty ninth* day of *April* 1835
BEFORE ME,

Peter C. Dugan

Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I *Joseph Wardwell* of *Rumford* in the County of *Oxford* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *J. W. Robinson* of *Hallowell* 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 *twenty ninth* day of *April* A. D. 1835-

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

IN PRESENCE OF

Peter B. Dugan
William Wood

Joseph Wardwell

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.

Be it Known, that on this *twenty ninth* **day of** *April* **1835,** before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Joseph Wardwell* 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.

Peter B. Dugan

Justice of the Peace.

Joseph Wardwell

- 1833 -

I Joseph Wardwell formerly of Andover in the State of Massachusetts, now of Rumford, Maine, depose on oath that in the Fall of the Year 1779, being then at West Point a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army, I entered into a new enlistment to serve during the war, in Capt. Stephen Abbott's Company in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment, and continued in the service until the 28th of September 1783, a few days before the Definitive Treaty of Peace was signed, when a Discharge was granted me by Gen. Vreux, allowing me leave of absence on account of ill health, and until my health should be restored. Previous to this, namely on the Sixth of November ¹⁷⁸², I was commissioned as an Ensign in the Massachusetts Line, and subsequent to the date of my Commission I was transferred to the First Massachusetts Regiment, and held my commission in that Regiment at the date of my Discharge. As I cannot attend in person to draw the 200 acres of land to which I believe myself entitled from the State of Massachusetts, I authorize S. W. Robinson of Hallowell to make the application & receive the due for me, and to do whatever may be necessary to accomplish the object - and in case he is prevented from any cause from attending to the business, he is hereby empowered to appoint a substitute.

Joseph Wardwell

Witness my hand and seal this 24th of January 1833. The above statement was subscribed and sworn to before me

S. W. Robinson

Justice of the Peace
for said County.

Joseph Wardwell⁴⁵⁰
Rumford
Declaration & Power

Filed Sept. 5, 1835,

Admitted see within,

See recd. in n^o. 451,

J W Robinson
atty

War Department
Pension Office
January 1. 1835.

I Certify that it appears from the records of Col. Benjamin Tupper's regiment, deposited in this office, that Joseph Wardwell enlisted on the 13th day of March 1777 for the War, and was appointed a Sergeant on the 21st of February 1780. This is the only entry on the roll in relation to his Service.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions

Hon. M. Mason, Jr.
House of Representatives.