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# Land Grant Application- Picket, William (New Gloucester)

William Picket

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Res. March 24, 1836,

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Filed July 2<sup>d</sup>. 1836,

Admitted & certificate

N<sup>o</sup>. 115. sp<sup>d</sup>. Augt. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1836,

Recd the same,

Jonah Hobbs

Jonah Hobbs

William Picket

I William Picket of New Gloucester in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, aged seventy three 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 enlisted in May 1780 for three years joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Mass. Regiment commanded by Col. Trupper I was afterwards transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Col. Michael Jackson and was discharged at West Point the 22<sup>d</sup> of January 1783.

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of New Gloucester; ten years after that I lived in Poland over forty years and am now an inhabitant of New Gloucester where I have resided for two months but was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1835 an inhabitant of Poland and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in New Gloucester aforesaid, where I have resided for two months past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or from the State of Maine for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Wm<sup>th</sup> Picket  
25/1836

State of Maine.

Cumberland ss... Subscribed and sworn to this 11 Day of June 1886  
Before Me Jonas Jordan Justice of the Peace



Know all Men by these Presents That I William Picket of New-Gloucester in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Josiah Hobbs of Falmouth 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgement 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 11 day of June 1836  
Wm Picket

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of Jonas Jordan Justice of the Peace

Furthermore my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the Land Agent or treasurer such sum of money as may be granted me by a Resolve of the Legislature of March 24, 1836  
Wm Picket

Attest Jonas Jordan  
State of Maine

Cumberland ss. Jan 11 1836  
Be it known, that on this 11 day of June 1836  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said county,  
personally appeared William Picket above named, and  
acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed,  
to be his free act and deed.  
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name the  
day and year last above mentioned  
Jonas Jordan Justice of the Peace



I William Pickett a resident citizen of the United States of America, an inhabitant of Poland in the county of Cumberland and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that on the first day of April A.D. 1780 I enlisted into the Army of the United States of America on the continental establishment for the term of three years as a private soldier in Captain Edward Whites Company, Col Michael Jacksons Regiment and General Pattersons Brigade in the Massachusetts line, in which service I continued until January A.D. 1783, when I received an honorable discharge, since accidentally lost; I further testify, that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support and that I am not bound on any pension list of the United States.

(Signed)

his

Witness

Albin K Parris

William Pickett  
(Mark)

I Phineas Whitney of Norway in the county of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that I was in the continental service in the revolutionary war, during the same period that the above named William Pickett served and was in the same company, and that said Pickett served during the time and in the manner he has <sup>above stated</sup> mentioned

(Signed)

Phineas Whitney

Sworn to before Albin K Parris

W S Judge

I William Chipman of Hebron in the county of Oxford and State of Massachusetts do testify and say that I was in the continental service in the revolutionary war during the same period that the above named William Pickett served and was in the same brigade, and to

my

my certain knowledge said Pickett served two years  
and more as he has above stated.

Sworn to before  
Signed, *Wm Chipman*  
Albion K Parris U.S. District Judge

I William Pickett, within named, on oath declare  
that I enlisted into the revolutionary war in April 1780,  
and not in 1780. as stated within; - I enlisted into the  
company commanded by Capt. Abbot, in Col Tupper's  
Regiment in the Massachusetts line, and was afterwards  
transferred into the company commanded by Captain  
John Burnham, in the Regiment commanded by  
Col. Michael Jackson, to which company I belonged when  
I was discharged; - the company <sup>was</sup> then commanded by Lieut  
Edmond White, Capt Burnham having been promoted,  
to the rank of Major. It is difficult for me to recollect  
dates but this is certain that I enlisted for three years  
and served in the company and Regiments above stated,  
and was honorably discharged.

Witness  
Signed, *William Pickett*  
his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed Before, Albion K Parris  
U.S. Dist. Judge &c.

United States of America,  
Maine District Ct. Be it remembered, That on the  
eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand and  
eight hundred and eighteen, personally came William  
Pickett the applicant named in the papers hereto an-  
nexed, and after being duly sworn cautioned and exam-  
ined, made oath that the several Statements by him  
made in the annexed application, signed in my pre-  
sence, are wholly true. And the said applicant fur-  
ther offered in evidence the affidavits of Phineas Whiting  
and

and William Chipman, fellow Soldiers with said appli-  
cant in the revolutionary war; made and signed in  
my presence; which are hereto annexed,  
And it appearing to me in the examination here had,  
that the several persons above named are credible witnesses  
I do hereby admit the annexed declaration as evidence,  
and certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that  
the said William Pickett the applicant, served as a  
private Soldier in the revolutionary war, against the  
Common enemy, for the term of nine months and up-  
wards in continuation on the continental establish-  
ment. And I do further certify, that from the de-  
claration of the applicant made before, under oath as  
aforesaid, it does appear that in consequence of his re-  
duced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from  
his Country for support; all which I do hereby certify  
and transmit to the Secretary of the Department of War,  
agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress, passed  
March 18, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain  
persons engaged in the land and naval service of the  
United States in the revolutionary war!"

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set  
my hand and caused my official seal to  
be affixed the day and year first mentioned.

Signed, *Albion K Parris*  
Judge of the United States  
in and for the District of Maine

And I do further certify that it has been proved to my  
satisfaction, that the said William Pickett, in con-  
sequence of his reduced circumstances in life, is in  
need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Signed, *Albion K Parris*  
U.S. Dist. Judge &c.

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United States of America

District of Maine ss. In addition to the proof first exhibited, I have caused the depositions of John Downing and Samuel Downing to be taken; - they were both soldiers in the Revolutionary Army, and are well known to me as persons of undoubted veracity - I have no doubt but this applicant enlisted for three years and served to the close of the war and was honorably discharged. Signed, Albion K. Parris

U S District Judge &c

I John Downing of Minot in the County of Cumberland and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do testify and say that I was in the Revolutionary war, in the continental service during the same period that William Pickett of Poland in said County served. In the month of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty three said Pickett was transferred from the company commanded by Capt. Stephen Abbott in the Regiment under the command of Col. Tupper being the tenth Regiment of the Massachusetts line, to the company commanded by Capt. John Burnham in the Regiment under the command of Col. Michael Jackson it being the eight<sup>h</sup> Regiment of the Massachusetts line. After said Pickett was transferred as aforesaid to said Company, I served in the same Regiment with him as a private soldier, and to my certain knowledge said Pickett served in said Company as a private soldier about one year and to the best of my knowledge and belief during the term of time for which he was enlisted, and until he was honorably discharged, said Company was a part of said term commanded by Lieutenant Edward White. Signed, John Downing

Cumberland ss. Minot April 20. 1819.

The above named John Downing personally appeared & made

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made oath to the truth of the deposition above by him signed, Before me, Jacob Hill Just of the Peace

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above named John Downing and that his character for truth is good. Signed, Jacob Hill  
Just of the Peace.

I Samuel Downing of Minot in the County of Cumberland and Commonwealth of Massachusetts do testify and say that I was in the Revolutionary war in the continental service at the same <sup>period</sup> ~~time~~ that William Pickett of Poland in said County served. - In the month of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty three said Pickett was transferred from the company commanded by Capt. Stephen Abbott in the Regiment under the command of Col. Tupper being the tenth Regiment of the Massachusetts line, to the company commanded by John Burnham in the Regiment under the command of Col. Michael Jackson it being the eight Regiment of the Massachusetts line, After said Pickett was transferred to said Company, I served in the same with him as a private soldier in the company said Pickett served as a private to my certain knowledge about one year, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he served in the same company during the time for which he was enlisted and until he was honorably discharged. - Lieutenant Edward White commanded said Company a part of said year - until the troops arrived in New York. Signed, Samuel Downing

Cumberland ss. Minot April 20. 1819.

This day the above named Samuel Downing personally appeared and made oath to the truth of this deposition by him signed, Before me, Jacob Hill  
Just of the Peace



I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above named Samuel Downing and that his character for truth and veracity is good. Signed,

Jacob Hill, Secy of the Court

United States of America,

Maine District, ss. To Jacob Hill or Godfrey Goswami of Minot. in the District of Maine. Greeting. Whereas at a special District Court of said United States for the Maine District, holden at Paris in said District, on the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen William Pickett of Poland in said District presented an application to the Judge of said Court, setting forth that he served as a private soldier in the war of the revolution, on the continental establishment against the common enemy, and requesting that an enquiry may be instituted into the circumstances of his case, and that such other proceedings may be had touching the premises as are prescribed by an Act of Congress passed March 18. 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," in order that he may be placed on the Pension list of said United States:— And whereas in the course of the examination here had, it appears that the testimony of sundry persons, who served with the applicant in the revolutionary army, at present residing in or near the town of Minot, aforesaid, is necessary and material in support of said applicant:—

Therefore to the ends that the testimony aforesaid may be had and by virtue of the power vested in this Court by the laws of the United States, you or either of you are hereby appointed and authorized, at the proper expense of the applicant, to take the depositions of such persons as he may cause to come before you, touching the application aforesaid, and in particular

as to the time when the applicant entered the service, the time and manner of his leaving it, the company, Regiment and line to which he belonged, and whether the service was performed on the continental establishment or in the militia of either of the states; and such depositions, when taken, and your Certificate of the administration of the usual oath and of the credibility of the deponents, together with this Decimus Potestatem, you will certify and return to the Judge of said Court without unnecessary delay.

Given under my hand and seal at Paris in said District, the day and year first mentioned. Signed,

Abner R. Parrie

Judge of the United States in and for the District of Maine

I Job Allen of Pownal in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, being seventy years old next July, do testify and say, that I enlisted into the Continental service in the Revolutionary war, in February seventeen hundred and eighty one to serve for three years, and was regularly discharged from said service on the twenty fourth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty three, I went from New Gloucester in said County in April A.D. 1781. to West Point, in New York State. soon after I arrived at said West Point, William Pickett then of said New Gloucester, arrived at said West Point as a private soldier in said continental service, to serve therein for three years—and to my knowledge said Pickett continued in said service from the time of his arrival at West Point aforesaid, until he was discharged as aforesaid, at West Point aforesaid. I knew said Pickett well before he enlisted, we both lived in said New Gloucester at the time of our enlistment, and I have been well acquainted with him ever since, and I well know that

he served as a soldier in said service more than two years and until after the close of the Revolutionary war?

(Signed, Job Allen

Cumberland Co. Town of New Gloucester January 20. 1833  
Personally appeared Job Allen whom I know & has who is a credible witness and made oath to the truth of this deposition by him subscribed. Witnessed, signed, Simeon Parsons Jus of the peace.

State of Maine, Cumberland County Co. I William J Vaughan, clerk of the Courts of Cumberland County, certify that Simeon Parsons is a Magistrate as within, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine, as I believe.

In Testimony whereof I have affixed the seal of said County, and subscribed my name this first day of February in the year 1833. (Signed,

Wm J Vaughan

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to eight inclusive, are truly copied from the originals on file, in the Pension Office, War Department: And I do further certify that it appears from the List of final settlement certificates issued by John Pierce Esquire Paymaster General & Commissioner of the Army accounts for the United States, deposited in said office, that William Pickett received three certificates as follows, one dated 1<sup>st</sup> of Augt. 1784 for \$19.<sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1783. One dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 1784 for \$ 80. due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1783. & one for \$67.<sup>22</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1784.

Ch. Fletcher

I certify that Charles Fletcher, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Gov<sup>r</sup> on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents & records, has made as full an examination in the case of Wm Pickett as the Books & Papers of said office will allow, according to the best of my judgment & belief. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

Geo. W. Bancroft  
Acting Comm<sup>r</sup> of Pensions