



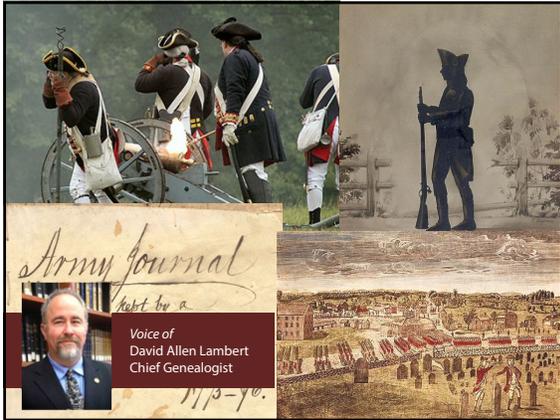
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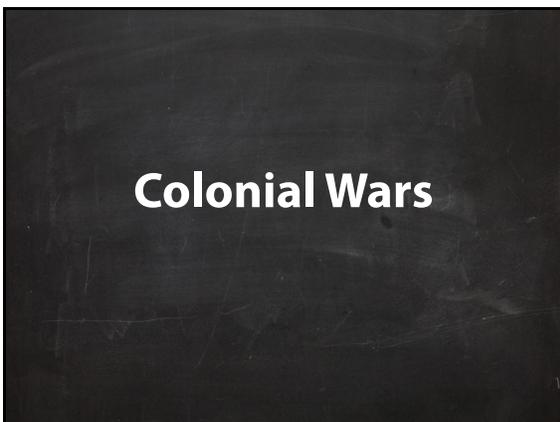


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Why research a veteran?

- Allows you to access more biographical data than found in most primary sources
- Occupation, age, locations, and vital record substitutes can be found in service and probate records
- Answers the questions of why your ancestor may have moved or travelled to another location

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Determining the Military Service of your Ancestor before the Revolution

- Age at enlistment
- Wars during his lifetime
- Documents & Artifacts
- Pensions
- Genealogies and local histories



A historical map titled "FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR" showing the conflict zones in North America. The map includes labels for "CANADA", "NEW ENGLAND", "MICHIGAN", "INDIAN TERRITORY", and "FLORIDA". It depicts various military campaigns and territorial claims during the 18th century.

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How old was your Veteran ?

- Drummer Boy
- Student Soldier
- Married with Children
- Seasoned Veteran
- Senior Soldier



A circular silhouette of a young boy in military attire, carrying a drum and marching. This is a classic representation of a "Drummer Boy" from the American Revolutionary War.

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What colonial wars occurred during his lifetime?

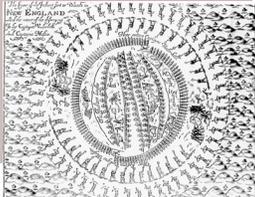


A photograph of a group of colonial-era soldiers standing in a line in a grassy field. They are dressed in 18th-century military uniforms, including tricorn hats and breeches. Many are holding long-barreled rifles or muskets, some with bayonets fixed to the barrels. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background.

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Pequot War: 1636-1638

- Expansion into Connecticut
- New England settlers and Pequot Indians
- Major battle: Fort Mystic May 26, 1637



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King Philip's War: 1675-1676

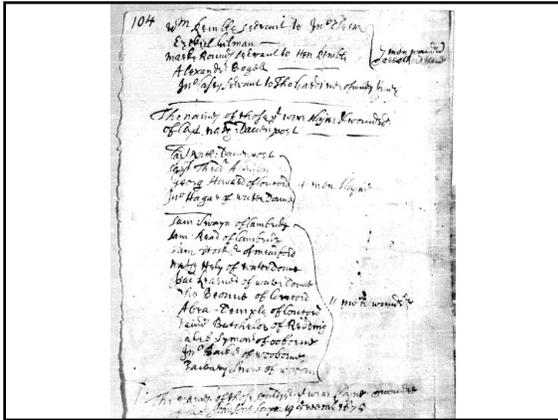
- First full-scale New England war in the 17th c.
- Metacomet (aka) King Philip and the Wampanoag Indians
- Plymouth Colony, Rhode Island, Western Mass., and beyond



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King William's War: 1689-1697

- Glorious Revolution of 1688; England declares war on France 1689
- Areas of New York, Maine, and New Hampshire
- Sir William Phips led attack on Port Royal, Acadia
- Failed attempt to capture Quebec

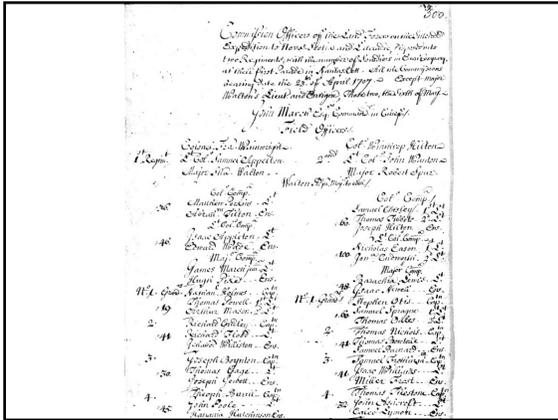


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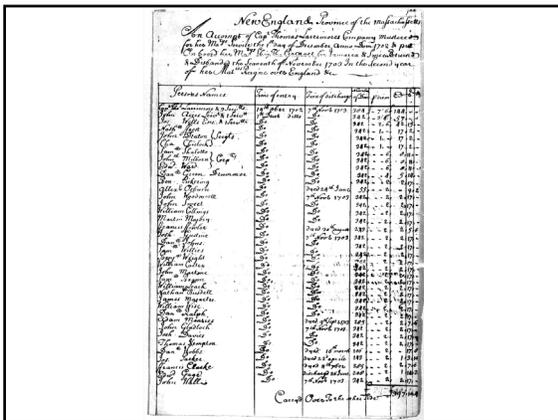
Sir William Phips' Expedition October 1690



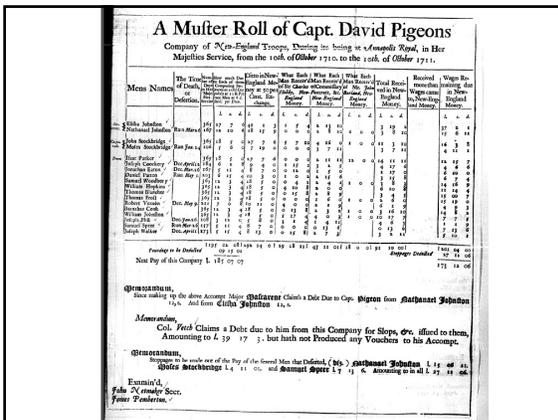
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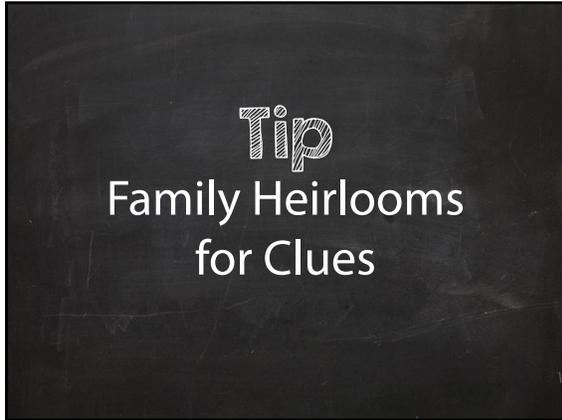


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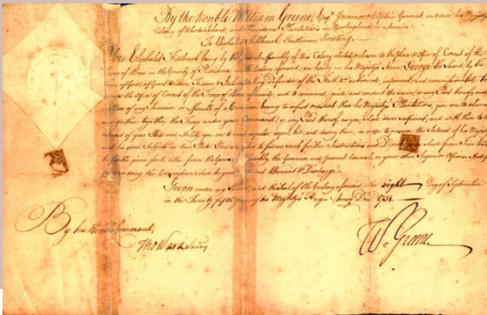
Family Heirlooms for Clues

- What might be in the attic?
- Ask relatives
- Museums and archives
- Ebay or Auction catalogs

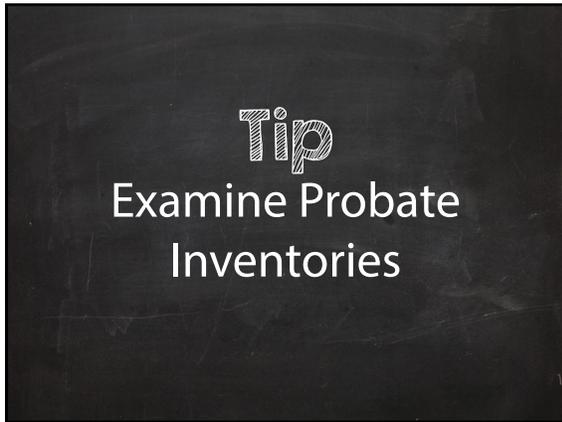

 A photograph showing the interior of an attic. The space is filled with numerous cardboard boxes stacked on the floor. A window in the background lets in natural light, illuminating the wooden beams of the ceiling.

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Military Commissions


 A historical document, likely a military commission, written in cursive. It features a large seal on the left side and a signature at the bottom right. The text is dense and difficult to read due to the handwriting.

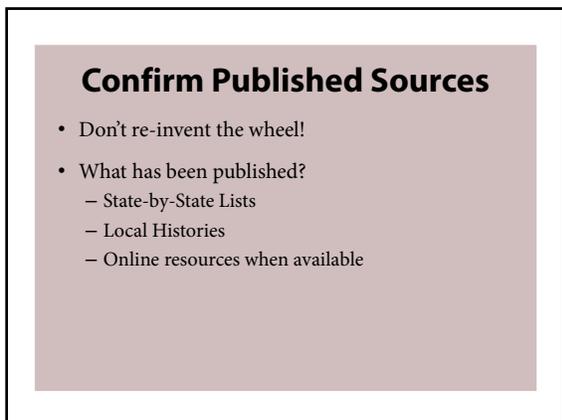
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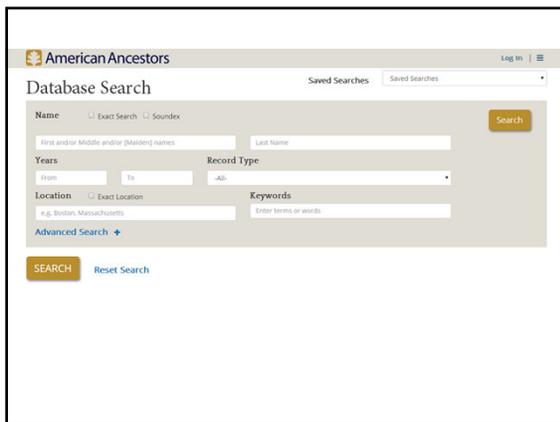
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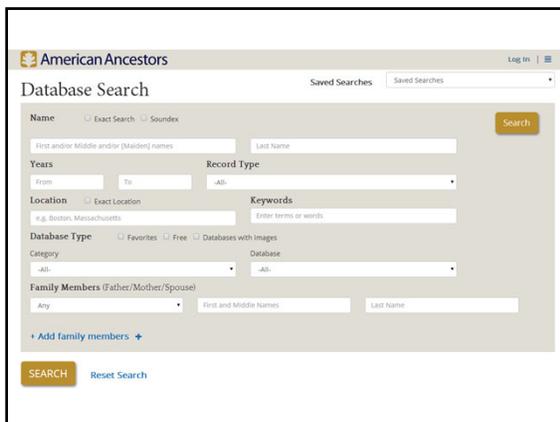
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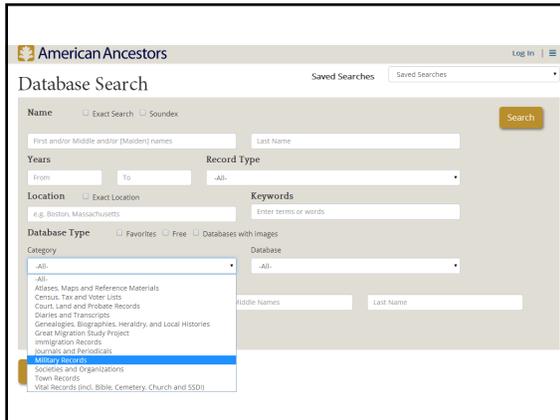
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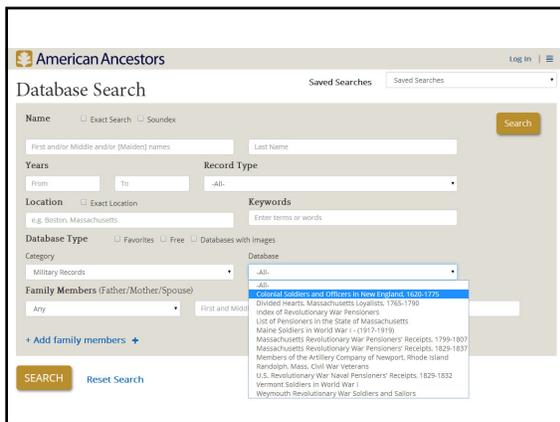
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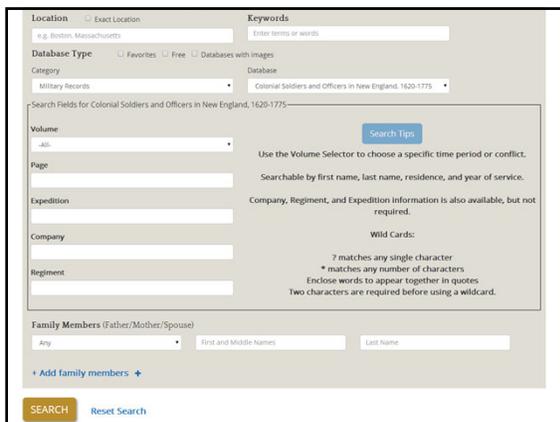
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Massachusetts 1620-1775

- *Officers & Soldiers in the Seventeenth-Century Conflicts*
- *Officers & Soldiers, 1702-1722, Queen Anne's to Dummer's War*
- *Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars 1744-1755*
- *Officers in the French and Indian Wars 1748-1763*
- *Officers and Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1756*
- *Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Membership Applications, 1560-1970 NEW!*

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Tip

Locate the Primary source
of the Muster Rolls

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Seeking the Primary Source

- Locate source book or online
- Consult in person or digital copy
- Inquire the size of the document



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Adopt your ancestor's regiment

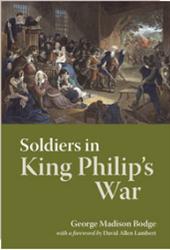
- Research each individual
- Look for additional MSS
- Who were the officers?
- Did they fight together again?



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**Published Resources:
Musters Rolls and military histories**

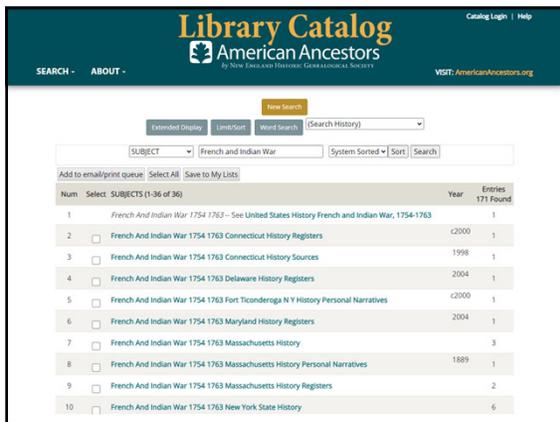
- Compilations of Colonial soldiers
- Published histories of battles and wars
- Hereditary Society publications



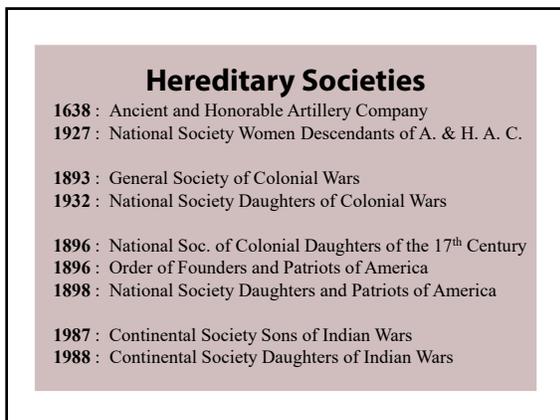
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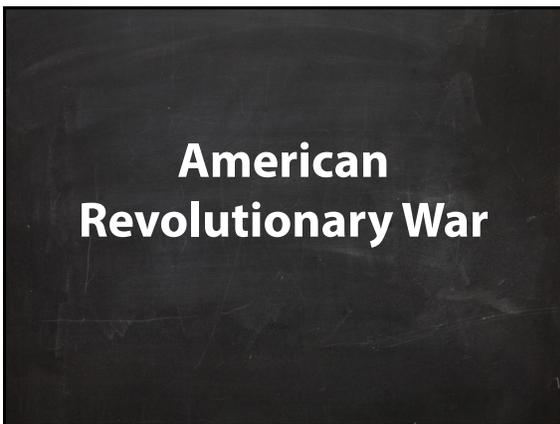
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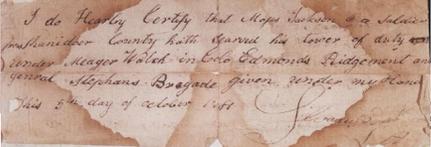
**Determine if he fought –
Too young or Too Old ?**

- Ages not listed, no town given
- Age range of typical soldier, 18-35
- Average birth year 1735-1760
- Extremes early 1700s & late 1760s

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Family Relics in the Attic

- Letters
- Diaries
- Paintings
- Guns & Swords
- Discharge Papers




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Oral Family Traditions

- 1775 to 2023
- Lost in translation
- Preserving stories
- Confirming stories with primary sources
- Hero or Deserter?
- Proving or disproving Grandma



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Cemetery Clues and Pitfalls

- Is there a gravestone for your vet?
- Cemetery and burial records
- Transcribed gravestones
- Where is his spouse buried?
- Is there a flag marker?
 - S.A.R. marker on the right grave?




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Forgotten Images

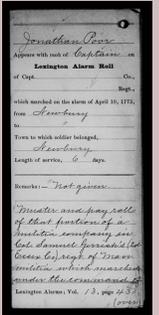
- Do you have an image of your soldier?
- Did your veteran live into the 1830s?



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Useful Resources

- Muster rolls
- Pension files
- Quartermaster rolls
- Journals and diaries
- Published genealogies
- 1840 Census
- Correspondence from officers
- Maps
- Town histories
- *TIP: Adopt the regiment!*



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**Going from
Published Accounts to
Muster Rolls**

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Mass. Soldiers & Sailors

The following is his Revolutionary War sketch from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* (12559).

Poor, Jonathan, Newbury, Captain of a company of militia, Col. Samuel Gerrish's (2d Essex Co.) Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days; also, Captain; return of militia officers who joined Col. Jedediah Huntington's Regt., dated Roxbury Camp, Dec. 22, 1775; ordered in Council Feb. 3, 1776, that said officers be commissioned; also, Captain; list of officers of companies under command of Col. Huntington which reinforced the army; commissioned Feb. 3, 1776; also, copy of a return of said Poor's co. [year not given]; copy of a receipt dated Newbury, march 18, 1777, signed by men belonging to said Poor's co., for wages for 6 weeks service, appears on reverse of return; also, Captain, 1st co., Col. Daniel Spafford's (7th Essex Co.) regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers to be commissioned in said regiment; ordered in Council June 26, 1777, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned June 26, 1777.

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Looking for the Sources

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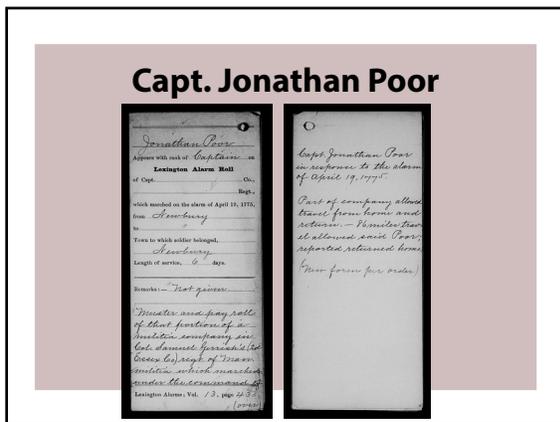
Muster Roll Index Microfilm

- Massachusetts Muster Rolls (index file cards) of the Revolutionary War, 1767-1833 259 Microfilms

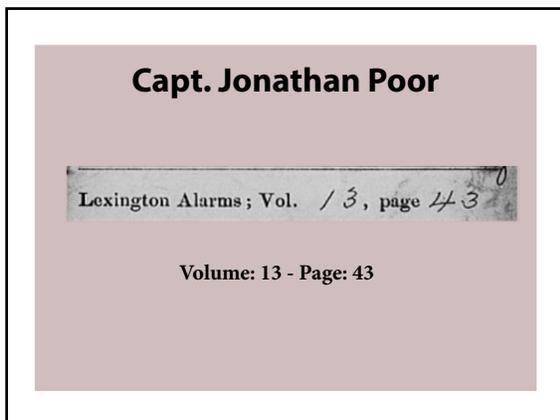
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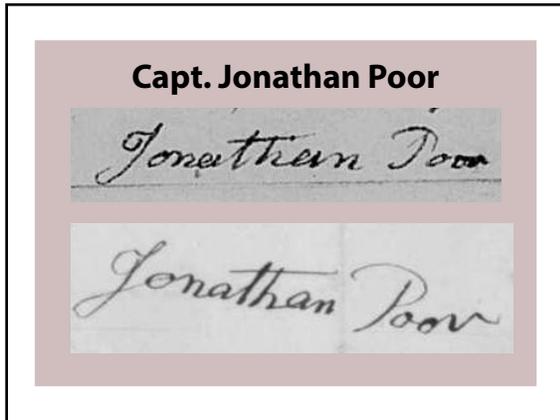
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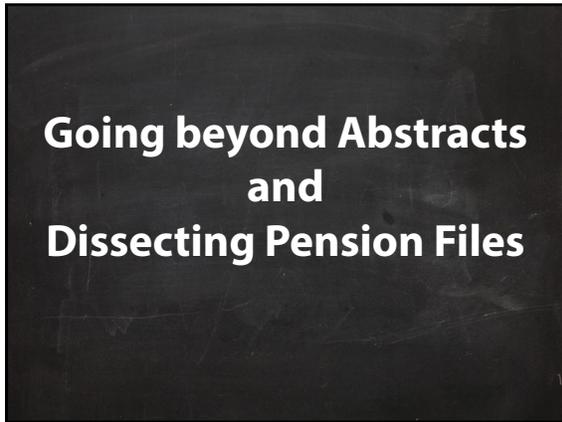
- **Jonathan Poor** “Newbury. Captain of a company of militia, Col. Samuel Gerrish’s (2d Essex Co.) Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days”^[1]

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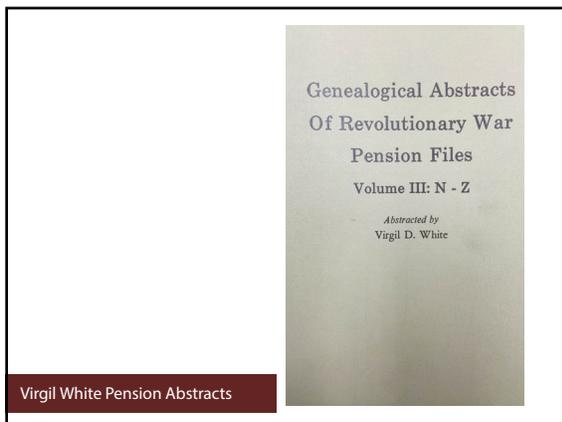
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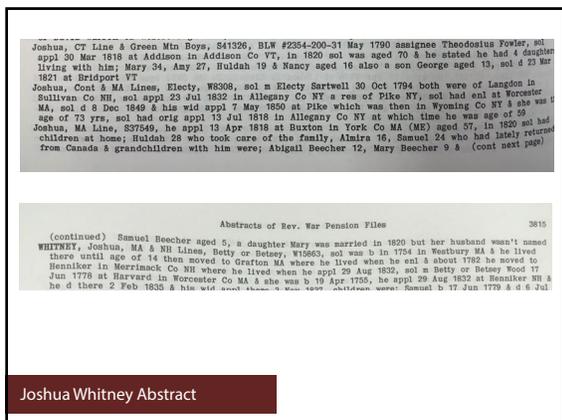
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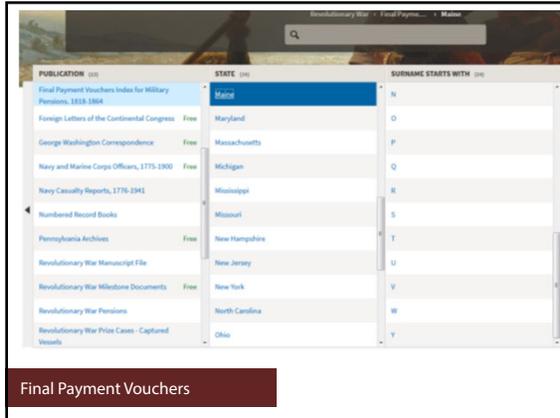
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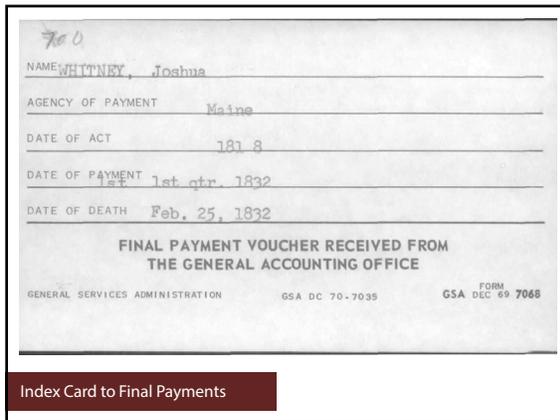


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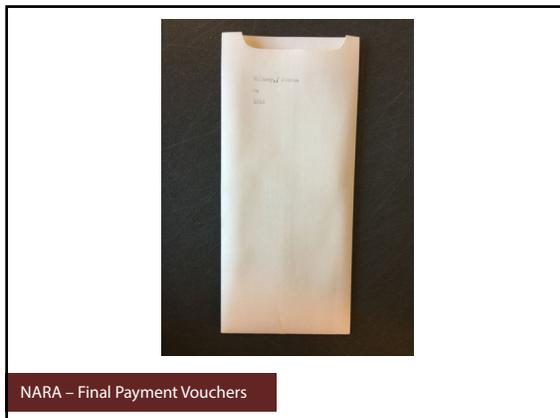
Final Payment Vouchers

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Index Card to Final Payments

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NARA - Final Payment Vouchers

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Daniel Frederick Bakeman



- Born: October 9, 1759
- Died: April 5, 1869
- Tryon Co., NY Militia, 1777-1781

DANIEL FREDERICK BAKEMAN, The Last Remains of Robert, New Holland and Peter, Cape Hill, Fort Mifflin on Lake of Ontario, by the Fort Mifflin, N.Y. House, in the State Office of the State of New York.

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Tip

Look for diaries of fellow soldiers

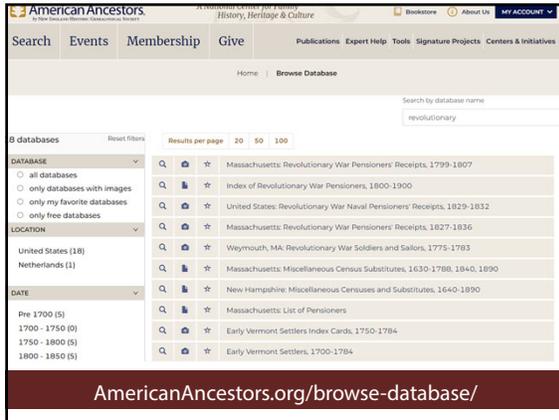
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Journals and Diaries

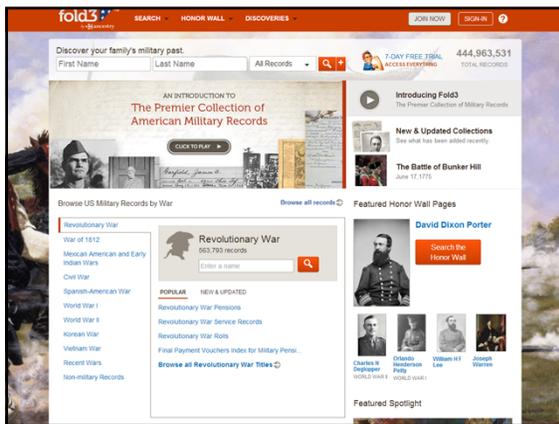
- Published journals
- Transcribed accounts
- Local historical societies



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Hereditary Societies

- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
- National Society Sons of the American Revolution
- National Society Children of the American Revolution
- General Society of the Sons of the Revolution
- Society of the Cincinnati
- Daughters of the Cincinnati

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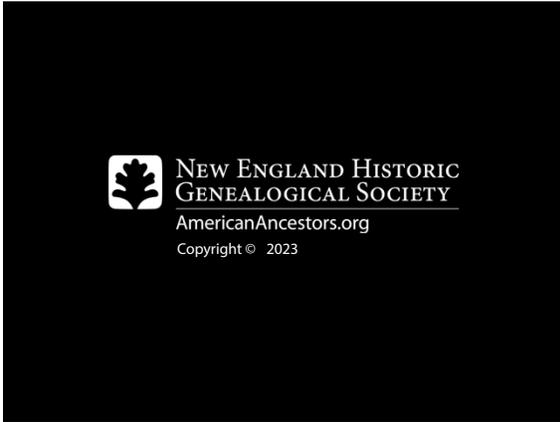
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