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# Land Grant Application- Kemp, Benjamin (Fitchburg)

Benjamin Kemp

Abigail Davis Kemp

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Abigail Davis  
of Fitchburg - widow  
of Benj<sup>n</sup> Kemp, a  
soldier in Gen. Hull's  
Brigade -

Examined &  
approved Octo 1859

Affidavit

Samuel Derby

I, Samuel Derby, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in my possession and control.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the County of [ ] State of [ ] this [ ] day of [ ] 18[ ]

I Samuel Derby of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts. on oath depose and say - that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Kemp late of Fitchburg aforesaid. deceased - who was in the Revolutionary War. We lived in the same town and neighborhood. at one time there was a call for a certain number of men from Fitchburg. to be enlisted for three years - My father was one, who enlisted and the said Kemp was another - and they both left home near the same time. but my father came home before Kemp on account of ill health - I knew at the time when said Kemp came home. but can not testify to the time now. but I have always had the idea that Kemp staid his time out. or as long as his services were needed. that is till the close of the War -

I am well acquainted with his widow now alive who is the wife of Eliakin Davis -

Said Kemp died at Fitchburg, I think in 1814 -

his  
Samuel Derby  
sworn

Worcester's. May 17. 1836 Then personally appeared Samuel Derby, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing Affidavit by him subscribed

Before me David Brigham Jus. of the Peace.

I certify that Samuel Derby the Deponent above named is a credible witness -

D. Brigham. Jus. P.

Affidavit  
of Samiah Fuller

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Eleazer Davis  
Pittsburgh  
Worcester Co

J. Asariah Fuller of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts of lawful age testify and say that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Kemp late of Fitchburg aforesaid deceased.

That in the Month of March or April A.D. 1781 the said Kemp then residing at said Fitchburg, of which town he was an inhabitant, enlisted a Private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution for the term of three years. And he belonged to the infantry in the Massachusetts Line, in which situation he served the term of two years and about eight months, at the expiration of which term he was honourably discharged, and received a Discharge under the hand of General Henry Knox. which Discharge I afterwards saw in said Kemp's possession, and read it. I was well knowing to all these facts as I enlisted in the same service for the same <sup>time</sup> and was attached to the same Brigade under the command of Genl Hull in which said Kemp was a soldier. Said Kemp being a three years man, as many others in the same situation, was retained in the service some time after the cessation of hostilities. but was discharged some little time before the term of his enlistment expired.

I was well acquainted with said Kemp ever after till his death, which took place in January A.D. 1817 - He lived and died at Fitchburg in said county of Worcester, and at his decease left Abigail ~~Davis~~ now Abigail Davis

wife of Elisha Davis of said Fitchburg. His  
Widow. whose petition accompanies this paper

Asariah Fuller

Worcester ss. May 14. 1836 Then Asariah Fuller

personally appeared and made oath to the truth of this  
affidavit by him subscribed

Before me David Brigham Jus. of the Peace

I certify that testimony of this Deponent is entitled  
to full credit. D. Brigham Jr. P.

Agaveal Fuller.

Affidavit

I, Agaveal Fuller, do hereby certify that  
 the following is a true and correct copy  
 of the original as the same appears  
 in the records of the County of  
 [County Name] State of [State Name]  
 to-wit: [Description of Document]  
 [Date]  
 Agaveal Fuller  
 [Signature]



I Asaiah Fuller of Pittsburg in the county of Worcester, of lawful age depose and say that, in as much as my former Deposition made on the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1836 before David Brigham Esq. to be used in the Application of Elizabeth Davis and his wife for the bounty of fifty dollars, given by Resolves of the Legislature of Massachusetts to <sup>enlist</sup> Revolutionary Soldiers & their Widows, contains the following expression, viz "he (Kemp) served the term of two years and about eight months".

I hereby reaffirm the ~~substantive~~ facts in said deposition stated, and in explanation of the phrase "about eight months" do hereby depose that said Kemp served ~~the term~~ more than two years and six months. I further testify that I meant to be understood to say the same by the form of expression which I used in my former said deposition. And further this deposition so forth. *Asaiah Fuller*

Witness my hand August 31. 1839, subscribed  
and sworn to before me

David Brigham Jr. of the Peace



I Aaron Danby of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester  
and commonwealth of Massachusetts of Lawful age testify  
and say that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Kemp  
late of Fitchburg deceased:

that the said <sup>Kemp</sup> was a soldier in the revolutionary war that he  
enlisted for the last three years as I understood my father  
enlisted for the same term of time and near the close of the  
war sent for me to come and take his place accordingly I went  
and found him not in good health but did not stay the officers thought  
the war was near a close and if my father's health continued ill if the  
war did continue he likely get his discharge, the parents of Benjamin <sup>Kemp</sup>  
wished me to see them so I accordingly did my father went with me  
which was about one mile <sup>from</sup> where he was stationed and there found  
the said Benjamin Kemp in actual service and I was a waiter to an officer  
whose name I have for got, at the close of the war Kemp came home  
I was well acquainted with the said Kemp ever after till his death he  
lived and died in Fitchburg ~~in said Fitchburg~~ in said county of Worcester  
and at his decease left Abigail now Abigail Davis wife of Eleaham  
Davis of said Fitchburg. her widow whose petition accompanies this  
paper

Aaron Danby

Worcester Jr. August 10<sup>th</sup> 1838. Then personally appeared  
Aaron Danby who is a person well known to me  
I entitled to belief and made solemn oath that  
the above affidavit by him subscribed is  
true -  
Before me, Nathl Wood, Jus. of the Peace