

Using Pension Files: American Revolution and Civil War

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American Revolutionary War

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Veterans Identity

Does this pension apply to your ancestor?

- Does the name or alias match?
- Do the residences after the war fit?
- When did your soldier and his widow die?
- Understand when pensions were able to be collected relating to a given war.

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WORLD WAR I



William H F Lee



Joseph Warren

Featured Spotlight

Mass. Soldiers & Sailors

The following is his Revolutionary War sketch from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* (12:559).

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.

Looking for the Sources

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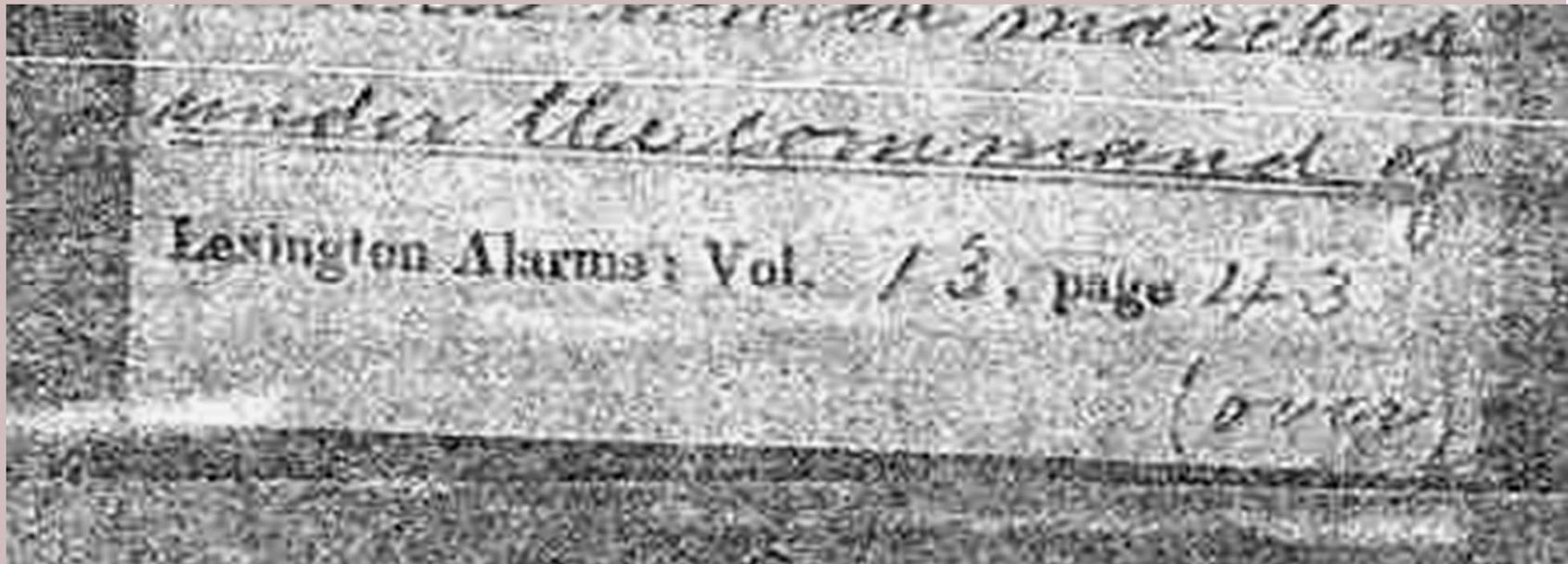
Muster Roll Index Microfilm

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

CAPT. JONATHAN POOR

Jonathan Poor
Appears with rank of *Captain* on
Lexington Alarm Roll
of Capt. _____ Co.,
Regt., _____
which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775,
from *Newbury*
to _____
Town to which soldier belonged,
Newbury
Length of service, *6* days.
Remarks:— *Not given.*
*Quarter and pay roll
of that portion of a
militia company in
Capt. Samuel Garrison's (sic
Co.) regt. of Mass.
militia which marched
under the command of*
Lexington Alarms: Vol. 13, page 243
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CAPT. JONATHAN POOR



VOLUME: 13 - PAGE: 43

CAPT. JONATHAN POOR



What is it?

Learn about the Pensions

Pension Timeline

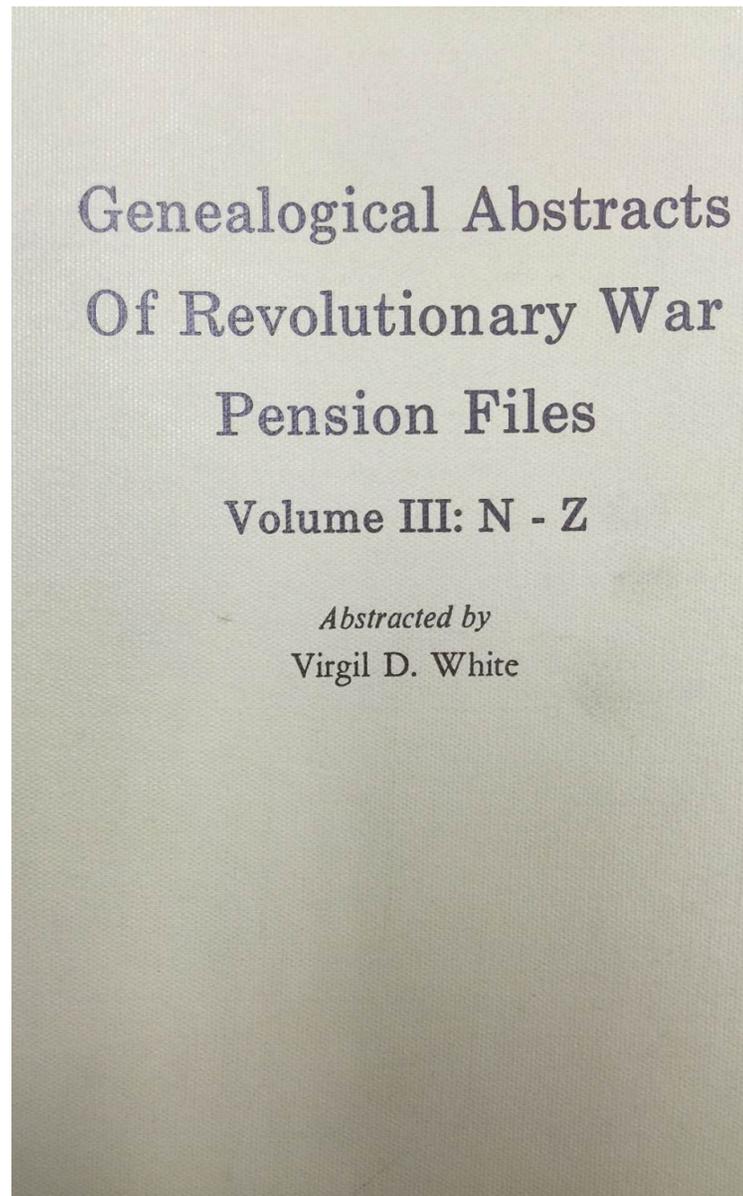
- **1776:** Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living.
- **1780:** Half pay for 7 yrs. To widows and orphans of officers.
- **1806:** Pensions allowed to veterans of State troops and militia for the first time.
- **1818:** Pensions for life based on a period of 9 mos. or until the end of the war.

Pension Timeline

- **1820:** Certified inventories of pensioner's estate and income were required.
- **1832:** Pensions granted to those with service less than 6 mos.
- **1838:** Widows were authorized pensions for 5 yrs. if they had married the veteran before 1794.
- **1848:** Widows were authorized pensions for life if they had married the veteran before 1800.

Pension Timeline

- **1853:** All widows restrictions were eliminated.
- **1869:** Daniel F. Bakeman last pensioner dies.
- **1878:** Widows authorized pensions for life if the veteran only served 2 weeks.
- **1906:** Esther (Sumner) Damon the last widower to collect a pension dies in Vermont.



Virgil White's Pension Abstracts

Joshua, CT Line & Green Mtn Boys, S41326, BLW #2354-200-31 May 1790 assignee Theodosius Fowler, sol appl 30 Mar 1818 at Addison in Addison Co VT, in 1820 sol was aged 70 & he stated he had 4 daughters living with him; Mary 34, Amy 27, Huldah 19 & Nancy aged 16 also a son George aged 13, sol d 23 Mar 1821 at Bridport VT

Joshua, Cont & MA Lines, Electy, W8308, sol m Electy Sartwell 30 Oct 1794 both were of Langdon in Sullivan Co NH, sol appl 23 Jul 1832 in Allegany Co NY a res of Pike NY, sol had enl at Worcester MA, sol d 8 Dec 1849 & his wid appl 7 May 1850 at Pike which was then in Wyoming Co NY & she was t age of 73 yrs, sol had orig appl 13 Jul 1818 in Allegany Co NY at which time he was age of 59

Joshua, MA Line, S37549, he appl 13 Apr 1818 at Buxton in York Co MA (ME) aged 57, in 1820 sol had children at home; Huldah 28 who took care of the family, Almira 16, Samuel 24 who had lately returned from Canada & grandchildren with him were; Abigail Beecher 12, Mary Beecher 9 & (cont next page)

Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Files

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(continued) Samuel Beecher aged 5, a daughter Mary was married in 1820 but her husband wasn't named **WHITNEY**, Joshua, MA & NH Lines, Betty or Betsey, W15863, sol was b in 1754 in Westbury MA & he lived there until age of 14 then moved to Grafton MA where he lived when he enl & about 1782 he moved to Henniker in Merrimack Co NH where he lived when he appl 29 Aug 1832, sol m Betty or Betsey Wood 17 Jun 1778 at Harvard in Worcester Co MA & she was b 19 Apr 1755, he appl 29 Aug 1832 at Henniker NH & he d there 2 Feb 1835 & his wid appl there 2 Nov 1837 children were: Samuel b 17 Jun 1779 & d 6 Jul

Joshua Whitney Abstract

Going beyond Abstracts and Dissecting Pension Files



Revolutionary War Pensions ⓘ

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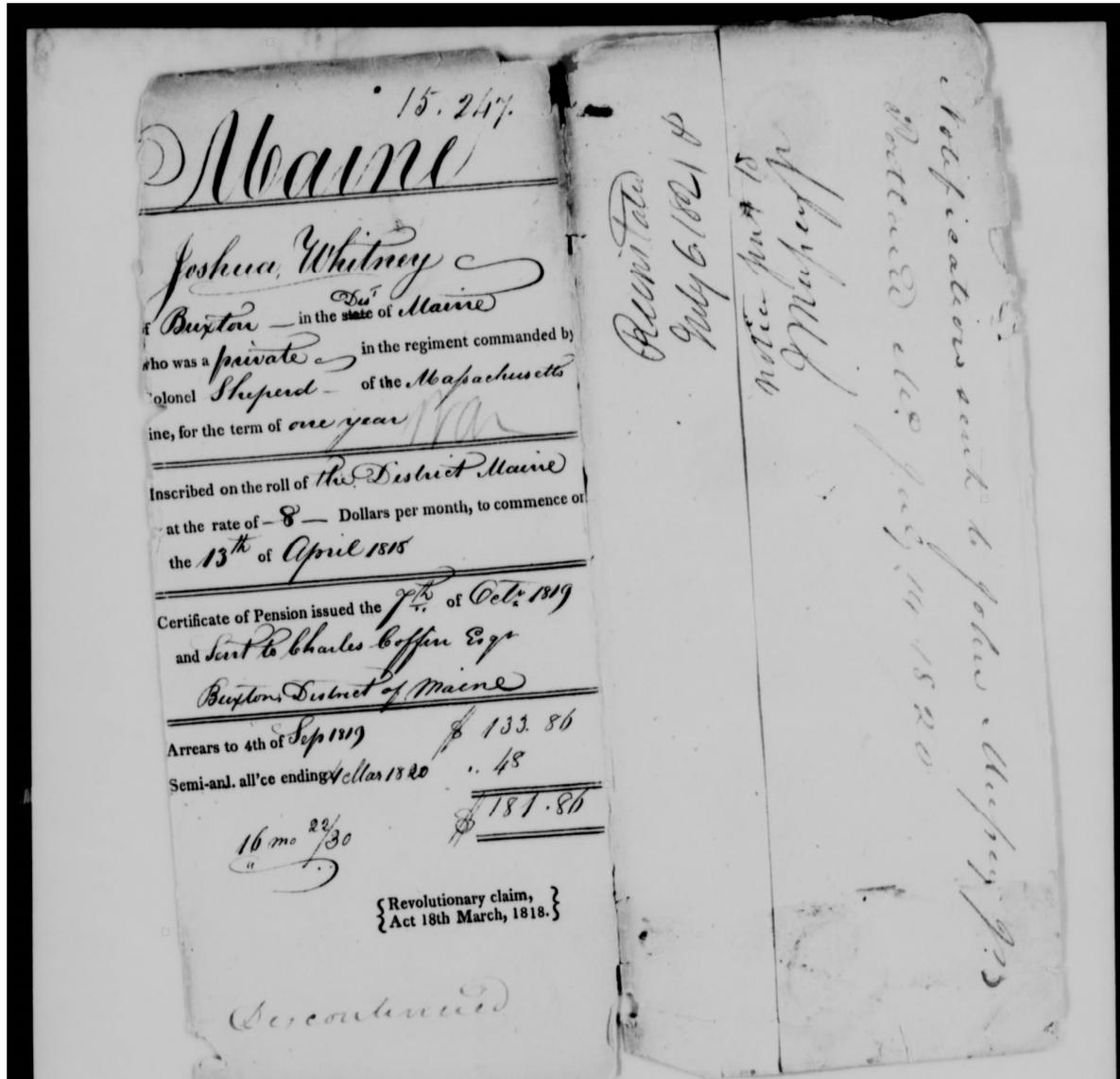
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VETERAN SURNAME (281)	VETERAN NAME (54)	PAGE (23)
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Joshua Whitney Pension File

Joshua Whitney of Prunton in the County of York and Common-
 wealth of Massachusetts, aged fifty seven years, on oath testify and
 say, that I enlisted a private in the Continental Army of the Revolution
 in the first part of the month of January in the year of our Lord
 seventeen hundred & eighty two, the day of the month I do not
 recollect. The Company I enlisted into was when I enlisted com-
 manded by Capt. ~~Blanchard~~, the same Company while I was in
 it was commanded by Capt. North, and afterwards when
 I was discharged from the army was commanded by Capt.
 Blanchard. The Regiment was commanded by Col. Shepard
 the whole time I was in ^{the} army, and the Brigade was
 commanded by General Patterson from the time I ~~enlisted~~
 the army till I was discharged from the same at the close
 of the war. I received my discharge from the army at the
 close of the war on the twenty eighth day of Oct. in the
 year of our Lord ~~eighteen~~ ^{seventeen} hundred & eighty three, signed
 by Major General ~~Thomas~~ Knox. Which discharge is lost.
 I further on oath declare, that from my reduced cir-
 cumstances, I need the assistance of my Country for support
 and am a citizen of the United States.

April 13. 1810
 Joshua Whitney.

Joshua Whitney Pension File

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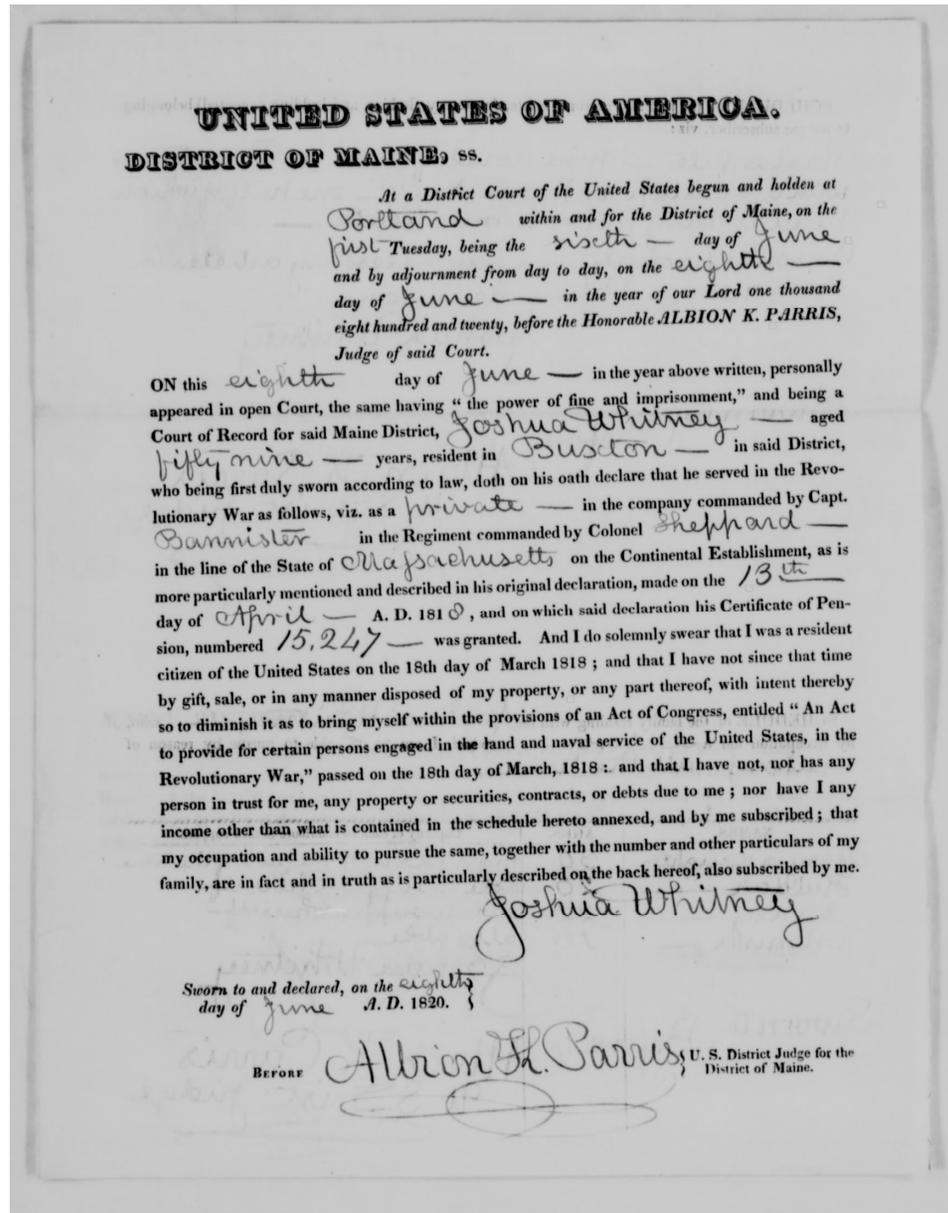
I John Burnell of Gotham in the County
of Cumberland & Commonwealth of Massachusetts
do depose & say that Joshua Whitney served in the
same Brigade in the revolutionary war to which
I belonged; that I several times saw him during
the time I belonged to said Brigade & I have no
doubt of his said Whitney having served the time
stated by him in his declaration by him signed on
the other side hereof. Said Whitney to the best of my
knowledge & belief is a man of truth & veracity
& in reduced circumstances in need of
need of assistance from his country for support
his
In presence of Joseph Adams, John Burnell
mark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Cumberland Co. June 9. 1818 Then before me the
subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for said County
personally appeared John Burnell above named &
being duly sworn made oath to the truth of the forego-
ing affidavit by him signed & by his mark of
a cross in my presence

Joseph Adams -

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Joshua Whitney Pension File



Joshua Whitney Pension File

SCHEDULE of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz :

Real estate — nine acres of land in Busseton — with a small poor house on it — one half of which land is very poor — a mere heath —

Personal property — a few necessary articles in the house — I have no income

Joshua Whitney

Sworn to Before Albion H. Parris U. S. Sixt: Judge

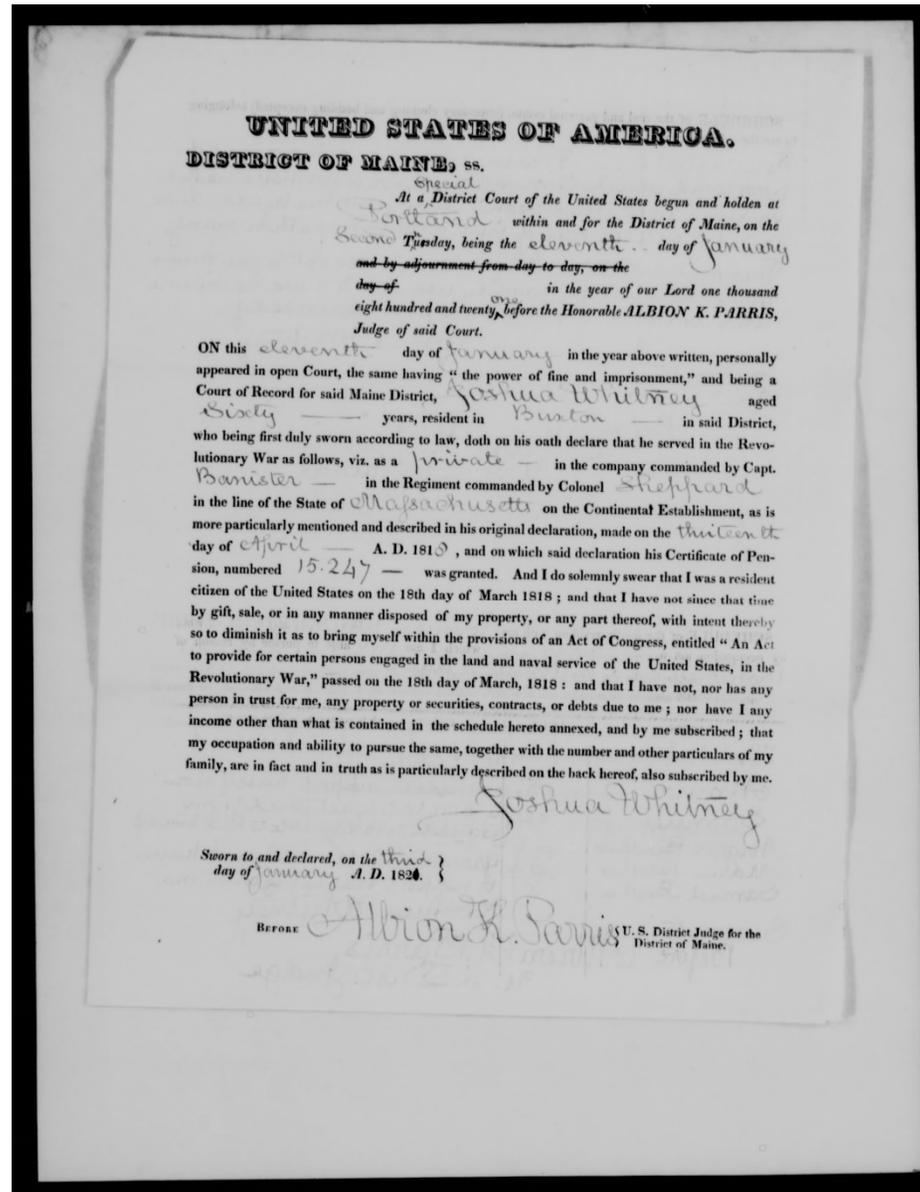
SCHEDULE of the family residing with me Joshua Whitney, who, by occupation am a Saborer, which I am not able to pursue by reason of weakness, all the time

NAMES.	AGES.	Capacity of each to contribute to their support.
Mary a daughter	30	married with me part of the time
Huldah —	26	able to support herself
Nancy —	22	able to support herself
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SCHEDULE of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz:

Real estate — I have none — nine acres of poor land which I mentioned in a former schedule in June last, has been taken from me by execution, in part satisfaction of just debts I was then owing.

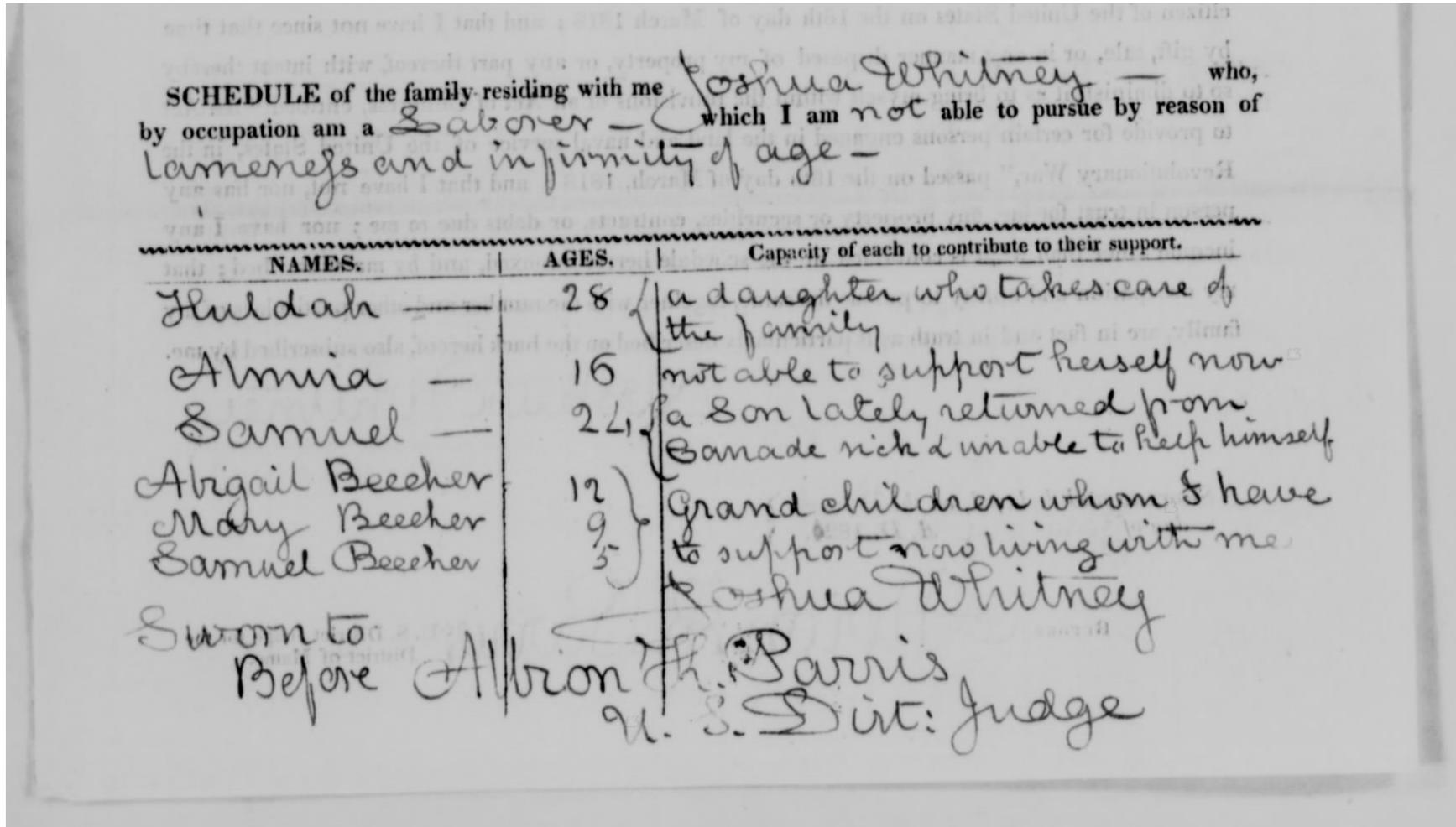
Personal estate — I have none, except a few mean house utensils for family use — I have no income and am still in debt and poor and needy.

Joshua Whitney

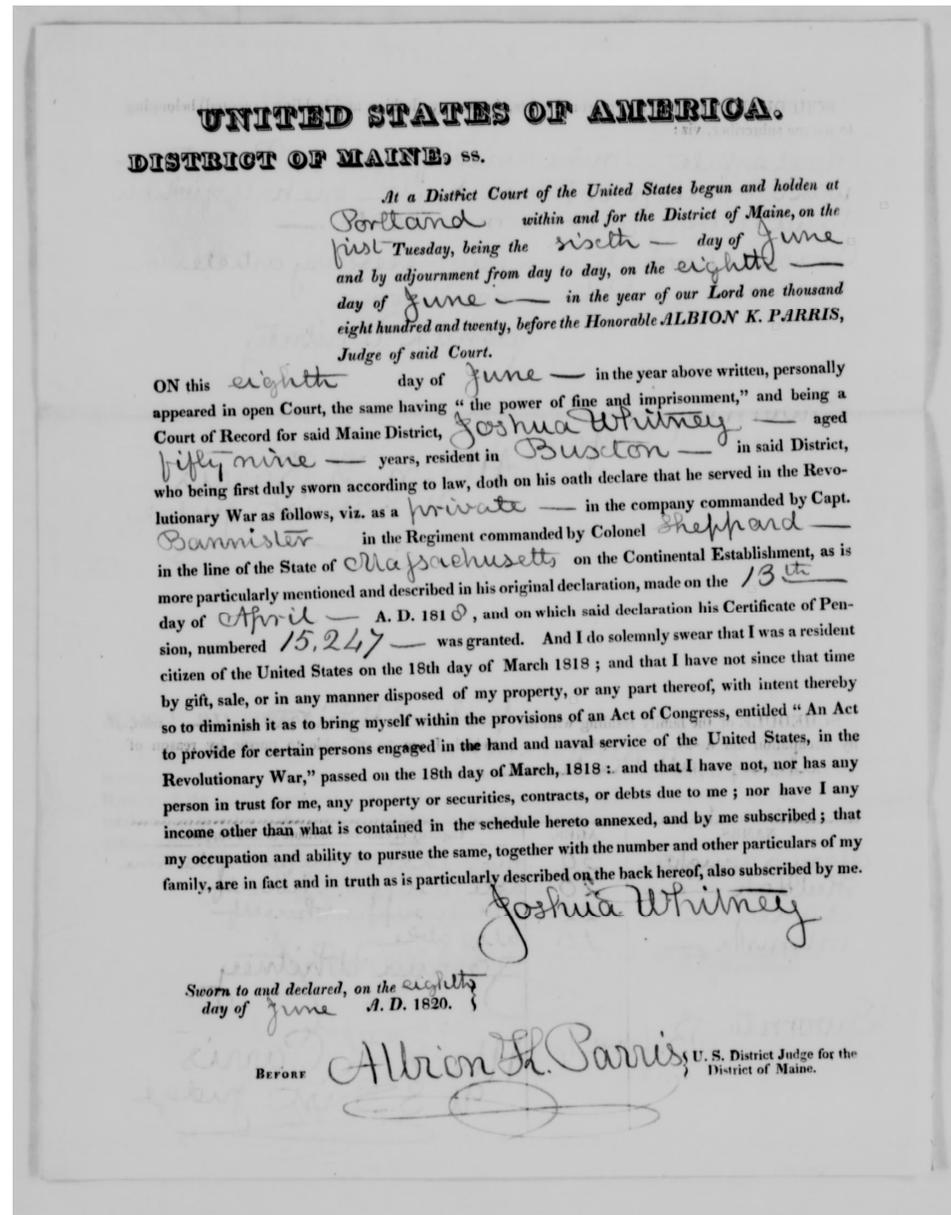
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Jan'y 3. 1821
Before
Albion H. Parris
U. S. Dist. Judge

SCHEDULE of the family residing with me Joshua Whitney — who, by occupation am a Laborer — which I am not able to pursue by reason of lameness and infirmity of age —

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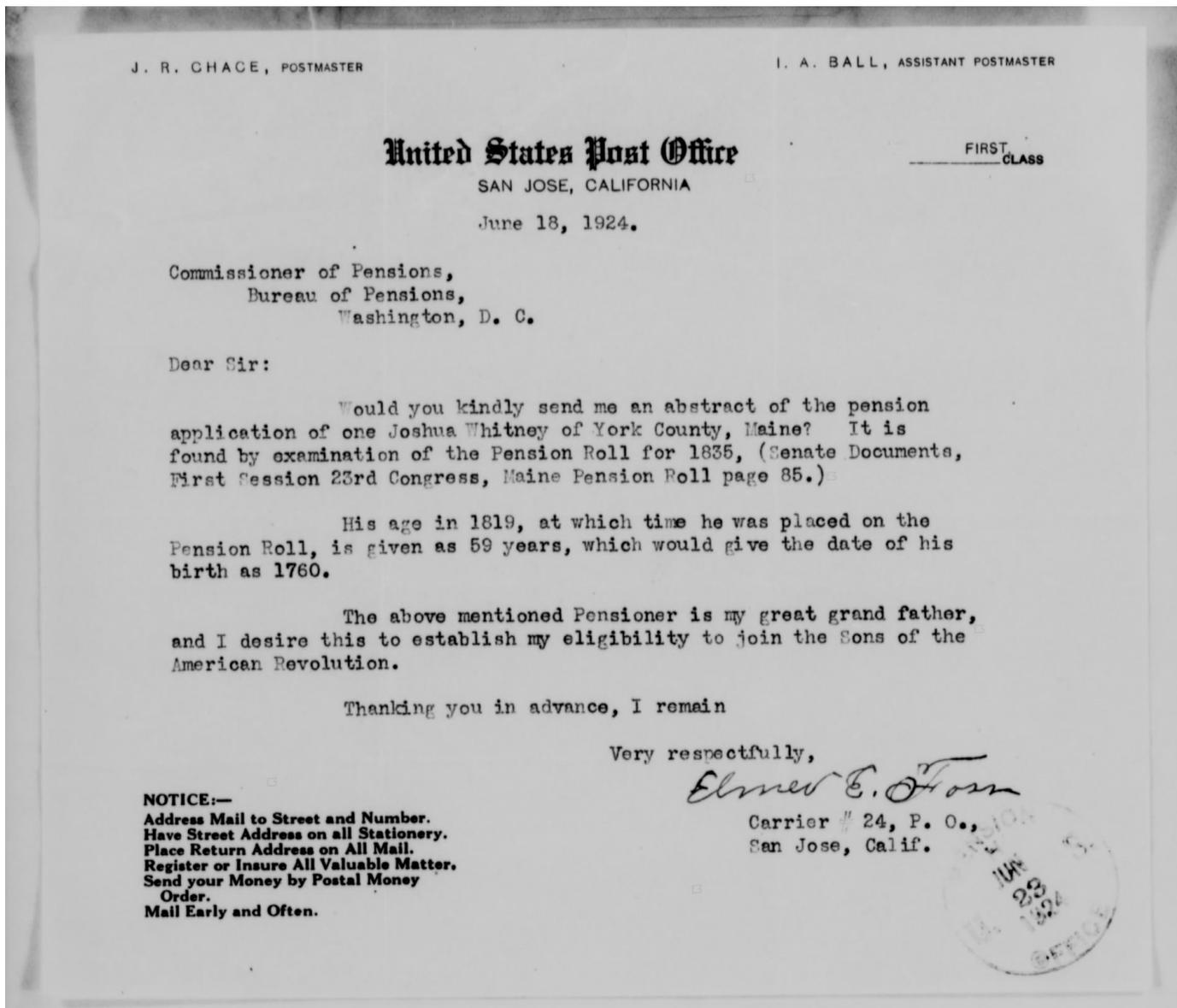
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1840 Census of Pensioners

by the Marshal of the 6th Battalion, 1st Regiment, Kentucky Militia, 1840

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CENSUS OF PENSIONERS.
KENTUCKY—Continued.

NAMES OF PENSIONERS FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES.		AGES.	NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES WITH WHOM PENSIONERS RESIDED JUNE 1, 1840.
RUSSELL COUNTY.			
Thomas Graves	-	77	Thomas Graves.
Isaac Sharp	-	85	Isaac Sharp.
Henry Law	-	80	Coleman Law.
Matthew Robertson	-	78	Matthew Robertson.
William Perryman	-	81	William Perryman.
Jordan George	-	76	Jordan George.
John Polly	-	80	John Polly.

- Revolutionary War pensioners and widows
- First census to give exact age
- Lists who veteran is residing with



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**Locating your
Civil War Veteran**

1910 U.S. Census

Whether a survivor
of the Union
or Confederate
Army or Navy

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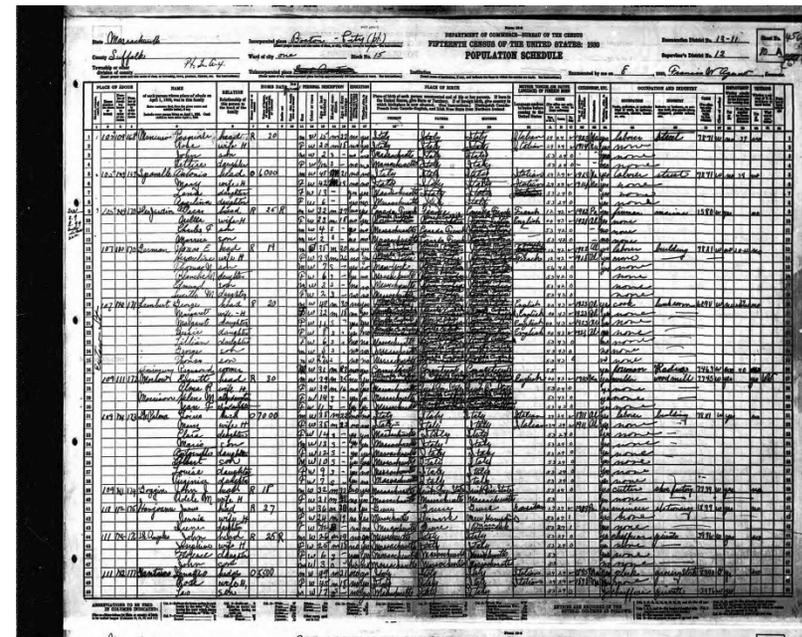
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT NO. 119
ENCLAVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1756
CITY OF BOSTON

NAME	SEX	AGE	RACE	INDUSTRY	EDUCATION	RELIGION	REMARKS
Ben Stewart	Male	22	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
John Stewart	Male	20	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
William Stewart	Male	18	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
James Stewart	Male	16	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Robert Stewart	Male	14	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Charles Stewart	Male	12	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Thomas Stewart	Male	10	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
George Stewart	Male	8	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Edward Stewart	Male	6	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Frank Stewart	Male	4	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Harold Stewart	Male	2	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
William Stewart	Female	20	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Anna Stewart	Female	18	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Elizabeth Stewart	Female	16	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Marie Stewart	Female	14	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Lucy Stewart	Female	12	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Frances Stewart	Female	10	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Clara Stewart	Female	8	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
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John Stewart	Male	25	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
William Stewart	Male	23	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
James Stewart	Male	21	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Robert Stewart	Male	19	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Charles Stewart	Male	17	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Thomas Stewart	Male	15	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
George Stewart	Male	13	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Edward Stewart	Male	11	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Frank Stewart	Male	9	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
Harold Stewart	Male	7	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
William Stewart	Male	5	White	Student	High School	Methodist	
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1930 U.S. Census

<h2>VETERANS</h2> <p>Whether a veteran of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition</p>	
<p>Yes or No</p>	<p>What war or expedition</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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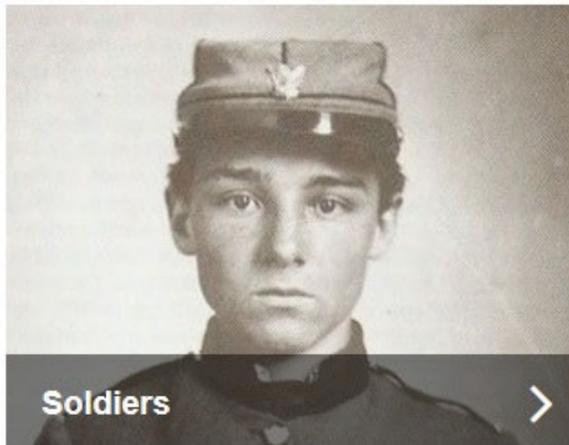
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Soldiers and Sailors Database

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, which will be amended over time. The CWSS is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service and several public and private partners whose goal is to increase Americans' understanding of this decisive era in American history by making information about it widely accessible.

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Gale , Charles W.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 3rd Regiment, Massachusetts Cavalry

SIDE: Union

ALTERNATE NAME: Charles/Gale

Gale , Charles A.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 17th Unattached Company, Massachusetts Infantry

SIDE: Union

Nightingale , Charles L.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 29th Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry

SIDE: Union

ALTERNATE NAME: Charles/Nightingale

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COMPANY: [I B](#)

SOLDIER'S RANK IN: [Drummer](#)

SOLDIER'S RANK OUT: [Private](#)

ALTERNATE NAME: [Charles/Gale](#)

FILM NUMBER: [M544 ROLL 15](#)

PLAQUE NUMBER: [none](#)

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UNION MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS

3rd Regiment, Massachusetts Cavalry

OVERVIEW: Organized as 41st Massachusetts Infantry. Designation changed to 3rd Cavalry June 17, 1863. Company "A," 33rd Massachusetts Infantry, assigned as Company "I." 2nd Battalion, Massachusetts Cavalry, assigned as Companies "L" and "M." Attached to 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 19th Army Corps, Army of the Gulf, to June, 1863. Cavalry Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf, to July, 1863. Defences of New Orleans to August, 1863. Cavalry Brigade, District of Port Hudson, La., Dept. of the Gulf, to October, 1863. Unattached, Cavalry Division, Dept. of the Gulf, to January, 1864. 4th Brigade, Cavalry Division, Dept. of the Gulf, to June, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 19th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf and Army of Shenandoah, Middle Military Division, to February, 1865. Reserve Cavalry Brigade, Army of Shenandoah, to April, 1865. Defences of Washington, D. C., 22nd Army Corps, to June, 1865. Dept. of Missouri to September, 1865.

SERVICE: Siege of [Port Hudson](#), La., June 17-July 9, 1863. Duty at Port Hudson till January, 1864, scouting, outpost and patrol duty. Action at Jackson August 3, 1863. Plain's Store November 30. Ordered to New Orleans, La., January 2, 1864. Duty at Carrollton till February 29. March to Berwick and Brashear City February 29-March 10. Red River Campaign March 10-May 22. Advance from Franklin to Alexandria March 14-26. Monett's Ferry and Cloutiersville March 29-30. Natchitoches March 31. Crump's Hill, Piney Woods, April 2. Bayou de Paul, Carroll's Mills, April 8. Sabine Cross Roads April 8. [Pleasant Hill](#) April 9. Natchitoches April 19. Monett's Bluff, [Monett's Ferry](#), April 23. Hudnot's Plantation and Alexandria May 1. Mansura May 4. Retreat to Morganza May 13-20. [Mansura](#) May 16. Moreauville May 17. [Yellow Bayou](#) May 18. Dismounted June 25 and equipped as Infantry. Moved from Morganza to New Orleans, La, July 3; thence to Fortress Monroe, Va., and Washington, D. C., July 15-28. Moved to Monocacy, Md., July 29; thence to Harper's Ferry, W. Va., August 4. Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign August 7-November 28. Battle of [Opequan](#), Winchester, September 19. [Fisher's Hill](#) September 22. Battle of [Cedar Creek](#) October 19. At Cedar Creek till November 9. At Opequan Creek, near Winchester, till December 25. Moved to Stephenson's Landing, thence to Remount Camp, Pleasant Valley, Md., December 25-28, and duty there till February 24, 1865. Again mounted and equipped as Cavalry February 15. Moved to Opequan Creek March 8. Scout to Front Royal March 16. Scout to Woodstock April 1. Duty at Cedar Creek, Edinburg, Winchester and Berryville till April 20. Moved to Washington, D. C., April 20-22, and duty at Fall's Church till May 22. Grand Review May 23-24. Old members mustered out May 20, 1865. Company "L" mustered out December 27, 1864, and Company "M" January 31, 1865. Duty at Bladensburg and Cloud's Mills till June 14. Moved to St. Louis, Mo., June 14-20; thence to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, June 21-25. Regiment consolidated to 6 Companies July 21. March to Fort Kearney, Neb., July 27-August 16. March to Cottonwood Springs, Colo., August 23-28; thence to Fort Kearney August 29-September 1, and to Fort Leavenworth September 8-18. Mustered out September 28, 1865. Moved to Boston, Mass., September 29-October 5, and discharged October 8, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 101 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 180 Enlisted men by disease. Total 288.

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Samuel E. Hall

Plt., Co. M. 1 Reg't N. Y. Mtd.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Jan. & Feb.*, 1864

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *Daily duty teamster
Reg'tl Co. M. Dept.*

Book mark:

J. Anderson
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Company Muster Roll



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The National Archives and Records Administration stores the following military records:

- Older military personnel records (generally **prior to 1917**) are on file at:

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Locating Union Civil War Pensions

Variety of Pensions

Invalid Pension

NAME: Warren Alphonso F				
SERVICE: Late rank, <i>Maj. Co. 23 Reg. Maine Inf.</i>				
STATUS: Enlisted <i>1</i> Discharged <i>1</i>				
DATE OF PENSION:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>516276</i>		<i>300268</i>
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

Widow's Pension

NAME OF SOLDIER:	Blake Edmund			
SERVICE:	Late rank, Co. D, 23 Reg't Maine Inf.			
TERM:	Enlisted, 1		Discharged, 1	
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1897 June 26	Invalid,	635819	age	467328
1909 Apr 20	Widow,	918911	a	684849
	Minor,			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:	A. S. Mrs. Wife			
REMARKS:				

Mother's Pension

NAME:	<i>Mike Gilman</i>			
SERVICE:	<i>Late rank, Col. B., 29 Regt Maine Inf.</i>			
STATUS:	<i>Enlisted 1 Discharged 1</i>			
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.
	<i>Invalid,</i>			
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
<i>172 Oct 29</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>20601111</i>		<i>165304</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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REMARRIED WIDOW.

(3-H-9)

NAME OF CLAIMANT:	Carpenter, Emma B.		
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Lee, Wilbur D.		
SERVICE:	B 164 Ohio Inf.		
NUMBER:	ORIG.	CTF.	316.194
DATE OF FILING:	Oct. 2-1916		
REMARKS:	I. eff. 244 961		

6-1585

REMARRIED WIDOW.

(3-H-9)

NAME OF CLAIMANT:	Carpenter, Ermessia m
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Invalid, Widow and Minor Child

HEAD NAME:					<i>Nason, Sumner</i>				
SERVICE:					<i>Late rank, 2nd Lt. Co. A, 23rd Regt. Maine Inf.</i>				
DATE:					<i>Enlisted ... Sep. 10, 1862 Discharged ... July 15, 1863</i>				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.					
<i>1863 Oct 26</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>34 938</i>							
<i>1865 Jan 13</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>78 872</i>			<i>57 652</i>				
<i>1872 June 17</i>	<i>Minor,</i>	<i>204 026</i>			<i>162 506</i>				
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:									
REMARKS:									

Typical Pension File Papers

Declaration for Invalid Pension
and Increase for Pension Forms

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Norfolk ss:
On this 15th day of May A. D. 1920, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, William F Oliver, who, being d sworn according to law, declares that he is 72 years of age, and a resident of Avon county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts; and that he is identical person who was ENROLLED at Portland Maine, under the name of William F Oliver, on the eighteenth day of October 18. as a private, in Company B, 11th Regt Maine Infantry (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.) in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Richmond Va., on the 17th day of October 18. That he also served at no other time (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches; complexion light; color eyes blue; color of hair brown; that his occupation was Boot maker that he was born July 11 1847 at Stoughton, Mass. Heart disease induced by rheumatism totally incapacitate me from work of all kinds & requires constant attendance - (State in this space the nature of the disability by reason of which the regular personal aid and attendance of another person is required)

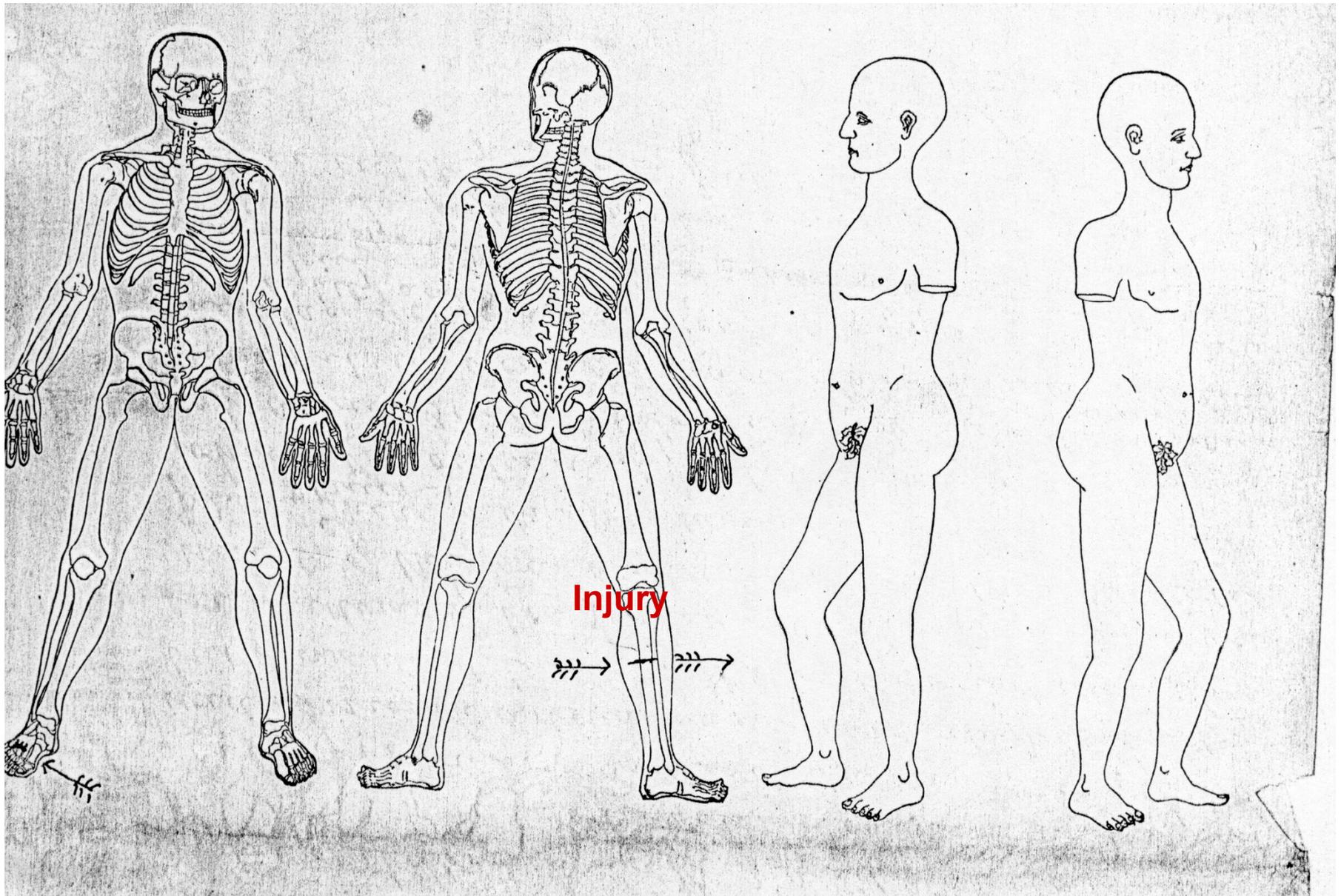
That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Stoughton Mass that part formerly called East Stoughton now incorporated as Avon (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 406809. That he has applied for pension under original No. 406809.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1920.

(1) J. Spencer Smith (Signature of first witness.)

William F. Oliver (Claimant's signature in full.)



Surgeon's Certificate Disability Description Form

Date of Examination:

Name and Rank of Claimant:

Claimants Post Office Address:

Cause of disability:

If a pensioner, fill in the amount [of pension]:

Give the claimants statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Give a full description of the disabilities:

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Francis Brubitt, of Captain *Alfred W*
 Company, (*E*), of the *11th* Regiment of United States
 , was enlisted by *Alfred W Ackman*, of
 Regiment of *Mass Infantry*, at *Boston*
 on the *Tenth* day of *May*, 1861, to serve *Three* years; he was born
 in *Canton* in the State of *Massachusetts*, is *Twenty two*
 years of age, *Five* feet *seven* inches high, *light* complexion, *Blue* eyes,
Light hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Butcher*. During the last two
 months said soldier has been unfit for duty *51* days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Medical Dept. Gen. Re.:)

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EASTERN Division.

Claim No. 1315544 Department of the Interior,

Francis Brackett,
Co. F, 1 Reg't Mass. Vol. Inf.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., June 7, 1904.

SIR: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

Mr. Francis Brackett,

R. F. D. No. 4,

North Ferrisburg, Wash.

E. J. Ware

Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. August 13th 1838
2. Where were you born? Answer. Canton Mass
3. When did you enlist? Answer. About April 15th 1861
4. Where did you enlist? Answer. Boston Mass
5. Where had you lived before you enlisted? Answer. Canton and Stoughton Mass
6. What was your post-office address at enlistment? Answer. North Stoughton Mass
7. What was your occupation at enlistment? Answer. Assistant Butcher
8. When were you discharged? Answer. 8th of November 1861
9. Where were you discharged? Answer. Doncaster Md

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM F. OLIVER,
AVON, MASS.
406859 ACT MAY.
PAGE ST.

G. M. Saenger
Commissioner.
PENSION OFFICE
MAR 22 1915
U. S.

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- No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer. East Stoughton (now Avon) July 11, 1847*
The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer. 11th Maine Infantry*
- No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer. East Stoughton, Mass.*
- No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer. Sadie H. Oliver maiden Sadie E. Keiggi*
- No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer. July 31, 1914. South Braintree, Mass. by Rev. John A. Mitchell*
- No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *Town Record*
If so, where? *Answer. Town Record both Avon and Braintree*
- No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. *Answer. Yes. Emma Robinson Nov. 11, 1872 - death Sept. 31, 190*

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

NO. 29 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, }
County of Plymouth } ss.

Act June 27, 1890.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of Sarah E. Weld #47294
of Whitman, Widow of George A. Weld late

of Company I, 12 Regiment Mass Vols.:

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for
aforesaid County and State, Henry W. Waugh and
resident of Whitman,
in the County of Plymouth, State of Mass, who being

duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—

The said George A. Weld was mustered
into U. S. Service as Corporal of Co. I, 12th
Regiment Mass. Vols. June 26th 1861 was

(3-128 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

51-397
Boston

Claimant Sarah E. Weld

Soldier George A. Weld

P. O. Whitman

Rank * 1st Sgt Co A 129

County Plymouth State Mass.

Regiment Unattached Mass. Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$8 per month, commencing Oct. 31, 1890, and \$2 per month additional for each child as follows:

Born, 18	} Commencing	18
Sixteen, 18		18
Born, 18	} Commencing	18
Sixteen, 18		18
Born, 18	} Commencing	18
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Born, 18	} Commencing	18
Sixteen, 18		18

DROPPED FROM ROLLS
FEB 29 1896
PENSIONER DEAD

* Since changed Nov 1/92
by R. E. for aug.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate _____ date of _____

Widow Questionnaire (Act of September 8, 1916)

Widow's Certificate Number:

Name of Soldier (or sailor):

Service of Soldier (or sailor):

“Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier (or sailor) named. I was his wife during the Civil War. I am ___ years of age, having been born _____ at _____. I am entitled to the increase of pension provided by the first section of the Act of September 8, 1916.”

Pension Applications for

**Mother, father, children,
and dependent brothers**

FATHER, MOTHER, OR ORPHAN BROTHER'S Application for Army Pension, Act June 6, 1866.

This Army Pension Declaration must be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, and if before the Judge, the Clerk thereof will certify said Judge's official capacity and signature, and attest the same under the seal of the Court.
A Justice of the Peace must not authenticate this paper. If he does, the work is utterly useless, and must be all done over again before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, as above stated.

State of Maine }
County of Cumberland } SS.

On this eighth day of May A. D. 1870 personally appeared before the undersigned, (1) A. Benson Notary of the St. Baldwin Court, a Court of Record within and for the Cumberland County and State aforesaid, Mary A. Allen aged fifty years, resident of the (3) Town of Lisimington in the State of Maine

Nov 29 1861

Ordnance Dept. to General Banks
Division in Camp at Muddy Branch Va.
M. B.

Dear Mother

Now as we have just
got settled in what we expect is our
winter quarters I will try and
give you some idea how we have got
it fixed up. I have been at work
all day today digging out our tent and
building a fire place and we have got
a fire built in it tonight and
the Lieut says it is so nice that
I must build him one in his tent.
First I dug down about 2 feet
just the bigness of the tent and
then build the chimney out side the
tent and the fire place in side

Typical Correspondence Files

- Letters from Veteran or his family regarding application for pension or questions regarding the same.
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Pension



SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS

February 6, 1906.
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Chelsea, Mass.



Hon. Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Sir:—

This is to certify that
was admitted to this institution
while he was here he suffered of
Rheumatism & Constipation.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Certificate of Death

FROM THE RECORDS OF DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF Avon,
MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

1. Date of Death
2. Name, - -
(Maiden Name)
3. Sex, and whether
Married, or Widowed
4. Color, - -
5. Age, - -
6. Disease or Cause
7. Residence, -
8. Occupation, -
9. Place of Death
10. Place of Birth,
11. Name of Father
12. Name of Mother
(Maiden Name)
13. Birthplace of Father
14. Birthplace of Mother

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Certificate of Birth

FROM THE RECORDS OF BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF Stoughton
MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

1. Date of Birth, - - - July 11, 1847.
2. Full Name of Child, - William F. Oliver
3. Sex, Color, and if Twin Male
4. Place of Birth, - - - Stoughton, Mass.
5. Residence of Parents, - Stoughton, Mass. Dist. No. 7.
6. Name of Father, - - - William Oliver
Boot-maker

To the Chief, Finance Division: 4, 1916

You are hereby notified that check # 3798.566 for \$60.00 dated MAR 4-1917 in favor of

post-office Certificate # CATHARINE A. HOLDCRAFT, THURMONT, MD. 593453 ACT APRIL R.D.1.

Class ACT APR. WID.

Section 8 has been returned to this office by the Postmaster with the information that the pensioner died Feb 13-1917 and said check has this day been canceled.

(D-3)

Very respectfully, GUY O. TAYLOR, Disbursing Clerk

PLATE DESTROYED

Jacobs

[3-218 a.]

Ex'r.

No.

682095

Act of June 27, 1890.

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of sep 9/98 over
Jun 9. 1899. To atty Bird
ME. Claimant showed state
under oath whether she or soldier
had been previously married.
and whether they lived together
from date of marriage to
date of death.

Eldora F. Parker
Onset Mass
Wid.
George M. Parker
Es- 3 - Mass. Inf.
- a - 4 - Mass. Inf.
Died at Stoughton, Mass
Aug. 25, 1898
other claim.
d. by : 907944
Sept. 16, 1898. - R -
Clerk.
Numerical No.

Whether she is entitled
under will of soldier left any
life insurance
Testimony of witnesses
to collaboration & divorce.
MASS. For M. as id. Payne & Smith C.P.

- R. I.
- CONN.
- N. Y.
- N. J.
- DEL.

Application filed: Sept. 1, 1898.
Attorney: W. P. Bird
Stoughton

No.

QUESTIONS?



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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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