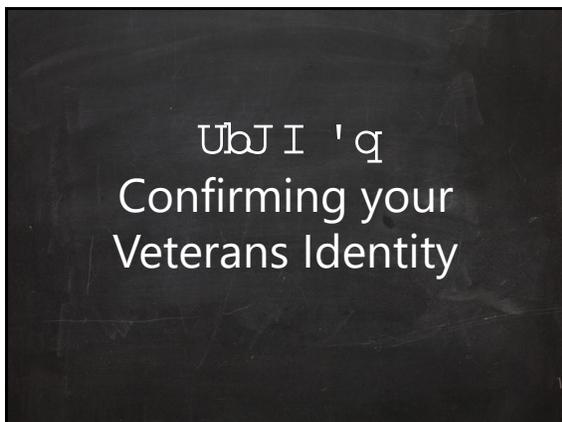


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Does this pension apply to your ancestor?

- 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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Service Records for your Veteran

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The screenshot shows the Fold3 website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'SEARCH', 'HONOR WALL', and 'DISCOVERIES'. Below this is a search area with 'Discover your family's military past.' and input fields for 'First Name' and 'Last Name'. A '7-DAY FREE TRIAL' badge is visible. The main content area features a large banner for 'The Premier Collection of American Military Records' and a section for 'Revolutionary War' with a search box. There are also sections for 'New & Updated Collections' and 'Featured Honor Wall Pages'.

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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

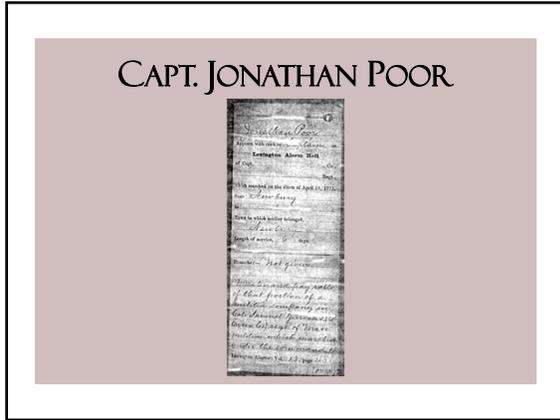
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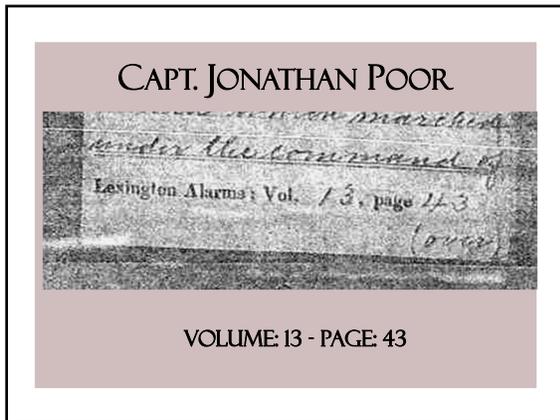
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Massachusetts Muster Rolls
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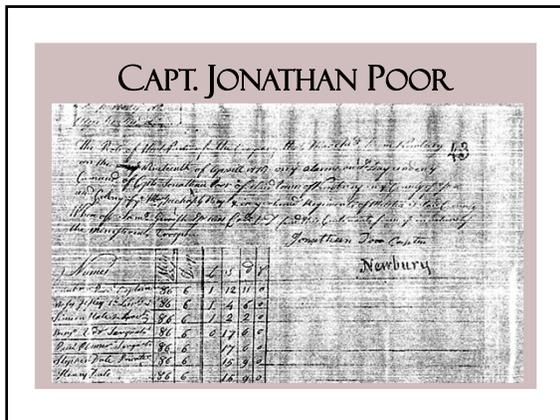
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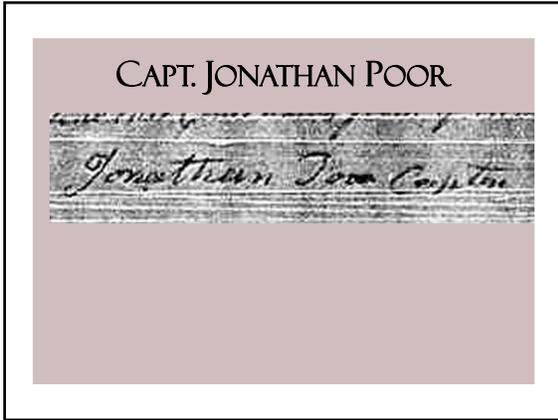
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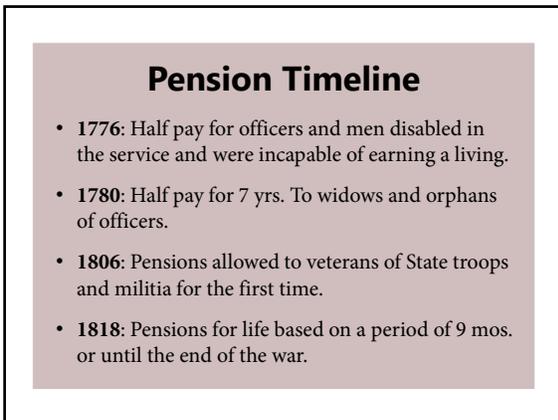
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Pension Timeline

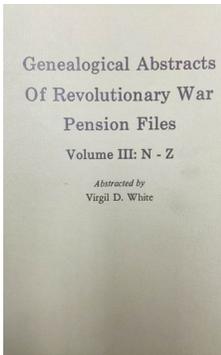
- **1820:** Certified inventories of pensioner's estate and income were required.
- **1832:** Pensions granted to those with service less than 6 mos.
- **1838:** Widows were authorized pensions for 5 yrs. if they had married the veteran before 1794.
- **1848:** Widows were authorized pensions for life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

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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.

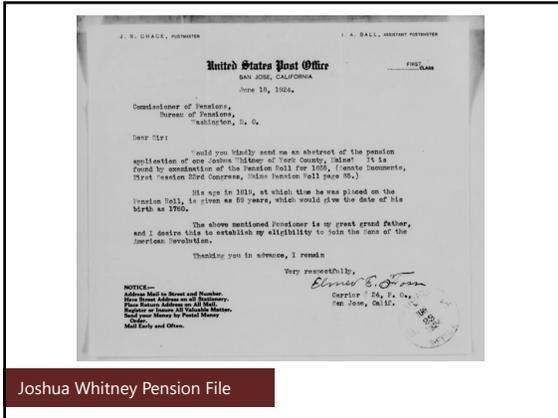
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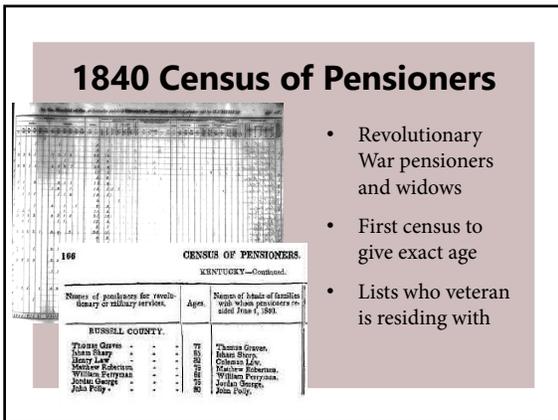
Virgil White's Pension Abstracts

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Joshua Whitney Pension File

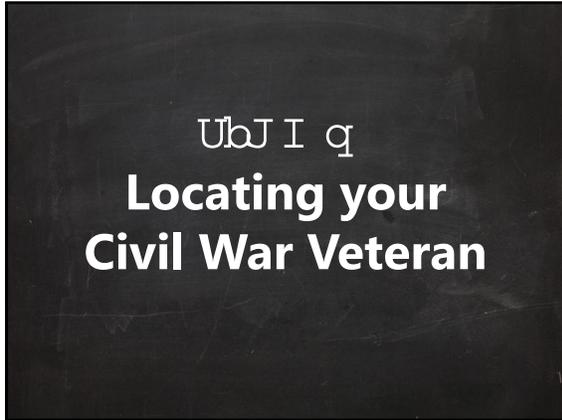
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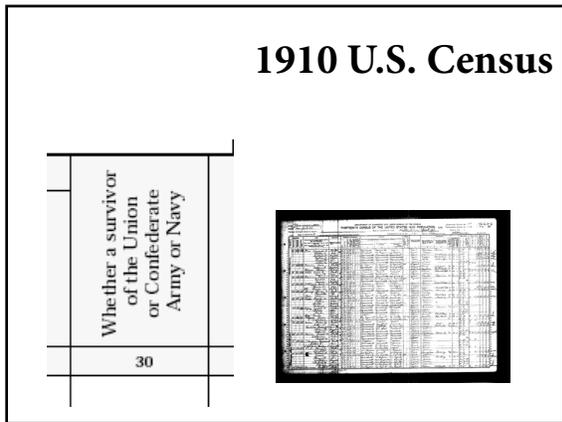
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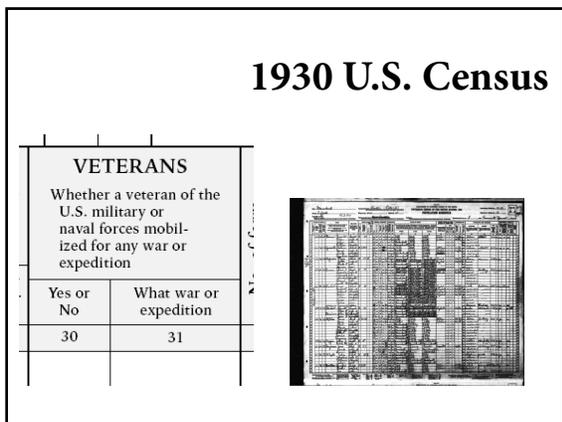
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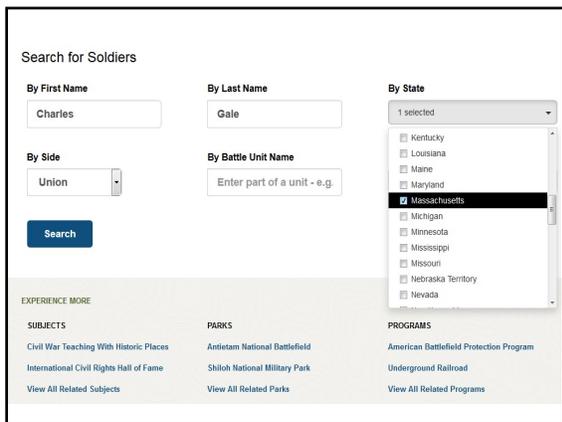
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Invalid Pension

NAME: <i>Warren Alphonso F.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, 2nd Lt. Co. G. 25 Regt. Maine Inf.</i>				
TYPE OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i>				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>14 June 23</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>516276</i>		<i>300268</i>
	<i>Widow</i>			
	<i>Minor</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Widow's Pension

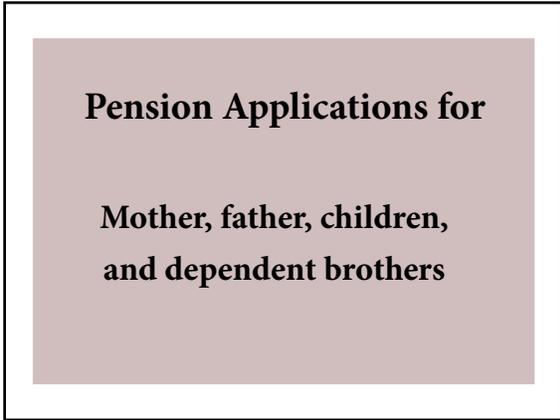
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<i>14 Apr 20</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>918911</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>604849</i>
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REMARKS:				

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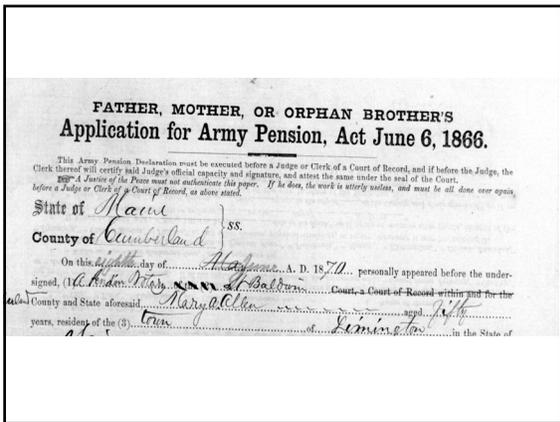
Mother's Pension

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TYPE OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i>				
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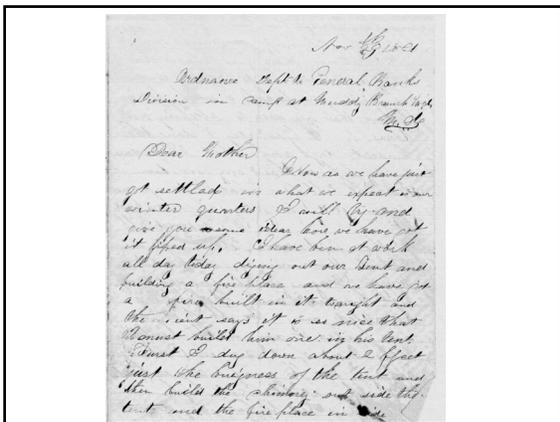
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Typical Correspondence Files

- Letters from Veteran or his family regarding application for pension or questions regarding the same.
- Letters and affidavits from fellow soldiers, doctors, and neighbors regarding the "cause" of the need of pension or disability. Guardian Declaration for [minor child] Pension

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SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
Chelsea, Mass.

Hon. Commission of Soldiers
Washington D.C.

This is to certify that [Name] was admitted to this institution while he was [Name] suffering of Rheumatism & Constipation.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

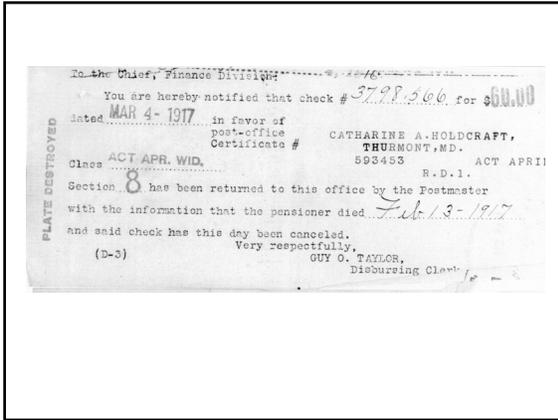
Certificate of Death
FROM THE RECORDS OF DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF [Name] MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

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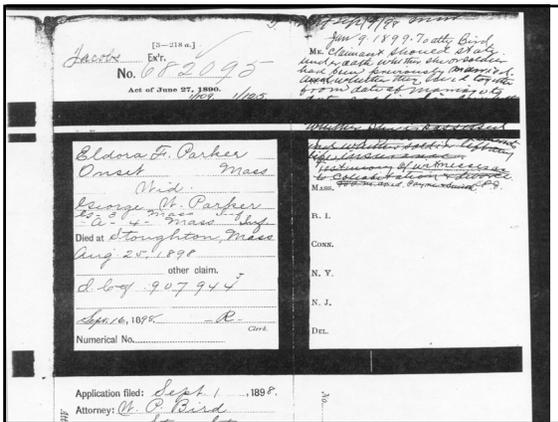
Certificate of Birth
FROM THE RECORDS OF BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF Straughton MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

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

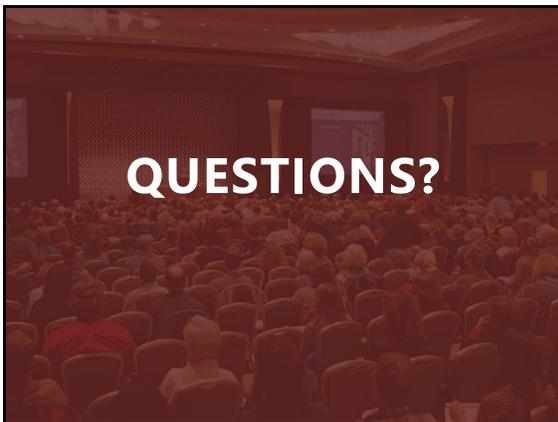
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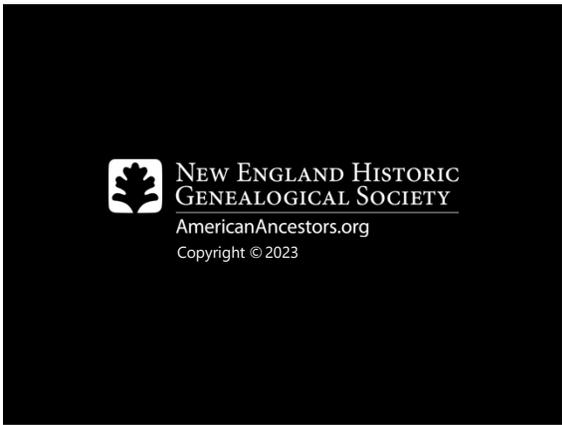
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