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Land Grant Application- Sherman, James (Freeport)

James Sherman

Margaret Sherman

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Margaret Sherman
widow of Jas. Sherman.
Res. March 17, 1835.

Evidence N
Filed Oct. 29, 1836.

Application made
to the pension office
July 3, 1837 for evidence
of service, none
obtained.

Rejected

A. D. 183

J. Staples & Co.

Know all Men to these Presents, that I

of the County of

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

and appoint

as he may see fit, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a

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

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I *Margaret Sherman* of *Freetown* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, aged *eighty* 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 *James Sherman* late of *Freetown* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, who died at *said Freetown* ~~on the~~ *about the year* ~~day of~~ *_____* A. D. *1789*.

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *James Sherman* did enlist *in the revolutionary war in the Massachusetts line,* as a *private or sergeant* ~~of~~ *the Regiment* I do not remember. I however believe that he served nearly the whole of the revolutionary war, making more than three years and that he was honorably discharged at the close of the war or a few months after, that he was promoted to rank of *Commissary* in the course of the war.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *James Sherman* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *said Freetown* ~~then~~ *in the Commonwealth 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, ~~then~~ *residing in* *Freetown* ~~then~~ *in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts* ~~where~~ *where* he had resided for *more than fifteen* 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.

Attest, Shephard Storer

Margaret Sherman
her mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *nineteenth* day of *October* 1836.
BEFORE ME,

David Quinby Justice of the Peace.

I, Jane Smith now residing in Portland in the county of Cumberland, aged eighty five years, on oath testify and declare, that I am well acquainted with Margaret Sherman of Freeport, in said county, and now on a visit in this City, Widow of James Sherman formerly of Nantucket, and afterwards of said Freeport, to which place he removed with his family previous to the revolutionary war, that I have known the said Margaret from the time of our childhood, she being a sister of mine; and that at a time when I was at New York, as I was credibly informed by my parents and friends, she was lawfully married to the said James Sherman, at the house of my father in said Nantucket; that since that time I have occasionally visited her & her family, and well know her husband the said James Sherman during his lifetime, and likewise their children and that I have always been confidently informed, and understood and believed, and have never heard it questioned by any person, that she was the lawful and faithful wife of the said James Sherman, and now remains his widow, & has not since been married.

Jane ~~Smith~~ ^{her} Smith
mark

Witness,

Sarah Rice.

Cumberland, ss. October 24, 1836. Then the above named Jane Smith personally appeared and subscribed & made oath to the above deposition - Before me - David Quimby Justice of the Peace

I Jane Stover of Portland in the county of Cumberland, and State of Maine, aged fifty two years, on oath declare that I am well acquainted with Margaret Sherman of Freeport in said county, widow of James Sherman, who has made her declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Resolve within named, that I have known her for more than forty five years as the wife of the said James Sherman, during his life time, and as his widow since his decease, which took place in the year 1789 — And I have always understood, and have never heard it doubted or questioned by any person, but that she was the lawful and faithful wife of the said James Sherman, and is now as his widow justly entitled, as I believe, to the benefit of the Resolve for which she has made application.

Jane Stover

State of Maine, Oct. 19. 1836.
Cumberland, Js. Then the above named Jane Stover, a person of good character for truth and veracity, personally appeared and was duly sworn to the foregoing deposition, before me,
David Quimby Justice of the Peace

State of Maine.
Cumberland, Js. I hereby certify, that satisfactory evidence has been adduced, that the within named Margaret Sherman was the lawful wife, and is the widow of the within named James Sherman, deceased.
Barrett Potter Judge of Probate

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Margaret Sherman of *Freeport* 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 Staples Jr.* of *Portland* 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 *nineteenth* day of *October* A. D. 1836.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Theophilus Stone

Margaret Sherman
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.

Be it Known, that on this *nineteenth* day of *October* 1836, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Margaret Sherman* 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.

David Quimby Justice of the Peace.