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Joseph Lewis

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Mehitable Lewis
Widow of Joseph
Lewis, late of Waterbury
Res. March 24, 1856
Rec'd February 28, 1859.

Admitted for \$50
Certificate No. 390 issued
July 31, 1859.

J. D.
Communications from the
Land Agent to Mrs Lewis
may be directed to my care
at Limerick, Maine
By her request
Robert D. Cavelly

I Elizabeth Lewis of Waterborough in the
county of York and state of Maine aged sixty
one years do upon oath declare in order to obtain
the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine
passed March 27. 1825 entitled a resolve
in favour of certain officers and soldiers
of the Revolutionary War and the widows of
the deceased officers and soldiers" and all other
Provisions additional thereto, - that under the said
additional acts she claims fifty dollars on
account of the services of her late husband ^{Joseph Lewis} in
the Revolutionary Army - that to the best of her
knowledge and belief the said Joseph Lewis
enlisted as one of the last three year men in
the Revolutionary army, at York in said
county of York and served until the close
of said war ~~and~~ which time he was honorably
discharged - that he enlisted for three years
and served and was discharged as aforesaid
that the said Joseph resided in said state of
Maine at Waterborough aforesaid ever after
his return from said Army - and that ~~she~~
the said Elizabeth have resided at said Water-
borough for the nine years last past previous
thereto I resided at Scarborough - that ~~my~~
late husband the said Joseph received a
pension for his aforesaid services for some
time before his decease - that she was married
to the said Joseph on the 14th day of June 1829.
and that ~~my~~ husband the aforesaid Joseph
died on the 9th day of December A.D. 1834 -
that I have never received, and have no knowledge

of my said husband having received a
grant of money or land of Massachusetts
or any other state on account of his afore-
said services - and that I am justly en-
titled to the benefit of said Resolves

Witness Robert Beverly
Scory Lewis

Mehitable ^{Wife} Lewis
marks

York County ss

Subscribed and sworn to by the said
Mehitable Lewis on this 19th day of January
A.D. 1839-

Before me

Robert B. Beverly Justice of
the Peace



I Thomas Spencer of Limington in the County
of York and State of Maine Aged seventy five
years depose and say that in the month of
January 1781 I enlisted a soldier in the Rev-
olutionary Army for three years, and ~~wanted~~
Boston Massachusetts, that at about the time
of my aforesaid enlistment Joseph Lewis
formerly of York and late of Waltham in
said County, enlisted at said York and arrived
at said Boston in a few days after I did -
and I and the said Lewis marched from there
in the same party to West-point - After our
arrival to West-point the said Lewis was de-
tached into the Fourth Regiment, either in Cap-
tain Branches or Captain Elkin's Company; but
am confident he served in Captain Branches
company - I ~~was~~ acquainted with the
said Lewis before and after he left the service
and well know he enlisted for three years and
served three years, and that he served until
some time after peace was declared - I and
the said Lewis were discharged at about
the same time in the month of January
1784 - We were discharged at West-point
by Major General Knox - During our said
service I and the said Lewis being old acquaint-
ances often visited each other - and I was fre-
quently on guard with him - once at Elkins Store
Boat guard - once at No 3. Picket - and once at
Bridge guard below West-point - We served
also at Gallis Hill - Vain-blank's point & Story point -
We served also together at the Southward and were
present together at the taking of Fort Cornwallis -
Witness Mary Ann Green
Robert B. Lewis

State of Maine }
York County }
A. D. 1839 }
On this eighth day of February
personally appeared the within named
Thomas Spencer and made solemn oaths
that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed
is just and true before me - The said Spencer's
reputation for truth and veracity is good - and
in my opinion he is entitled to full credit

Robert Beverly Justice of the
Peace in & for
the county of York

I William Allen Hayes Judge of the
Court of Probate within and for the County of
York in the State of Maine, hereby certify,
that satisfactory evidence under oath has
been adduced before me to prove that Mrs.
Pitabel Lewis of Waterborough in said
County of York was the lawful wife, and
is now the widow of Joseph Lewis
late of said Waterborough, formerly a
revolutionary soldier, deceased.

Given under my hand this
thirtieth day of May in the year of our
Land eighteen hundred and twenty nine

Wm. A. Hayes Judge

I Ivory Lewis of Waterborough in the County of York and State of Maine thirty two years of age depose and say that I was a son of Joseph Lewis late of said Waterborough deceased - that I have often heard my said Father talk about his services in the Revolutionary Army - and have often heard him say that he enlisted in said Army at York in said County and that he enlisted for three years and served in said Army during the war - and was honorably discharged - The said Joseph died on the ninth day of December A.D. 1834 and his widow Mchitable Lewis is now living and resides at said Waterborough -

Witness Robert B. Cavely

Ivory Lewis

York County ss. On this twenty second day of February A.D. 1839 personally appeared the said Ivory Lewis who is known to me to be a credible witness and made solemn oath that the above affidavit by him subscribed is just and true -

Before me

Robert B. Cavely Justice of the Peace in & for said County

Know all men by these presents that I
Mehitable Lewis of Waterborough in the county
of York and state of Maine the same person
by whom the foregoing declaration was made
do hereby constitute and appoint Simon Barker
of Limerick my true and lawful attorney to
for me in my name to receive from the
Land Agent of the state of Maine such cer-
tificates as he may issue to me in virtue
of the Resolves mentioned in the foregoing
declaration - And my said attorney
is hereby authorized and empowered upon the
receipt of said certificates for me in my
name to execute such receipts therefor
as I might were I personally present -
Hereby rectifying and confirming whatever
my said attorney shall do by virtue hereof.
Witness my hand and seal this nine-
teenth day of January A.D. 1839 -

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of

Robert B. Cawely.

Mehitable ^{my} Lewis
marks

York & January 19. 1839 personally appeared the
said Mehitable Lewis and acknowledged the
above, to be her free act and deed

Before me

Robert B. Cawely Justice of the
Peace

Joseph Lewis.

I hereby certify, That the accompanying pages numbered
from 1 to 6 inclusive are truly copied from the originals
in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Department
of War.

Perzin Orme is employed in copying papers for the State of Maine,
and his certificates are entitled to credit.

J. L. Edwards,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Be it remembered, That James L. Edwards, who has signed
the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to
his attestations 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 twenty first day of June
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty nine

A. P. Pinnett
Secretary of War.

... made by the late act of Congress entitled

1
I Joseph Lewis of Waterboro in the County of York & Commonwealth of Massachusetts aged fifty four year, do declare that I enlisted in the American Army on the Continental Establishment under Capt Jonathan Nowell on the 31st day of May A. D. 1781 & marched to Boston, from thence to Peekkils on Gallus Hill & was turned into Capt. Bonnistors company in the Sheppards Regiment Massachusetts line for three years. I was stationed during the principal part of said time at West Point, Newborough, Gallus Hill & was discharged at Newborough some time in July or August A. D. 1783. I was regularly discharged but my discharge I have since lost. I have no pension & from my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support. I am a citizen of the United States.
Joseph Lewis

April 13th 1818

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Be it known that on the 13th 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 above named Joseph Lewis 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 & 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} Joseph Lewis did serve in the
 revolutionary war, on the Continental Establishment,
 against the common enemy, as stated in his decla-
 ration & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands
 in need of the assistance of his Country for support.
 And I now transmit the proceedings & testimony, had
 before me to the Secretary of the Department of War,
 pursuant to the directions in the late act of Congress
 aforesaid

In testimony whereof I have here to set my
 hand, & have caused the seal of said Court
 to be hereunto affixed this tenth day of
 May in the year of our Lord eighteen hun-
 dred & eighteen

George Thacher

I Joshua Grant of York in the County of York and
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy three, on
 oath depose & say, that I well know Joseph Lewis, now of
 Waterborough in said County, but formerly of said York,
 known to me in the Army of the United States during the
 war of the Revolution, he enlisted in said York for
 the term of three years, he served to my knowledge more
 than two years in the same Regiment with me, the fourth
 Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Sheppard. said
 Lewis was considered a good soldier, and was honorably
 discharged in 1783, about eight miles above West Point
 in the State of New York,

Joshua Grant

seal

I Paul Welsh of York aforesaid on oath testify & say
 that I have heard read, and fully understand the above
 deposition of Joshua Grant of said York & know the facts
 by him above stated be true. said Joseph Lewis enlisted in
 1781, at the same time I enlisted, served the United States
 faithfully & was honorably discharged in 1783.
 Witness Thomas Bramley. Paul ^{his} Welsh
 mark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 York ss. On this 10th day of June 1819, personally appeared
 Joshua Grant and Paul Welsh both of said York, who are
 well known to me, are disinterested witnesses well entitled
 to credit for truth, and veracity, made oath to the truth of
 the above declarations by them respectively subscribed.
 Before me, J. C. Bradbury Jus of the Peace

I Thomas Spencer of Limington in the County of York & Common-
 wealth of Massachusetts, aged fifty three years, do testify & declare
 that I enlisted in the American Army, on the 15th day of April
 A. D. 1781, for three years & was placed in Capt. Lincoln's company &
 Col. John Brooks Regiment & was discharged about the middle
 of October A. D. 1783, at West Point. I further testify that I am
 well acquainted with Joseph Lewis who signed the declaration
 on the first page of this paper, and well know that the said
 Lewis was in Capt. Bannister's company in Col. Sheppard's re-
 giment, about eighteen months of said time & was on the boat
 guard at Ellakin's store, West Point about three months with
 him & on several other occasions

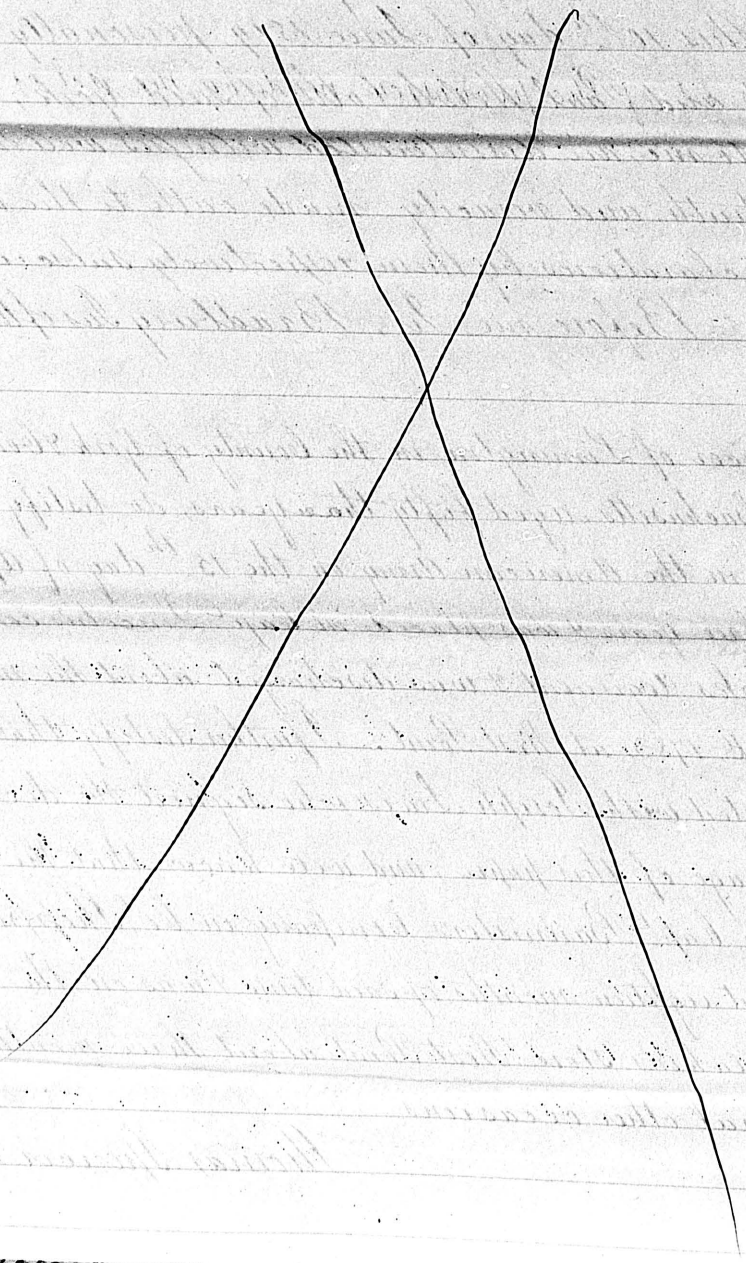
Thomas Spencer

York, June 27th 1818.

Then personally appeared the above named Thomas Spencer and being a credible & disinterested witness was duly sworn, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him signed

Before me,

Saml P. Thacher Jus Peace



In the place of

United States of America.

Maine District, ss. At a special District Court of the United States begun and holden at Portland, within and for said District, on the third day of August A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty two before the Honorable Ashur Ware, Judge of said Court.

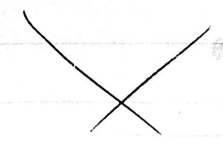
On this third day of August aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court before said District Judge Joseph Lewis a resident of Waterborough in the County of York, in said Maine District, aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was placed on the pension roll of the District of Maine agency, and a certificate of pension granted to him, on his application made on the 13th day of April 1818. That his name was dropped from the pension roll, by the Act of May 1st 1820. That he served as a private in Capt. Banister's company & Co Sheppard's Regiment, that he enlisted for three years. That he resides in Waterborough, and resided there when he made his first application for a pension in April 1818. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name on any pension roll of any agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the agency in the State of Maine.

Joseph Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Before Ashur Ware

U. S. Judge for the District of Maine



And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary pensioner, and served as he states.

In testimony whereof, I, John Mussey, Clerk of said District Court, have herunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, on this third day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

John Mussey
Clerk of the U. States
District Court for
Maine District

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