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Land Grant Application- Knowlton, John (Eliot)

John Knowlton

Dorcas Knowlton

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Gardiner July 4. 1837

J. Hodgdon Esq
Land Agt

D. Sir, Enclosed is the
declaration of Soocas Knowlton of
Eliot which I presume will entitle
her to fifty dollars from the State of
Maine - also her power of attorney
authorizing me to receive ^{such} a certificate
as may be issued for her benefit
Will you have the goodness to
forward me such certificate, should
one be granted her -

Yours with Respect
Danice Nutting

By the Honourable
Major General Knov, Commanding
the American forces on Hudson River.

John Knotton Soldier in the Third
Massachusetts Regiment, being enlisted
for three years, is hereby honourably discharged
from the service of the United States.

Given in the State of New York,
the 22^d day of Dec^r 1783

By the General Command

Wm Knov M^{aj} Gen^l

Registered in the Books of the Regiment

John C. Stafford Capt.

Lanc Office Benjn Sept 19, 1838

The above is a true copy of an original
discharge filed by Dorcas Knotton with class
No. 263 - Resoln Mead 24, 1836 - which original
is this day returned to Mr Wood / Esq his attorney

Attest Chas Frost

Act Lt. Col.

Dorcas Knowlton
of Eliot
widow of John Knowlton
Res March 24, 1836

Rec^d July 5, 1837

3 yrs Mar 1781.
disch'd 1783 - see No. 498
Res March 17, 1835

Admitted & certified
No 240 issued July 5,
1837 & sent to Daniel
Nutting Gardner
Mass

See claim No. 498
Res March 17, 1835

M Daniel Nutting

Knowlton by these Presents

of the County of ...
in the State of Maine ...
being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby

to be her free act and deed ...
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared
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before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared

In testimony whereof, I personally subscribed my name this day and year last above mentioned.

[Handwritten signature]

Justice of the Peace

I *Dorcas Knowlton* of *Chico* in the County of *York* and State of Maine, aged *Sixty five* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" that I am the widow of *John Knowlton* late of *Hittory* in the County of *York* and state of Maine, who died at *Hittory* on the *eighth* day of *October* A. D. *1798* That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,

that my said late husband, *John Knowlton*, did enlist in *Upswick* in the State of *Massachusetts*, some time in the year, *1780* I think, & served in the Revolutionary war, three years & was discharged at *Albany*, in the State of *New York*, as by his discharge, appears which discharge has been exhibited at the Land Agents office at *Augusta* in the State of *Maine* -

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *John Knowlton* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *Upswick* in the State of *Massachusetts*

- - - 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 *Hittory* aforesaid, where he had resided for *about ten* - - 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, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the State of Maine, 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.

Dorcas Knowlton

STATE OF MAINE.

York ss....Subscribed and sworn to this *eleventh* day of *May* 1837
BEFORE ME,

Wm. H. Hammond Justice of the Peace.
W. H. Hammond

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Dorcas Knowlton of *Elton* in the County of *York* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Daniel Nitting* of *Gardiner* 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 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled '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 and 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 *Elwenth* day of *May* A. D. 1837

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Wm. Hammond
Lucy O. Bartlett

Dorcas Knowlton

STATE OF MAINE.

York

ss.

Be it Known, that on this *Elwenth* day of *May* 1837, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Dorcas Knowlton* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Wm. Hammond Justice of the Peace.
Wm. Hammond

498
Doris Knowlton
widow of Geo. Knowlton,

Filed Sept. 17. 1835,

Discharge exhibited Dated
20th after must. war. Decr.
1783. —

Enlisted Feby. 3rd. 1781. —

Rejected, Did not
serve three years.

See claim No. 263

Res. March 24. 1836

Geo. Hammond }
Ellot. }

Notaries of the
New England States

Doreas Knowlton of Eliot in the
County of York & State of Maine widow of
John Knowlton late of Fittley in said County
of York Tailor Deceased aged sixty four years
do upon oath declare in order to obtain the benefit
of a Resolue of the Legislature of Maine passed
March 17th 1835 entitled as Resolue in favor of
certain officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War
and the widows of the deceased officers & Soldiers of
said Revolutionary War that the said John Knowlton
was in the Revolutionary ^{war} in the year 1779 or
1780 for the term of three years which term he served
in the said war under Major General Plumer as by his
discharge appears which is dated

which discharge has always
been in my possession since his decease ~~that~~ he was discharged
because he had served the term for which he had
enlisted that the said John Knowlton resided in
Ipswich in the State of Massachusetts at the time
of his enlistment & that he removed to Fittley about
the ~~1780~~ ¹⁷⁸⁰ at which place he resided until the time
of his ~~death~~ ^{discharge} which took place on the 18th day of
October 1797 -

That I the said Doreas Knowlton resided
in Eliot on the 17th day March 1835 and have
ever since and am now an inhabitant of the
State of Maine and of Eliot aforesaid where I have
lived for fifty years past that the said John
Knowlton nor any other ^{person} claiming under him or
me has ever received any grant of Land or money
in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachu-
-setts or Maine for his said service or any other
service during the Revolutionary ^{war} and that I am
justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolue

Witness Court Hammond

James Knowlton

Doreas Knowlton

State of Maine
York Co.

Eliot September 2nd 1835

Then personally appeared the above named
Doreas Knowlton and made oath in due form
of law that the above declaration by her subscribed
is true according to her best knowledge & belief.

Before me

Court Hammond Justice Peace

I William Allen Hayes Judge
of Probate within of Low the County of
York in the State of Maine, hereby
certify that satisfactory evidence
under oath has been adduced before
me to prove that Dances Knawton of
Eliot in said County of York, was the
lawful wife, & is now the widow of
John Knawton late of Bittery in said
County of York, a revolutionary sol-
dier deceased —

Given under my hand this
twelfth day of September in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred and
thirty five
Wm. A. Hayes Judge

AUGUSTA
SEP
18
Me.

Mr. Ward

Olive Frost by
Bangor
Me

Sept 18 1838

W. Ward

Augusta Sept 18 1838

Dear Sir

John Knowlton or the widow of
John Knowlton, recd land or money from
Mama, & I was the attorney. Mr Parker of
Portsmouth wishes you to send me the
Discharge that is on file, for the
benefit of Mr. K.

You have never written me
about James & Jasper & some other
Johnson, as you promised,

Yrs in haste
Very truly
Yrs Wm Wadsworth

Olive Frost Eng

Letter of Attorney
Dorcas Knowlton
to
John Knowlton

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Dorcas Knowlton, of Eliot, County of York, & State of Maine, widow of John Knowlton, late of Pittsby, in the County & State aforesaid, do hereby constitute, & appoint, John Knowlton of Portsmouth, County of Rockingham, & State of New Hampshire, Blacksmith, my true and Lawfull Attorney, for me, & in my name, to receive, from the Land Agent, in the State of Maine, any & all the Lands, or Monys, to which I am entitled, as widow of the aforesaid John Knowlton (who was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army) under a Resolve of the Legislature, of the 17th of March, A^d 1835, or any other act, or Resolve, of the said Legislature, entitling him, or me, to Lands, or monys, for services during the Revolutionary war hereby ratifying, and confirming, all acts of his, relative thereto—
 Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of May A^d 1836

Sealed and delivered

in presence of
 Jone Hammond

John Knowlton State of Maine

Dorcas Knowlton

York County, &c.

Be it known That on the Fourteenth day of May 1836 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Dorcas Knowlton above named, & acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day & year last mentioned

Jone Hammond

Justice of the Peace
