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Land Grant Application- Libby, Thomas (Gorham)

Thomas Libby

Mary Libby

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To YOUNG CHILDREN

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Mary Libby

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I *Mary Libby* of *Gorham* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, aged *fifty nine* years, do, upon oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "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 *Thomas Libby* late of *Scarboro'* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, who died at *Scarboro'* on the *27th* day of *March* A. D. *1827*.

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, did enlist *in the year 1777, in Col. Henry Jackson's* regiment of the *Massachusetts*, for *three years* & faithfully served that period, & received an honorable discharge, I would refer to my declaration (N.º 336.) on file in the *Land Office*.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Thomas Libby* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of

Scarboro' aforesaid, 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 *Scarboro'* aforesaid, where he had resided for *seventy* 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.

Mary Ann Libby
Wm. McCallan *not*

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *28th* day of *October* 1835
BEFORE ME,

George L. Darling
Justice of the Peace.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I personally subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

to be her, her act and deed. above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by me signed,

before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Alfred [unclear]*

REC'D HONORABLE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE *Alfred [unclear]*

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Widow of the Libby,

Rec'd July 16th 1835,

Admitted for three years' Service in Col. H. Jackson's 11th regt. & certificate No. 286. Sp. March 30. 1836.

Rec'd the above certificate, Samuel Staples,

S. Staples, J.

IN PRESENCE OF SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

and seal the Hereby testifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my

hand and seal this day of July, 1835, at the City of Portland, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

powerly authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute

deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolves I am entitled. And my said Attorney is

Resolved in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the

as he may judge to me, in virtue of a Resolves of the said State, passed March 14, 1835, entitled a

Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate

consent and appoint of the said State, my true and lawful

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

of the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine,

known and known to all concerned therein that I

I *Mary Libby*
Cumberland and State of Maine, aged *thirty nine* years, do, upon oath, declare,
in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled
a "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 *Thomas Libby* late of
Scarborough in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, who died at
Scarborough on the *thirty seventh* day of *March* A. D. 1827

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Thomas Libby late*
of Scarborough did enlist in *Coln Henry Jackson* regiment

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late
husband, *Thomas Libby* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of

Scarborough 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 *Scarborough* aforesaid, where he had resided for
seventy 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.

witness
George Darling

Mary Libby
her marks

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland

ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *twenty eighth* day of *May*

1835.

BEFORE ME,

George Darling

Justice of the Peace.

Deposition

I, William McLellan of Gorham in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, aged 76 years on oath declare that I am well acquainted with Mrs Mary Libby of said Gorham who has made application to the said Agent of the State of Maine for a grant of 200 acres of land as the widow of the late Thomas Libby late of Scarborough in the County and State aforesaid a Revolutionary Soldier deceased. Under the resolve of the Legislature passed March 17th 1835. and have known her for more than ~~the~~ ^{and six months} years last past as the wife of the aforesaid Thomas Libby during his life time and as his widow since his decease in the year 1827. and that I have always understood and have never heard it doubted or questioned by any one but that the said Mary Libby was the lawful wife and faithful one of the said Thomas Libby and that as his widow she is fully entitled to the benefit of the resolve aforesaid.

William McLellan

State of Maine, Cumberland Co
Gorham May 28-1835

Then the above named William McLellan a person of good character for truth and veracity personally appeared and was duly sworn to the foregoing Deposition before me George L Darling Justice of the Peace

State of Maine Cumberland Co.

I certify that satisfactory evidence have been adduced that the within named Mary Libby was the lawful wife and is the widow of the within named Thomas Libby deceased,
Barrett Potter Judge of Probate

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Mary Libby of *Gorham* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of *Maine*, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Samuel Stephens J* of *Gorham* 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 17, 1835, entitled a "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 said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *twenty eight* day of *May* 28th A. D. 1835

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

George L Darling

Mary Libby
her marks

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.

Be it Known, that on this *twenty eight* day of *May* 1835 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Mary Libby* of *Gorham* 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.

George L Darling

Justice of the Peace.

I hereby Certify, that the accompanying pages, numbered from one to four inclusive are truly copied from the original^s in the Pension Office.

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 fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five -

C. A. Harris,
Acting Secretary of War.

To the Honorable Albion K. Parris,
District Judge of the United States
for Maine District.

Thomas Libby Respectfully shews
of Scarborough in said Maine District,
that he served as a Sergeant in the war
of the Revolution three years, in the
Continental Establishment, that he is yet a
resident citizen of the United States as
aforesaid, and that by reason of your appli-
cants reduced circumstances in life, he is
in need of assistance from his Country for support.

And your applicant further represents,
that in the service aforesaid, he belonged
in his said capacity of a Sergeant to Capt. Betts
Company of the St. Jacksons Regiment, of the
Massachusetts Line, that he entered said ser-
vice on or about the 1st day of July one thou-
sand seven hundred and twenty seven and
that he left said service on or about the
1st day of July One Thousand seven hundred
and eighty, was discharged at Ramapough
by Col. Jacksons which discharge I have lost.
That he is sixty three years of age - was in the
Battle at Monmouth and several Skirmishes.
Wherefore, inasmuch as your applicant, as he
verily believes, comes under the provisions of the
Act, entitled "An Act to provide for certain
persons engaged in the land and naval
service of the United States in the revolutionary
war," he prays your honor to institute an in-
quiry into the Circumstances of his case, and
that such farther proceedings may be had
touching

touching the premises as are prescribed by
law, in order that your applicant may
be placed on the Pension List of the
United States.

Sign^d Thomas Libby.

United States of America

Maine District, J.

Seal
It is known, that on the
twenty eighth day of April one
thousand eight hundred and eighty
personally came before me,
Albion H. Ferris, District Judge
of the United States for the
Maine District, Thomas Libby
the above ^{named} applicant, and made
oath that the several statements
by him made in the foregoing

application by him signed are true, and
the said Thomas Libby further offered
in evidence the affidavits of William Hasty
and Pelteah Henderson signed and
sworn to before me, and also an original
order signed by M. Jackson hereto annexed

Whereupon it does appear to the satisfaction of
me the said Judge, that the said Thomas
Libby served in the revolutionary war as
alleged in his application, against the common
enemy and that by reason of his reduced
circumstances in life, he is in need of the
assistance of his country for support.

In Testimony whereof, I the said Judge,
have

have hereto set my hand and caused
the seal of the District Court of the United States
for the Maine District, to be hereto affixed,
this twenty eighth day of April in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty, and of the Independence of
the United States the forty second

(Sign^d) Albion H. Ferris.

Personally appeared Pelteah Henderson
and made oath that he was well acquaint-
ed with Thomas Libby the signer of the
within affidavit and well knows that this
affidavit thereto subscribed is just and
true in all its parts, having been ac-
quainted with him for three years in the
Revolutionary war.

(Sign^d) Pelteah Henderson

Personally appeared William Hasty
and made oath that he was well
acquainted with Thomas Libby in the
Revolutionary Army as sergeant in Col.
Henry Jackson's Regiment in the Massa-
chusetts Line.

(Sign^d) Wm Hasty

[Copy of Discharge.]

Camp Penapauge - July 1st 1780

Sir

Please to issue provisions to Sergeant
Libby to carry him home he having recd.
his discharge from my Regiment
to the several
Issuing Commissarys 3
H. Jackson Col.

[Endorsement on the Discharge,]

Served three days Provisions
(Signed) for Mr. Pratt & C. Jones

3rd. Co. 1st Regt.
Danbury July 1st 1780

Served with three days Rations
(Signed) for John White & C. White

Served the militia for the light instant
for Messrs Church & C.

(Signed) Jos Williston

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Lot No. 105 in No. 3, 20
drawn June 7, 1836

STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE,

Augusta, March 30, 1836

N. 286,

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Mary Libby*
of *Orham* in the County of *Cumberland*, widow of
Thomas Libby late of Scarborough, deceased,
by declaration sworn to on the *28th* day of *October* last,

(See claim *N. 336.*)

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. H. H. H. H. Land Agent of Maine.

*Exam. & countersigned,
Mr. Martz*

Gotham Aug 22nd 1836

For an consideration of twenty five Dollars of William
Worst Esq of bequest I hereby transfer assign and
convey to said Worst all my right title and interest
in and to the within certificate

Witness
Samuel Staples Esq

Mary ^{her} Libby
mark

Wm. W. W. W.
Wm. W. W. W.