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# Land Grant Application- Bemis, Thaddeus (Fryeburg)

Thaddeus Bemis

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Thaddeus Bernis  
declaration for land  
Rec. Mar 17. 1835

Rec. Mar 9. 1837

Evidence of service  
from Washington  
not on rolls  
show only an entitment  
for 9 mo.

Rejected

N.S. Littlefield

I Thaddeus Bemis of Fryburg in the County of Oxford and State of Maine aged seventy seven years do upon oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolue of the Legislature of the State of Maine passed March 17 1835 entitled a Resolue in favour of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the widows of deceased Officers and Soldiers, that I enlisted in the year of our Lord one thousand ~~eight~~<sup>seven</sup> hundred and seventy five or six as a Revolutionary Soldier in the Massachusetts Infantry, under Capt. Child; I was transferred to different Regiments and Companies, and enlisted under several officers whose names I cannot recollect.

I served under Captain Page and Capt. Little, and at the capture of Burgoyne I served under Lieut. Col. Brown, and Lieut. Col. Bullard. I think I went a privatering <sup>two</sup> ~~for~~ months, served two months in Boston and some time at Dorchester Heights.

I enlisted and actually served for more than three years in said war, and now receive a pension of ninety six dollars a year from the United States. I also served <sup>in</sup> Col. Tupper's Regiment.

I do further on oath testify and declare that at the time of my said enlistment I was an inhabitant of Wattham Massachusetts and was on the 17th day of March 1835, have been ever since, and now am an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in said Fryburg where I have resided for fifty three 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 Resolue

State of Maine. Thaddeus Bemis  
Express Subscribed and sworn to this twenty <sup>fourth</sup> day  
of February A. D. 1837 David Hammony Justice of the Peace -

Know all men by these presents that I Thaddeus Bernis of Fryeburg 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 <sup>Daniel Satturan Jr</sup> ~~and~~ of Lowell in said county, 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 said State, passed March 17th 1835, entitled a resolve in favour of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows of <sup>the</sup> 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 use I personally present.

Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said attorney shall do, by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of February A. D. 1837.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of

David Hammond

State of Maine

Thaddeus Bernis

Oxford's Be it known that on this twenty eighth day of February 1837, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Thaddeus Bernis 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

David Hammond

Justice of the Peace

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
County of Oxford

On this seventeenth day of July A.D. 1818  
before me the subscriber Judge of the Court of Probate in  
said County, personally appeared Thaddeus Dennis of  
Fryeburg in said County, aged sixty years who being  
by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on  
his oath make the following declaration in order to  
obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress  
entitled an Act to provide for certain persons enga-  
ged in the land & naval service of the United States  
in the Revolutionary war, that the said Thaddeus  
Dennis enlisted as a Private soldier in the revolu-  
tionary war on the Continental establishment, in  
July A.D. 1779 at Weston or mustered at Springfield  
Massachusetts & was marched to West Point & then  
put into a Company belonging to Colonel Tappan's Regi-  
ment in Massachusetts. The name of the Captain  
he does not recollect but thinks it was Page that  
in the winter after he enlisted he went to Bangs  
Ferry with others in the service and returned to  
West Point in the month of April A.D. 1780 & was then  
soon after discharged honorably after serving more  
than nine months - but has lost his discharge - that  
he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of  
assistance from his Country for support - that in addi-  
tion to the foregoing declarations I herewith annex  
the two depositions which are herewith affixed of two  
credible witnesses -

Sworn to and declared the day & year above,  
Judah Dana Judge

I Judah Dana Judge as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Thaddeus Bennis did serve in the Revolutionary war, against the Common Enemy as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid - and that he is reduced in his circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support & I now transmit the proceedings & testimony taken & had before me to the Hon Secretary of war, pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned Act of Congress - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court at Fryeburg - this twenty sixth day of May A.D. 1819

Judah Dana Judge

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Oxford ps.

The Subscriber Register of the Court of Probate in said County, do at Fryeburg in said County on this thirtieth day of June A.D. 1819. certify & make known that the Honble Judah Dana who signed the foregoing Certificate &c is Judge of said Court of Probate & is first associate Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth & that said Instrument is under the seal of said Court of Probate

attest Jim<sup>s</sup> Cogoon Reg<sup>r</sup> of Probate

The Deposition of Jacob Bennis  
Thaddeus Bennis enlisted in the year 1779 - he lived in the Town of Waltham & enlisted for the Town of Weston and served nine months and then had an honorable discharge -

Thaddeus Bennis served the above mentioned term under Colonel Tupper, Capt Pages Company &c in the year 1780 was discharged at West Point.  
Jacob Bennis

Given April 2<sup>d</sup> 1819.

The above named Jacob Bennis testified that the above deposition by him signed is the truth according to the best of his knowledge.

Before me Josiah Lovell Justice Peace

Jacob Bennis is a man of a good moral character according to the best of my knowledge.

Josiah Lovell

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cumberland ps.

I the Subscriber Clerk of the Courts in said County certify that on the day of the date of the above Certificate made by Josiah Lovell Esq he was a Justice of the Peace legally appointed & qualified as such for the County aforesaid and that in my opinion the above is his signature thereto -

In testimony whereof I do hereto set my hand & the County seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1819.

Fla Bradbury.

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I James Barratt of Portland in the County of Cum-  
berland on oath declare that in the year of seven-  
teen hundred & seventy nine & eighty I was in the  
United States Army, I well knew Mr. Thaddeus Ben-  
nis in the Army at the same time, and that he  
belonged to Colonel Tappers Regiment - Capt Pags  
Company that he enlisted at Waltham for the term  
of twelve & seven months or more and was  
discharged honorably said Bennis now resides in  
Fryeburg in the County of Oxford.

James Barratt

Cumberland Co.

Portland April 12<sup>th</sup> 1819. then the  
above named James Barratt made oath to  
the truth of the above declaration by him  
signed

Before me Joseph C. Boyd Justice of the Peace

I Joseph C. Boyd Esquire one of the Justices  
of the Peace within and for the County of Cum-  
berland Certify that the above named James  
Barratt is a man of respectable character, to  
whose declaration full credit is due.

Joseph C. Boyd Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cumberland Co. I the subscriber Clerk of the Courts in said  
County certify that on the day of the date of the above certificate  
made by Joseph C. Boyd Esq. he was a Justice of the Peace legal-  
ly appointed & qualified as such for the County aforesaid  
& that the same is his signature thereto.

In Testimony whereof I do hereto set my hand & the County  
Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1819.

Geo. Wadsworth

I do hereby certify that the foregoing pages num-  
bered from one to four are truly copied from  
the originals on file in the Pension Office War  
Department

Henry S. Addison

and I do further certify that it appears  
from the Rolls of Service of Colonel Tappers  
Regiment Massachusetts line that Thaddeus  
Bennis enlisted as a private in said Regt  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1779 and was dis-  
charged on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1780 after  
serving for the period of 9 months.

Henry S. Addison

I certify that Henry S. Addison who is employed  
by the Land Agent of the State of Maine un-  
der a Resolution of the Legislature of  
that State passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835  
to obtain from the Pension Office certain doc-  
uments & Records, has made as full an exam-  
ination in the case of Thaddeus Bennis as  
the Books & papers of said Office will afford  
according to the best of my knowledge and  
belief dated at the Pension Office War  
Department the day of August 1837.

Geo. W. Crampton  
Acty Commr of Pensions