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Abijah Lewis

Elizabeth Lewis

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Elizabeth Lewis 275
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Lot No 52 in No 390
drawn June 7. 1836

STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE,

Augusta, March 29, 1836.

N^o. 275.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Elizabeth Lewis
of Hiram in the County of Oxford widow of
Abijah Lewis late of said Hiram, deceased,
by declaration sworn to on the 14th day of Sept. last,

(See claim N^o. 500.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her claim
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of
the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers;"
approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this
certificate is entitled, under the provisions of a Resolve additional to said
Resolve, approved March 16, 1836, to **TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF
LAND.**

Wm. Hodgson

Land Agent of Maine.

Exam^d. & countersigned,
Wm. Wentz

Know all men by these presents that I the
within named Elizabeth Lewis, in consideration of
fifty Dollars paid me by Cotton Lincoln the
Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby
relinquish, Release, & Quitclaim to the said Cotton
Lincoln all my right title & interest in & to the
within named 200 Acres Land.

Given under my hand and seal
at Huntsville Sixth day of May 1836. Elizabeth Lewis
Wm Lewis

Witness.

William Lewis

Know all men by these presents that
Cotton Lincoln in consideration of seventy five
Dollars paid me by William Mount Jr of Andrew
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do sell
quitclaim & Release all my right title and interest
to the within 200 Acres Land.

Given under my hand & seal in
Coush the 2^d June 1837.

Witness
W. Williams

Cotton Lincoln

Of and for the subscribers, Judge of Probate within of
said County, hereby certify, that Satisfactory evidence has been
adduced before me, that Elizabeth Lewis was the lawful wife
of Abijah Lewis, late of Hiram in said County, deceased, at the
time of his death - and is now the widow of said deceased.
Given under my hand this 20th day of October A.D. 1835

Stephen Emery

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Eloise Lewis
wife of Abijah Lewis,

See 13th Regt.

Rec^d. Sept. 18. 1835. —

See 13th Regt.

Admitted, and
certificate No. 275. of

March 29, 1836,

Rec^d. the above certificate
I sent same to C. Lincoln,

Esq. Apr 6 1836

Wm Wentz

Wm Cotton Lincoln Esq
Hornsville

Elizabeth Lewis of Thom in the County of
Oxford State of Maine aged 76 years do upon
oath declare in order to obtain the benefit of
a resolve of the Legislature of Maine passed 17 March
1835 "entitled a Resolve in favour of certain Officers
and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and Widows of
deceased Officers & Soldiers, that I am the Widow
of Abigail Lewis late of Thom in County of Oxford
State of Maine who died at Thom on the twentieth
day of December A.D. 1830 that I have reason to believe
and do fully believe that my said Husband
~~was~~ ^{was} enlisted into the army of the Revolution in Boston or Gorham
in the County of Cumberland in the State of Maine for three years
and received his discharge undisturbed again & believe during
the War

I do further on oath declare that
I have reason to believe & do fully believe that
my said Husband was at the time of his said
enlistment an inhabitant of Gorham - N.H. and I do
know that he was at the time of his decease
as aforesaid an inhabitant of the State of Maine
residing ^{in Thom in the County of Oxford} ~~in Thom in the County of Oxford~~ where he had resided
for some ^{thirty} ~~thirty~~ ^{or more} 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 Government of Massachusetts for
his said service or any other services during the
Revolutionary War and that I am therefore fully
entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Witness Cotton Lincoln Elizabeth ^{his} Lewis
mark

State of Maine
Oxford S. subscribed & sworn to this 14th day of Sept. 1835

Before me, Phelps Spring Jus. of the Peace

Known all Men by these presents ^{Confid &}
 that I Elizabeth Lewis of ^{Lincoln} ~~Lincoln~~ County of ^{the} State
 of Maine, being the same person by whom
 the foregoing declaration was made do hereby
 constitute and appoint William Wood Jr
 of Augusta my true and lawful attorney
 for me & in my name to receive from the
 Land Office of the State of Maine, such certificate
 as he may issue to me in virtue of a
 Resolve of said State passed March 17. 1835
 entitled a Resolve in favour of certain Officers
 & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War & Widows of
 deceased Officers & Soldiers - to the benefit of said
 Resolve I am entitled, & my said attorney is
 hereby authorized and empowered upon receipt
 of said certificate for me and in my name
 to execute such receipt or acknowledgment ^{therefor}
 as I might were I personally present.

Henceby ratifying and confirming
 whatever my said attorney shall do in virtue
 hereof - Witness my hand and seal
 this eleventh day of October 1835.

Signed sealed & delivered
 in presence of
 Cotton Lincoln

Elizabeth Lewis
 mark

State of Maine

Confid SS. Be it known that on this 14 day of September
 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the
 Peace for said county personally appeared
 Elizabeth Lewis above named and acknowledged
 the foregoing power of attorney by her signed to be
 her free act and deed -
 In witness whereof I herewith subscribe my name
 the day & year above written.
 Hephraim Spring Justice of the Peace

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Abijah Lewis

Private

Camp Mizzanawatha Post

Massachusetts Line

From 20 July 1777

To 29 July 1780

800 words

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I Abijah Lewis aged about forty one years, of Wrentham in the County of Bristol in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a resident Citizen of the United States, do hereby and do declare on oath that I served in the War of the Revolution in the Continental establishment against the Common Enemy as a Private Soldier about Three years. I enlisted in April 1776 for three years in Capt Fairfield's Company in Col. Wigglesworth's Regiment and Lewis's Brigade, Massachusetts Line, and served out my term of three years in the same Company, excepting about one month, when I was taken sick; and after my term was out and I recovered, I was discharged by the Surgeon. I have lost my discharge. I further say for my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of support from my Country. (Signed) Abijah ^{his} Lewis _{mark}
Attest Jas Howard.

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I Jacob Brown of Baldwin in the County of Cumberland do hereby and do say that I am personally acquainted with Abijah Lewis, and know that he served as a Soldier as he has in his Affidavit by him subscribed on the opposite page, stated. That he is for his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance for support from my Country.

Attest Judah Dana

Jacob ^{his} Brown _{mark}

County of Bristol, April 18. 1818. Personally appeared the above named Jacob Brown and made oath to the truth of the above Certificate by him subscribed - Before me.

(Signed)

Judah Dana. Jus. Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Bristol Co. On this 18th day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the Subscriber Judge of the Court of Probate and in said County and Just Associate Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth personally appeared the within named Abijah Lewis, a resident of Wrentham in said County, who being by me Just duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration by him subscribed, in order to obtain the provision of 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. I now to and do declare the day and year aforesaid before me. (Signed) Judah Dana Judge &c.
 I Judah Dana Judge &c. do hereby do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Abijah Lewis did serve in the Revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common enemy for the term of nine months in the Continental establishment, and for his reduced circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his country for support, and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and read before me to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court of Probate at Freetown this twenty fifth day of July A. D. 1818. (Signed) Judah Dana Judge &c.

(22)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Bedford, I the undersigned Register of the Court of Probate in said County do at Freetown in said County on this twenty fifth day of July A. D. 1818 certify and make known that the said Judah Dana who signed the foregoing Certificate is Judge of said Court of Probate & first Assistant Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in the East-Central Circuit in said Commonwealth and that said Instrument is under the seal of the said Probate Court.

Attest. (Signed) Tom^o. B. Good, Reg^r of Probate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain me and two more truly Copies from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department, and I do further certify that it appears from the records of revolutionary service of Col. Mudgett's Regiment Massachusetts Line, deposited in said Office, that Abijah Lewis enlisted 20th of February 1777 for during the war, and was discharged the 29th of February 1780, and it appears that he was attached to Captain Fainful's Company.

By L. Hall

Nov 4. 1835

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I certify that Benjamin L. Peabody, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the House on the 17th of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office, certain documents and records, has made a full examination in the case of Abijah Lewis, in the Book and Papers of said Office with all the files, according to the best of my judgment and belief - Dated at the Pension Office, War Department, the fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions.