I do hereby certify, that Francis Downing enlisted a soldier in the 9th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, the latter end of the year 1775 or beginning of the year 1776, and that he marched to the Northward in the said Regiment, joined the Revolutionary army, and that he died in the service of the United States about the year 1778 in the state of New Jersey.

Given under my hand the 28th day of February 1811.

Jno. Cropper Jr [John Cropper W3781] formerly
Lt. Col. Comm’dt. 11th Virginia
Regiment of U. States Army