

Ben<sup>a</sup> Wance

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# STATE OF MAINE.

At a Circuit Court of Common Pleas, begun  
and holden at *Cashier* within and for the County  
of *Hancock* on the *2<sup>d</sup>* day of *July*  
A. D. 1820.

*Francis* SS.

On this *eleventh* day of *July* 1820, being  
the *first* day of said term, personally appeared in open court, being a  
court of record by the laws of said state, with power of fine and imprisonment *Ben<sup>d</sup>*  
*Ward* aged *30* years, resident in *Hancock* 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, to wit:

~~Benjamin Ward: from March 1781 till Dec 1783~~  
I have been *sergeant* in the *1<sup>st</sup>* *Mass* line commanded by *Gen<sup>l</sup>*  
*Santee* in the *1<sup>st</sup>* *Mass* line commanded by  
*Col<sup>l</sup>* *H. Dearborn* - and in *Gen<sup>l</sup>* *Washington's* *army* -  
under *Gen<sup>l</sup>* *Burgess* *Hance* - as a *private* - *1781*  
which I made declaration on the *11<sup>th</sup>* of *Dec* 1783  
Before said judge and hence am a *private* *Ben<sup>d</sup>*  
to date *Nov<sup>r</sup>* 1804 and

I *Benjamin Ward* do solemnly swear, that I was  
a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight  
hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner  
whatever, disposed of my 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 pro-  
vide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the  
Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred  
and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or se-  
curities, contracts or debts, due to me: nor have I any income, other than what is con-  
tained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

*Benja<sup>d</sup> Ward*

*Hancock*

*Nov<sup>r</sup> 25*

1820

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me

*John P. [illegible]*

one of the Justices of said Court.

*Heard to and decided on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July*  
*1820 before the court the court*  
*me to the court the court*  
*and*

I Ben<sup>r</sup> Ward on oath say that I have no  
real nor personal estate nor any income  
whatsoever except my necessary bedding and  
wearing apparel except

one cow.

I am a farmer but from age and in-  
firmity am able to do but little labor. I have  
three children residing with me

Sammy aged 19 years -

Minny aged 15 years

Susanah aged 13 years - But

I am so unwell and need so much nursing and  
medical assistance I am unable to support  
myself without the aid of public or private  
charity.

Ben<sup>r</sup> Ward

~~Thomas~~

~~ss. May 26~~

1899

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me

~~James~~

one of the Justices of said Court.

I swear to and declare on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July

1899