

Joseph Adams³⁴
Res. March 24. 1836.

(Filed May 14. 1836.)

Admitted, & certificate
N^o. 12. sp. May 11. 1836.
& sent J^o Stan Esq
W^m Jay by mail
May 18. 1836.

J^o Stan Esq Jay
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I Joseph Adams of Jay in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, aged seventy years, do on oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the State of Maine, passed March 23 1836. entitled a Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March 27 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled a Resolve in favor of certain officers & soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and widows of the deceased officers and soldiers; that I enlisted at Concord in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a ~~soldier~~ on the twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1781. in Capt Bristol's Company and Col Greaton's Regiment of the Massachusetts line, for three years - was stationed first at Boston, marched from there to West Point in the State of New York, where we were stationed during that winter, was ^{then} marched to the British lines who then had possession of New York City where we was stationed some times. from there we was marched to Philadelphia where we was stationed a while, at the time that Congress was sitting, to stop an insurrection that was threatened. from thence we ~~were~~ marched from place to place, where we were stationed such length of time as circumstances required, and at last back to West Point, the having at this time blood, and peace taken place.

I received a discharge, in the month of December 1783.

signed by Major General Knox - which was afterwards lost -

I further on oath declare, that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of Massachusetts, residing in Concord - and was on the seventeenth of March 1835, have been ever since and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, living in Jay aforesaid where I have resided for forty one years past - that neither I nor any one claiming under me, have ever received a grant of land or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for my said services or any other services during the Revolutionary war - I am therefore justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve, and that I am the same Joseph Adams named in J. L. Edwards's Statement of May 1. 1835 which is hereto annexed

Joseph Adams

State of Maine
Oxford s. Subscribed and sworn to this fifth day
May A.D. 1836 Before me James Starr, Justice of the Peace

War Department
Pension Office
May 1. 1835.

Sir,

I enclose herewith, a certified copy of the discharge in the case of Nathaniel Jackson, also in the case of Isaac West.

In relation to the Revolutionary Service of Joseph Adams, I have to inform you that he alleged, in his declaration filed in this office when he applied for the benefits of the act of March 18. 1818, that he enlisted on the 28th day of January 1781, in Captain Smart's Company and Col. Greentree's Regiment of the Massachusetts Line, and continued in the same Company until some period in the month of December 1783, when he received a discharge signed by Genl. Knox, which was afterwards lost. His statement was supported by the testimony of two witnesses, viz. John Fletcher and Elphalel Gennings, the former of whom alleged to have been a fellow soldier with the applicant and often saw him on duty, but he did not say how long he served. Elphalel Gennings states in his affidavit that he enlisted in January 1781 in Captain Lord's Company of the 2^d Massachusetts Regiment for three years; that in June of the same year he became acquainted with Joseph Adams; that he

continued to be personally acquainted with him until
he (Jennings) was discharged, which was in December
1783, and knew that the applicant served 2 years
and six months.

I am unable to furnish any evidence
from the record of service in relation to the case.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant.

J. L. Edwards

James Starr, Esq.

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Wm. W. Hart, Jr. Esq.

Deputy Land Agent

Augusta, Ill.

Wm. Warrington Esq.

Jay May 9 1896

Sir.

I here enclose the Rev Joseph Adams' application & declaration, to obtain the benefit of the Resolue of March 23 1896 - he has been a Pensioner under the act of March 10. 1810, since the 22 day of April of that year - I wrote the war department in April 1895 for the evidence there in the case of Nathaniel Jackson, Isaac eldest and Joseph Adams, ^{a copy of} the discharges of the two former were furnished, but there did not appear to have been any filed in Mr. Adams case, by the statement of J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, ~~that~~ to me which accompanies Mr. Adams application, altho it is not ^{positive} evidence I thought best to put it in to his case, as it was plainly to show what was testified to at that time, which confirms Mr. Adams declarations - Mr. Adams is a man whose character stands fair - he has been an ordained Minister of the Gospel for upwards of thirty years - why I name these circumstances is that I do not know that at this late period it will be possible to find a witness now living, one of those named is dead and it is very probable the other - and as he has been established as a Pensioner under the same services he has ^{now} declared from there can't be a doubt but that he performed the services he has alleged, and that he enlisted for three years and was honorably discharged in consequence of the war having lasted before his term of enlistment expired. he is now old and infirm, and it would subject him to great troubles to look up further evidence, if any such should be living, if hope of believe under ^{all} the circumstances, of his case you will be satisfied he is entitled to the benefits of said Resolue, and accordingly give him a certificate for the same - should you require any thing further relative to his case I wish you to write me relative to the same, and when you send his certificate direct it to me and you shall receive suitable acknowledgments, ~~for~~ ^{thinking}

Very Respectfully

your Most Obedt

James Harr