

The description of the land is as follows: "One hundred acres of land in Charlemont, in the County of Hampshire, in the southeast part of said town, on the south line of which it is bounded south; on the north it is bounded by Mr. Taylor's farm; on the east it is bounded by the public land; on the west it is bounded on Mr. Taylor's other farm, called Clesson's farm." When Buckland was incorporated in 1779, this land was included in that town.

He owned a grist mill for a short time in the north part of the town, but the greater part of his life was spent in farming. He contributed largely of his influence in shaping the character of the new town, and was a prominent man not only in civil affairs, but also in the church. He was in actual service in the Revolutionary army as an officer, having received the following commission:

The Major Part of the COUNCIL of the
Massachusetts Bay in New England.
To JOSIAH JOHNSON, Gentleman.

GREETING:—You being appointed
Second Lieutenant of the Sixteenth
Company (commanded by Samuel
Taylor) in the Fifth Regiment of
Militia, in the County of Hampshire,
whereof Lieutenant Colonel David
Wells is Commandant.



By virtue of the power vested in us, We do by these Presents, (reposing special Trust and Confidence, in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct) Commission you accordingly.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a 2d Lieutenant in leading, ordering, and exercising said Company in Arms, both inferior officers and soldiers; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And they are hereby commanded to obey you as their Second Lieutenant, and you are yourself to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from the Major Part of the Council, or your Superior Officers.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the said State at Boston, the eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1779.

By the Command }
of the Major Part }
of the Council. }

JOHN AVERY, D.Sec'y.

W. Sever, Artemas Ward, B. Greenleaf, Sam'l Adams, Jabez Fisher, Moses Gill, J. Danielson, B. White, Josiah Stone, W. Spooner, A. Fuller, Joseph Simpson, Jno. Pitts, Thodias Durfee, Noah Goodman.