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## Land Grant Application- Davis, Nicholas (Hollis)

Nicholas Davis

Abigail Davis

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Abigail Davis  
widow of Nicholas

claim \$ 50.  
Resolv Memr 24 11836

Recd Aug 16 1838

Rejected - did  
not enlist for 3 years  
& did not serve but 20 months

P. B. Beverly of Limerick  
her Atty.

In testimony whereof, I have heretofore subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.  
subscribed, a Justice of the Peace for said County, heretofore subscribed  
Me W. Rogers, Just on this day of 1838 before me

Justice of the Peace

*W. Rogers*

... to the benefit of which I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and em-  
power of certain Commissioners, Officers and others of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of such  
he may have to me, in virtue of a Resolv of the said State passed March 20, 1838, entitled a Resolv in  
relation for the and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine such certificate as  
containing and appointing *Abigail Davis* the widow of *Nicholas Davis* my true and lawful  
and STATE OF MAINE, being the same before by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby  
in the County of *Limerick*  
that I



I Abigail Davis - - of Hollis - in the County of  
York - - and State of Maine, aged *sixty* - years, do, upon oath, declare  
in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March ~~20~~ <sup>17</sup> 1838, entitled a  
"Resolve in favor of certain ~~Commissioned Officers, and others of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows~~  
~~of such persons,"~~ <sup>of deceased officers & soldiers & a Resolve additional thereto passed March 23. 1838</sup> that I am the widow of *Nicholas Davis* late of  
*Hollis* - - in the County of *York* - - and State of Maine, who died at  
*Hollis* on the *fourteenth* day of *January* A. D. 1832

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Nicholas Davis*  
did enter the army in the Revolutionary War as a *Soldier* in the  
army of the Revolution for four or five years  
that I have heard said *Nicholas* say that he  
was out doing the duty of a soldier in said army  
during the most of the war - that he enlisted at  
*Saco* in *Captain Jeremiah Hill's* company ~~at one~~  
time for the term of three years - My said husband  
received a pension of 96 dollars per year for his  
said service.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband,  
*Nicholas Davis* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of  
*Saco* in said County of *York*

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an  
inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Hollis* aforesaid, where he had resided for  
*sixteen* - 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, (nor have I received since his  
decease, a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said  
service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the  
full benefit of said Resolve.

In presence of  
*Robert B. Cawley*  
*Charles Bean*

*Abigail* <sup>True</sup> *Davis*  
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

*York* ss. Subscribed and sworn to this *First* day of *August* 1838  
BEFORE ME,

*Robert B. Cawley* Justice of the Peace.

I Noah Haley of Hollis in the county of York  
and state of Maine of lawful age testify  
depose and say that on the eighteenth day  
of September eighteen hundred and seventeen  
I joined in marriage Nicholas Davis a  
soldier of the Revolution with Abigail Smith.  
That I was at that time a justice of the Peace  
commissioned and sworn.

The following is a true copy of my record  
made at the time, in plain legible words  
and figures -

"A Record of marriages begun Sept 18. 1817"  
"Sept. 18. 1817 married Mr Nicholas Davis to  
Miss Abigail Smith."

I further testify and say that since Abigail now  
resides at said Hollis as the widow of the said  
Nicholas.

I have always understood that the said Nicholas  
was a soldier of the Revolution and that he  
enlisted at one time for three years.

Witness  
Robert B. Beverly

Noah Haley

State of Maine  
County of York ss. On this first day of August  
eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally  
appeared the said Noah Haley, a man of  
truth and made solemn oath that the above  
affidavit by him signed is just and true  
Before me

Robert B. Beverly Justice of the  
Peace in and for  
the County of  
York



I Joseph Haley of Hollis in the county of York  
and state of Maine testify depose and say  
that I was a soldier in the army of the Rev-  
olution and served three years and six months  
that soon after the commencement of said  
war Nicholas Davis then of Saco and <sup>late of</sup> said  
Hollis enlisted a soldier in Captain Jeremiah  
Hill's company for the term of three years -  
He served in Cambridge in New York and  
and other places - He served with me in the  
same Regiment - We served together in Col-  
Frost's Regiment who went into the army  
from Kittery - said Davis enlisted at Saco

I enlisted at Saco also in Captain Pikes Com-  
pany - I have lived a neighbour to said  
Davis both before and after his return from  
said army - And have often heard him say  
that he served besides the said three years  
~~nothing~~ <sup>no reason</sup> the most of said war - And I have  
no doubt and do not doubt that said Davis  
did serve in said army at least four or five  
years in the said army of the Revolution  
said Davis received a pension of 96 dollars  
per year for his said services. His widow  
Abigail Davis is living & now resides at said

Hollis  
Witness R. D. County -  
Charles Bear

State of Maine  
York County  
Joseph Haley  
On this first day of

August eighteen hundred and thirty eight  
personally appeared the said Joseph Haley  
a man of truth and entitled to full credit  
and made solemn oath that the foregoing  
affidavit by him signed is just and true.

Before me

Robert B. Cavely, Justice of  
the Peace in  
and for the County  
of York -

**Know all Men by these Presents, That I**

Abigail Davis of Hollis in the County of York  
and STATE OF MAINE, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby  
constitute and appoint Daniel W. Lord - - of Kennebec Co. 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 20, 1838, entitled a "Resolve in  
favor of certain Commissioned Officers and others of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of such  
persons," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and em-  
powered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment  
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 First - day of August A. D. 1838

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

Robert B. Cavely  
Chas. Smith

Abigail <sup>the</sup> Davis  
mark

**STATE OF MAINE.**

County of York ss.

Be it Known, That on this First - day of August 1838, before the  
subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Abigail Davis  
above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

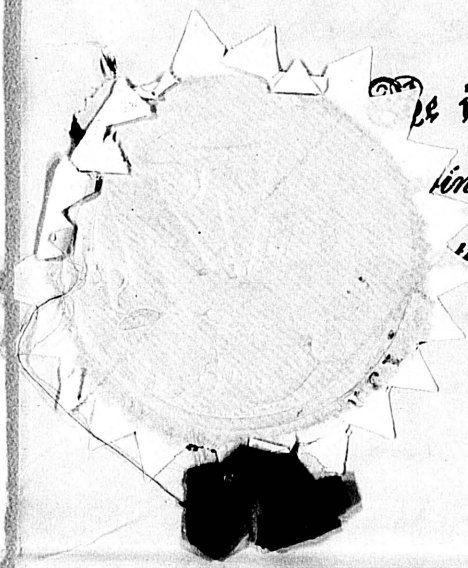
Robert B. Cavely Justice of the Peace.



do declare that I enlisted in the American Army in

I hereby certify, That the accompanying pages numbered  
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in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Department  
of War.

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Maine, and his certificates are entitled to credit  
*J. L. Edwards*  
Commissioner of Pensions.



It is remembered, That James L. Edwards, who has signed  
this certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to  
this certificate full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name, and caused the seal  
of the Department to be affixed, on  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty nine

*H. Pinnett*  
Secretary of War.

by the full act of Congress, entitled an act to provide

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Nicholas Davis of Hollis in the County of York and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged sixty five years, do declare that I enlisted in the American Army, in the Continental Establishment, under Capt. Jeremiah Hill at Biddeford, on the first day of May A. D. 1775, and marched to Cambridge and joined Col. James Scammers Regiment for eight months, which time I served and was stationed at Cambridge, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A. D. 1776, I was discharged from my eight months service, and on the same day enlisted again, under the same Capt. and into Col. Tinneys Regiment, in the Massachusetts line, for one year, which time I served in Cambridge, until the British left Boston, we then marched in to Boston, where we served till August following, when we marched to Tyconteroga and were stationed on Mount Independence, and from there removed to Fort George, where we were discharged, on the first day of January A. D. 1777, regularly, my discharged I have lost. I have no pension, and from my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my County for assistance, I am a citizen of the United States.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Nicholas Davis

Commonwealth of Massachusetts ss.

Be it known that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1818. before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, personally appeared the within named Nicholas Davis, and being duly sworn, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him, in my presence subscribed in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, which declaration being signed and sworn to as



aforesaid, I George Thacher, one of the Justices of the Peace, do certify that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said Nicholas Davis did serve in the Revolutionary War, on the Continental Establishment, against the common enemy, as stated in his declaration, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stand in need of the assistance of his country for support, and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony had before me to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions in the act of Congress aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and have caused the seal of said Court to be herewith affixed this twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and

eighteen,  
George Thacher

Seal

Isaac Townsend of Hollis in said County and Commonwealth aged sixty one years, do testify and declare that I was in the American Army from November or December A.D. 1775, to the first of January A.D. 1777, in Capt Watkins company and Col Pheneys Regiment, Massachusetts line, during all said time, I was well acquainted with Nicholas Davis who signed the declaration on the first page of this paper and well know that he was in the same Regiment with me and during all the time I was there,

Isaac Townsend

York sp,

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1818, Then personally appeared the above named Isaac Townsend, and being duly sworn made oath that the above declaration by him signed, is true in all its parts, before me

Sam P. S. Thacher Jus, Peace

I John Smith of Hollis in the County of York aged fifty eight years, do testify and declare, that I enlisted in the American Army, on the Continental Establishment, the fall of the year 1775, for one year, under Elisha Ayer a recruiting officer, and joined the Army at Cambridge, and was turned into Capt Watkins company and Colonel Pheneys Regiment Massachusetts line, for one year, which time I served and was discharged at Fort George, and enlisted again under Capt Hills in Col Bose Regiment, for three years or during the war, I further testify, that I have been acquainted with Nicholas Davis who signed the declaration on the first page, from a boy and well know that said Davis, was in Capt Hills Company and Col Pheneys Regiment during the year A.D. 1776, as he was in the same Regiment with me and on the same Stations, with me to wit, at Boston, Tyconroga, Mount Independence and Fort George, and that he served his year regularly and was discharged, at the end of it in January 1777,

John Smith

York sp, February 8<sup>th</sup> 1819.

He personally appeared, the above named John Smith, and being duly sworn, made oath, that the above declaration and testimony by him signed is true, in all its parts,

Before me Sam P. S. Thacher Jus Peace