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## Land Grant Application- Colson, David (Bath)

David Colson

Mary Colson

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Declaration 86

Mary Colson  
widow of David Colson

Res. March 24, 1836,

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David Colson. Did not  
admit for  
to prove three years.

Rejected,

James McCall  
Madison

I, Mary Colson of Park in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine aged seventy three do hereby declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine passed March 17, 1835 and a Resolve additional thereto passed March 20<sup>th</sup> 1836 entitled a Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers & Soldiers that I am the Widow of David Colson late of Thomaston in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine who died at Thomaston on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1830.

That I have reason to believe and do fully believe, that my said late husband, David Colson did enlist into a Company commanded by Captain William Wyman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patterson in the line of the State of Massachusetts in the continental establishment and served for the term of three years the date of his enlistment & time of discharge have escaped my recollection.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe and do fully believe, that my said late husband, David Colson was at the time of his enlistment an inhabitant of Park State of Maine and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid an inhabitant of said State of Maine residing in Thomaston aforesaid where he had resided for fifty years before his decease.

That I have reason to believe and do fully believe that neither my said late husband, nor any one

claiming under him did receive the said proceeds in his  
behalf a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof from the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts for his service or any other  
service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore  
justly entitled to the full benefits of said Resolves.

Mary <sup>her</sup> Colson  
mark.

State of Maine  
Smith J. Substituted and Signed to the Secret  
June 1836. Signed and  
D.W.M. M. Colson

Know all men by these Presents That I Mary Colson  
of the County of Lincoln and State of Maine  
being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration  
was made do hereby constitute and appoint Tucker  
McColl of said Maine my true and lawful Attorney  
for me and in my name to receive from the Auditor  
of the State of Maine such Certificate as he may issue  
to me in virtue of Resolves of the said State passed  
March 17. 1835 and March 20. 1836 entitled a Resolves 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 Resolves I am entitled  
And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and  
empowered upon the receipt of such Certificate for  
me and in my name to execute such receipt  
or acknowledgement thereon as might be required  
presently. Notwithstanding and confirming whatever my said  
Attorney shall do by virtue hereof. Witness my  
hand and seal this second day of June 1836.

Signed, sealed & delivered in  
presence of  
D.W.M. M. Colson

Mary <sup>her</sup> Colson  
mark.

State of Maine  
Know all men by these Presents That on this second day of June  
1836 before the Substituted Justice of the Peace for said County personally  
appeared Mary Colson above named and acknowledged the  
foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed to be her free act & deed  
D.W.M. M. Colson

State of Massachusetts Kennebec County ss.

To the Hon. Josiah Stebbins one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, (called the second Eastern Circuit), which is a Court of record in the State of Massachusetts. The Declaration under Oath of David Colson formerly a private Soldier engaged in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, now a Citizen of the United States and a resident of the town of Bath County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts, Respectfully sheweth, That the said David Colson enlisted into Captain William Waymans Company in Colonel Pattersons Regiment in the Mass. Line in the month of December 1775 for one year, and continued to serve in the same Company and Regiment until December 1776 at which time he was honorably discharged at Lake George Hospital in the State of New York which discharge he lost while in the Militia Service afterwards and has not since been able to find it.

And the Declaration further sheweth, that the said David Colson is now a Citizen of the United States, resides in the town of Bath County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his Country for support. He is sixty five years of age.

Therefore the said David Colson conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress 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," approved 18<sup>th</sup> March 1815, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. (Signed)

his  
David X Colson  
marks



State of Massachusetts

Lincoln County Sd. } Personally appeared David Colson of the town of Bath County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts, being duly sworn, saith that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of Sept. 1818.

Signed, Josiah Stebbins  
A Judge of the C.C.P. D. & C.

State of Massachusetts

County Sd.

Personally appeared Patrick Green and Thomas Crawford and being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say that they now are personally acquainted with David Colson late a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army and well know that he served in that capacity having frequently seen him at Ticonderoga when he was a soldier in the Army but do not recollect the Company or Regiment that he belonged to at that time. Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of Apr. 1818. Signed,

Josiah Stebbins A Judge of the C.C.P. D. & C. } Patrick Green  
Thomas Crawford

July 6. 1819. On satisfactory evidence I certify that the above Patrick Green and Thomas Crawford are disinterested and credible. Signed,

Josiah Stebbins

State of Massachusetts, Lincoln County Sd.

Be it Remembered, That on this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me Josiah Stebbins a Judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, called the second Eastern Circuit of Massachusetts, which is a Court of Record, personally appeared the aforesaid David Colson who being by me duly sworn to the truth of the facts stated in the foregoing Declaration and having duly subscribed the same, hath before me testified and declared as therein expressed; and on examination

examination and enquiry it appears to me that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance of his Country for Support.

Whereupon I being satisfied that the said David Colson did serve in the Infantry of the United States as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months and longer to wit; for the term and manner stated in the Declaration of the said Applicant; and that the said Applicant is fairly and justly entitled to the benefit of the Act aforesaid - Therefore I do hereby certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, as before set forth, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War.

Seal

Given under my hand and seal of the said Court, at Worcester this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Signed, Josiah Stebbins A Judge of the C.C.P. D. & C.

Lincoln Sd. I Nathl. Coffin clerk of the Judicial Courts within and for the County of Lincoln, hereby certify that Josiah Stebbins is a Judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the second Eastern Circuit composing the Counties of Lincoln, Tennessee and Somerset, and that the foregoing are severally his signatures.

Seal

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of said Court this 27th day of April 1818.

Signed, Nathl. Coffin

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to three inclusive are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department.

Ch Fletcher

I certify that Charles Fletcher, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State approved by the Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made as full an examination on the case of David Colson as the Books and papers of said Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1836.

J L. Edwards  
Comms. of Pensions

David Colson