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Rachel Coombs

widow of Saml. C. Coombs.

Res. March 4th, 1835.

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Filed Sept. 24, 1836.

Did not serve three
years - Rejected.

R. W. Norton

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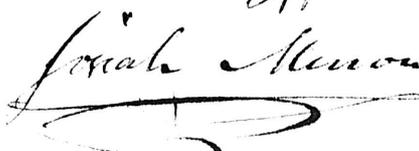
[Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including words like "I do hereby" and "I do hereby"]

I *Rachel Coombs* of *Bowdoinham* in the County of *Lincoln* and State of Maine, aged *seventy five* 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 *Samuel C. Coombs*, late of *Bowdoinham* in the County of *Lincoln* and State of Maine, who died at *Bowdoinham* on the *thirty first* day of *October* A. D. 1826 That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Samuel C. Coombs* did enlist *as a private for three years into a Mass^d Regiment in the army of the Revolution and rec^d an honourable discharge at the time of his decease he was a private of the United States on the main agency*

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Samuel C. Coombs* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *the District of Maine, Lincoln County* 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 *Bowdoinham* aforesaid, where he had resided for *many* 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.

her
Attest Josiah Mearns Rachel Coombs
Mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Lincoln ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *twenty fifth* day of *August* 1836
BEFORE ME,
Josiah Mearns Justice of the Peace.


*Bowdoinham in
Sept 31
Paid 12*

*Geo. W. Merton Esqr
Augusta
Me*

Rachel Coombs

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Rachel Coombs of *Bowdoinham* in the County of *Lincoln* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Geo. W. Merton* of AUGUSTA, 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 fifth* day of *August* A. D. 1836

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Josiah Mew
E. H. Turbox

Rachel Coombs
Mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Lincoln ss.
Be it Known, that on this *twenty fifth* day of *August* 1836, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Rachel Coombs* 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.

Josiah Mew Justice of the Peace.

Remembered Oct 24 1826) I certify that from evidence
this day produced to me I am satisfied that Rachel
Bonds of Bardonham ^{in the County of Essex} was the wife & the widow
of Samuel Bonds late of said Bardonham
deceased.

Wm Fuller Justice of
Peace for Bardonham

State of Massachusetts)
Lincoln County ss

To the Hon. Josiah Stetson one of the Judges
of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas (called the second Eastern Circuit),
which is a court of record in the State of Massachusetts.

The Declaration under Oath of Samuel C. Coombs formerly a private
soldier engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War
now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the town of Bowdoinham
County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts respectfully sheweth
That the said Samuel C. Coombs, enlisted into Capt James Le-
mons Com^y and Colonel McEllis Regiment in the Mass. line in the
month of April 1775 for eight months and continued to serve till the
expiration of said term he again enlisted in Captⁿ Nicholas Plouflet's
Com^y in the 13th Reg^t Mass. line commanded by Captⁿ Wyglsworth
in the month of April 1776 for one year and continued to serve until the
month of November 1776 at which time he re-enlisted in Captⁿ J
Reeds Company for during the War and received a furlough to return
home and in account of the death of his father, he was obliged to
remain at home, he therefore hired another man to take his place
(with the approbation of Captⁿ Reed) and never afterwards
returned to the Army

And the declaration further sheweth that the said Samuel C
Coombs is now a citizen of the United States resides in the town of
Bowdoinham County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts and is
by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance
from his country for support. That he is sixty seven years of age
and was at the Capture of the Flotilla under the command of General
Benedict on Lake Champlain

Therefore the said Samuel C Coombs conceives himself entitled
to the benefit of the Act of Congress of the United States entitled
"an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and
Naval

And Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War approved 15th
March 1818 and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of
the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case
and the proceedings had therein to the Honorable the Secretary of
the Department of War. to the end that such relief may be had in the
premises as is by law in such case made and provided. his substitute
took his place at the expiration of his Combs furlough which was in
February 1777.

Samuel C. Coombs.

State of Massachusetts
Lincoln County ss. Personally appeared Samuel C. Coombs of
the town of Bowdoinham County of Lincoln and State of Massachu-
setts, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in
the foregoing Declaration are in all respects just and true
Sworn and subscribed before me this
25th day of April 1818

Isiah Stebbins
a Judge of the C.C.P. & E.

State of Massachusetts
Lincoln County ss. Personally appeared Caleb Curtis and being duly sworn according
to law, do depose and say that he is now and was personally ac-
quainted with Samuel C. Coombs and well knows that he enlisted
into the Revolutionary Army in the month of April 1776 for one year
in Captain Blas dets Company in Col Wigglesworths Regt on the
Massachusetts line and continued until November 1776 at which
time he re-enlisted into Capt. Needs Company for during the war and
further he knoweth not having served in the same Comp^y with him
Caleb Curtis

Sworn and subscribed before me this
25th day of April 1818.
Isiah Stebbins a Judge of the C.C.P. & E.

July 7. 1819.
I have inquired respecting the characters of the above Caleb
Curtis and the within Joseph Sedgley and have satisfactory evidence
that they are disinterested and entitled to belief
Isiah Stebbins

I. Joseph Sedgley dep. so and say that I served in Capt. James
Lemonts company in 1775, and know that Samuel C. Coombs served
in that company as by him stated in his annexed declaration I
was well acquainted with him, being a near neighbour to him before
we entered the army.

Joseph Sedgley
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lincoln Co. ss.
April 25 1818. Sworn to before me
Isiah Stebbins a Judge of the C.C.P. & E.

State of Massachusetts
County of Lincoln ss. It is remembered that on this 28th
day of July 1819 before me David
Stinson one of the Justices of the peace for said County personally appear-
ed William Brown to me well known and made oath under form
of law that he enlisted into Capt. Blas dets Company in the 13th
Regt. Mass line in the Revolutionary war in April 1776 for one year
and well knew Saml. C. Coombs of the same Company and Regiment who en-
listed in the Spring of 1776 for one year, he saw said Coombs at Pe-
condroya administering comfort and consolation to the sick and wounded
after the battle on Lake Champlain but being detached from the Company
and attached to the Quarters masters Department know not not
when (he) Coombs was discharged or whether he re-enlisted for during
the war or not

William Brown.

Sworn and subscribed this 26th day of July 1819 & I certify that
the above witness is a credible witness
David Stinson Jns Pas

State of Massachusetts)
County of Lincoln ss) I Nathl Coffin Clerk of the Judicial
Courts in, and for, said County do hereby certify that David Hanson before
whom the within affidavit was made is a Magistrate duly qualified for
said purpose acting under the authority ^{of the} State and his name subscribed
therein is his own proper signature. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Courts this
30th day of July 1819.

Nathl Coffin

John P. Brown

State of Massachusetts)
Lincoln County ss)

Be it remembered that on this
twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighteen before me Josiah Hebbens a Judge of the Cir-
cuit Court of Common Pleas called the Second Eastern circuit of
Massachusetts which is a Court of record personally appeared the aforesaid
Samuel C. Coombs who being by me duly sworn to the truth of the
facts stated in the foregoing Declaration and having duly subscribed
the same hath testified and declared as therein expressed and on examination
and enquiry it appears to me that by reason of his reduced circumstances
in life he is in need of assistance from his Country for support
Whereupon I being satisfied that the said Samuel C. Coombs did serve
in the Armies of the United States as a private Soldier in the Revolu-
tionary War against the common enemy for the term of nine months and longer
to wit: for the term and manner stated in the Declaration of the said appli-
-cant: and that the said applicant is fairly and justly entitled to the benefit
of the Act aforesaid. Therefore I do hereby certify and transmit the testimony
in the case, and the proceedings had therein, as before set forth, to the Honorable
the Secretary of the Department of War

Given under my hand and seal of the said Court at Wiscasset
this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thou-
-sand eight hundred and eighteen

Josiah Hebbens
a Judge of the C. C. C. P. 2^d E. C.