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Thomas Ditson,  
S. 34,749  
Mass.





DITSON, THOMAS  
(MASS.) 5-34749

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Thomas D. Ditson  
Biden

No 283

(sergeant).

Thomas Ditton

(in Capt. White's Company - spelled

Ditton -

Baldwin, Regt - Mass. Line -

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1777 to 1 Feb 1780 -

discharged as an Invalid -  
(see Roll.)

3 Years -

10<sup>th</sup> April 1780 -

J. Adams, Ditton

Wanted, the Certificate of the  
Judge, that the Applicant, in  
his belief, is in "redemption"  
"from slavery in life, &c."

Worcester. September 8<sup>th</sup> 1777

To. Sergeant Thomas Tibson

You are hereby ordered to repair to  
Billerica, (on the recruiting service,) or elsewhere, in this  
State as an Assistant, to Ensign Stewart, and to  
continue with him on the recruiting service, until further  
Orders, from Col. Putnam, or the commanding Officer  
at Worcester.

You are further ordered, to apprehend  
All Deserters, from the Continental Army, Paying at  
the same time particular Notice, to those of your own Corps  
All deserters that you may find, you are hereby impow-  
ered to seize any of such that are thought to be  
Making proper Returns, of all such deserters to  
Ensign Stewart above mentioned;

For further Instructions you are to apply  
To Ensign Stewart, respecting your particular Duty  
On said recruiting Service - it is expected you  
will pay a proper regard, at all times, to the Good of  
The of the Service, and be very indefatigable, in your  
Duty, as aforesaid;

Job Whipple -  
Commanding Officer at Worcester

Original Thomas Dilson

January 12th 1770  
The width in order to be a station is preserved  
with this difference he is to wait on Capt White  
(and) follow his order till further order from me  
at Putnam's Cove

Thomas Dilson,  
S. 34749  
March

at 1000 ...

August 23. 1779

Sir

I have order that Men from  
 the Militia to reinforce your Guard on board the King's  
 Guard Ship; you will take the said three Men under  
 your Command, which in addition to those you had  
 of the Invalids will enable you to mount two Cen-  
 trals, which you will do in that Part of the Ship  
 and Commitment to keep the Prisoners in Security  
 and good Order; I Continue those two Centurals by  
 Relief on their Posts until your Guard is relieved.

~~I will not permit a~~  
 Prisoner to be on Deck on any Consideration after  
 eight O'clock in the Evening, until six O'clock  
 the next Morning; unless to answer the most press-  
 ing Calls of Nature; and in that Case only one  
 at a Time; if the Necessity abovemention'd requires  
 you to permit a Man to Come upon Deck, to ease  
 Nature, you will see that him to come up under  
 the Gun, and under our Guard. If you should meet  
 with any Disturbance which might happen  
 by permitting any one to come  
 upon Deck, I will not permit the Grateings  
 to be open, but the Man

to come on Deck, after which you will shut  
them down until he is ready to go down  
again, then open them, let him down & fasten  
the gratings to the best advantage possible; you  
will pay particular attention to these Orders,  
as you will be made to answer any Escapes  
which may take place from the Guard Ship.  
You are to obey Captain Pennock in what  
further orders he will give you respecting plant-  
ing your Centinels, and governing the Prisoners.

You are not to permit two Militia  
to be on Country at a time, but arrange  
the Militia and the Men of the Invalid Corps  
in such a Manner, that each Relief shall  
consist of one of the Militia, and one of the  
Invalids. You will give your Centinels  
positive orders, not to permit any Boat  
to come along side of the Ship in the Night.

Thomas Ditson,  
B. 34749  
Mass.



John Rice Com<sup>d</sup>

To the non Commission'd Officer Commanding  
the Guard on board the Kingston Guard Ship.

Thomas Ditson,  
S. 34,749  
Mass.

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Order Sent, Dec 1760

Confine Sergeant Angerbach of the Health Detach-  
ment in the main Guard for neglect of Duty in permitting  
the Prisoner to escape from the Prison Shop &

The New Commissary Officer  
Commanding the main Guard

W. Blair  


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Boston Jan 4 1789

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Please release Rufus Island  
from the main Guard

Yours truly  
Genl Blue Cut

The Officer Commanding

The main Guard

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Massachusetts

Thomas Pitson

of Ashby - in the state of Massachusetts  
who was a Sergeant in the regiment commanded  
Colonel Baldwin - of the Massachusetts  
line, for the term of three years

Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts  
at the rate of \$ - Dollars per month, to commence  
the 10 of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1819  
and sent to Hon. Bro. Deane Esq  
Judge Boston Massachusetts

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1818.  $4 \frac{2}{3} \times 7 \frac{1}{2} \times 30 = 38.66$   
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1<sup>st</sup> Mar: 1819 48.00

\$ 86.66

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Continued

Notification sent letter of 1821 to  
Abraham Diggs, Cambridge, Mass

line - was in the battles at Long Island, Harlem  
heights and White Plains - all which, is more par-  
ticularly set forth in his original declaration on  
file in the War office dated April 10, 1818 - lost the  
sight of one eye by the small pox in 1777 at Plater-  
kill - that he is seventy nine years of age by oc-  
cupation, an husbandman but unable to labor  
by reason of the infirmities of age - that he has  
no family except his wife Prudence aged 48  
years.

Thomas Ditson.

I do solemnly swear & declared to before me

S. Dana Judge Co. 11

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MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT, ss.

*Boston June 11 A. D. 1818*

IT appearing to my satisfaction, that *Thomas Ditson* subscriber to the annexed declaration, sworn to before me, did serve in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, as stated in said declaration, I now transmit the testimony in the case, with the proceedings had thereon, to the Secretary of the department of war, pursuant to the directions of the act entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" the testimony and proceedings in the premises being the declaration aforesaid, with the accompanying documents marked *A, B, C, D, E.* together with this certificate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the District Court of the United States for this District to be hereunto affixed.



*McDowell*

} Judge of the District Court U. S.  
Massachusetts District.

34749  
By INVALID. ✓

File No. By 749

Thomas Ditson

Key Ser 749

Act: 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup>

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT, ss.

*30 January* 1819.

I AM satisfied that the above named, *Thomas Sitton* by reason  
of his reduced circumstances in life, is in need of assistance from his Country for support.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

*J. Deane* } District Judge U. S.  
Massachusetts Dist.

and at the same time he produces to the Court here the following Oath, taken and subscribed by him, before the Hon. Samuel Dana a Judge of said Court as aforesaid, to wit,

" I, *Thomas Ditson* do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled " an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. So help me GOD.

*Thomas Ditson.*

**Middlesex ss. C. C. C. P. June Term, A. D. 1820**

Then the abovenamed *Thomas Ditson* took and subscribed the aforewritten Oath before me,

*Saml Dana. Judge of said Court.*

I, ABRAHAM BIGLOW, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the foregoing Oath, and Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court, that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is *three dollars & twelve cents*

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court, at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on this *20th* day of *July* 1820.

Attr.

*Abraham Biglow*

of Albany in the State of Massachusetts, a resident Citizen of the United States  
Thomas Ditson, and makes oath in due form  
of Law that he the said Thomas Ditson was a Soldier of  
The Army of the United States in the Revolutionary  
war for the term of about four years - to wit,  
Enlisted in January 1776 at Belerica M<sup>ss</sup>. by  
Capt Joseph Peedingat and served one year, the  
term of Enlistment, as a Sergeant, in the Regiment  
commanded by Col Leonie Baldwin, of the  
Massachusetts Line, that he, said Ditson, was dis-  
charged at Peekskill New York in the year 1777 -

Said Ditson further deposes and swears, That he  
again enlisted in the service of the United States at  
Belerica for the term of three years, under Lewis John  
Lewis, served in Capt Daniel Phay's company as  
Sergeant, in the Regiment commanded by Col Rufus  
Peterson Massachusetts Line - That he the said  
Ditson was <sup>discharged</sup> at Boston M<sup>ss</sup>. as an Invalid, in  
January 1780. to the best of his recollection, by Capt  
McFarlin. - Said Ditson further makes oath that he  
is in indigent circumstances and is, by reason of age  
unable to support himself -

Thomas Ditson  
Massachusetts District No. 7.