

Using Bounty Land in Family History Research

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Road Map

Federal Awards

Eligibility

Process

- Application
- Warrant
- Patent

The Land

State Awards

New England

New York

Mid-Atlantic

The Carolinas and Georgia

Other Bounty Land

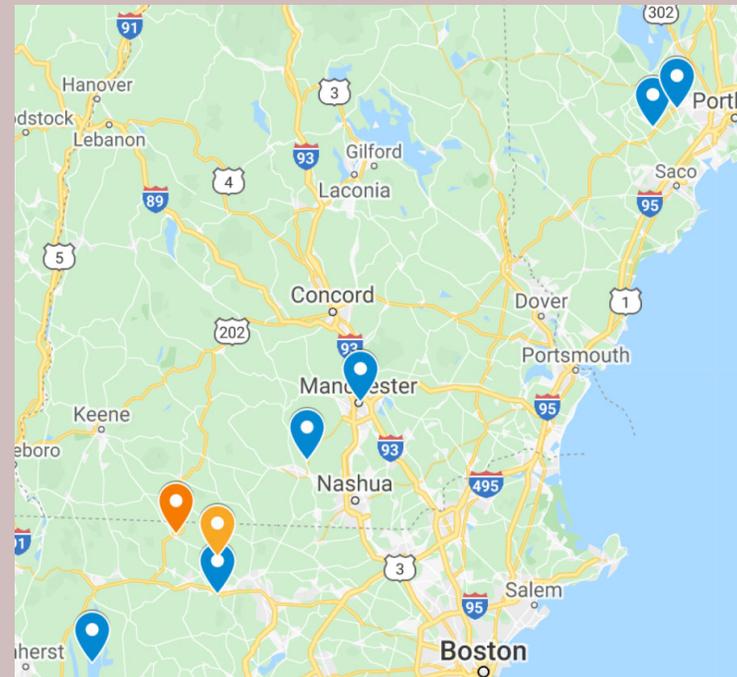
War of 1812

Mexican and Indian Wars

But first, some background

History of Bounty Land

- European Wars
- King Philip's War
 - Buxton, Maine
 - Westminister, MA
 - Amherst, NH
 - Greenwich, MA
 - Manchester, NH
 - Templeton, MA
 - Gorham, ME
- King William's War expeditions to Quebec
 - Ashburnham
 - Winchendon



Two Types of Bounty Land



First the Promise

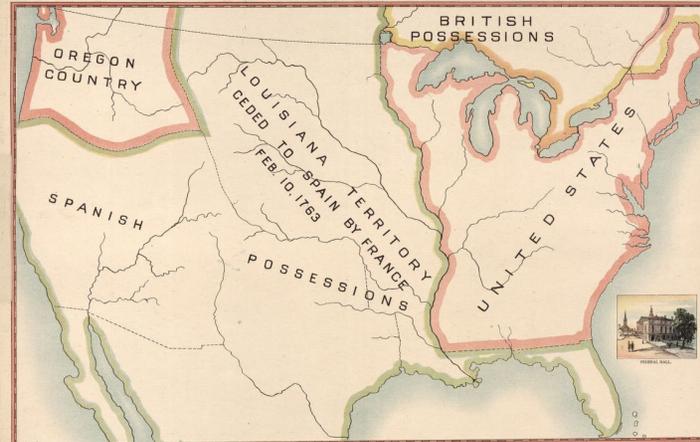
To enlistees in the Continental Army:

That Congress make provision for **granting lands**, in the following proportions: to the officers and soldiers who shall so engage in the service, and continue therein to the close of the war, or until discharged by Congress, and to the representatives of such officers and soldiers as shall be slain by the enemy

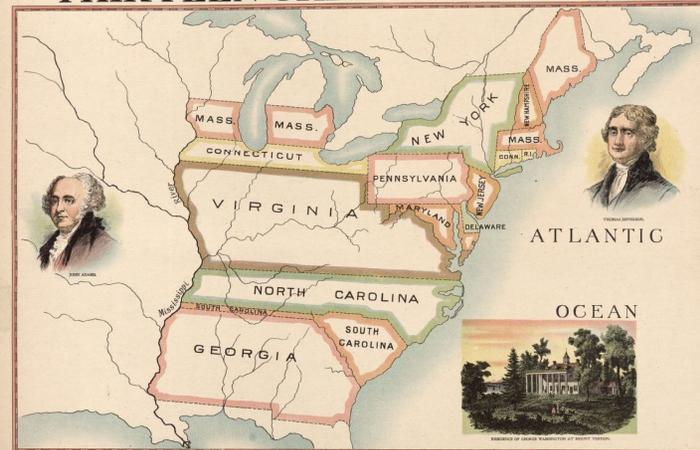
Congressional Act of 16 September 1776

Then the Land

UNITED STATES AFTER SEPT. 3. 1783



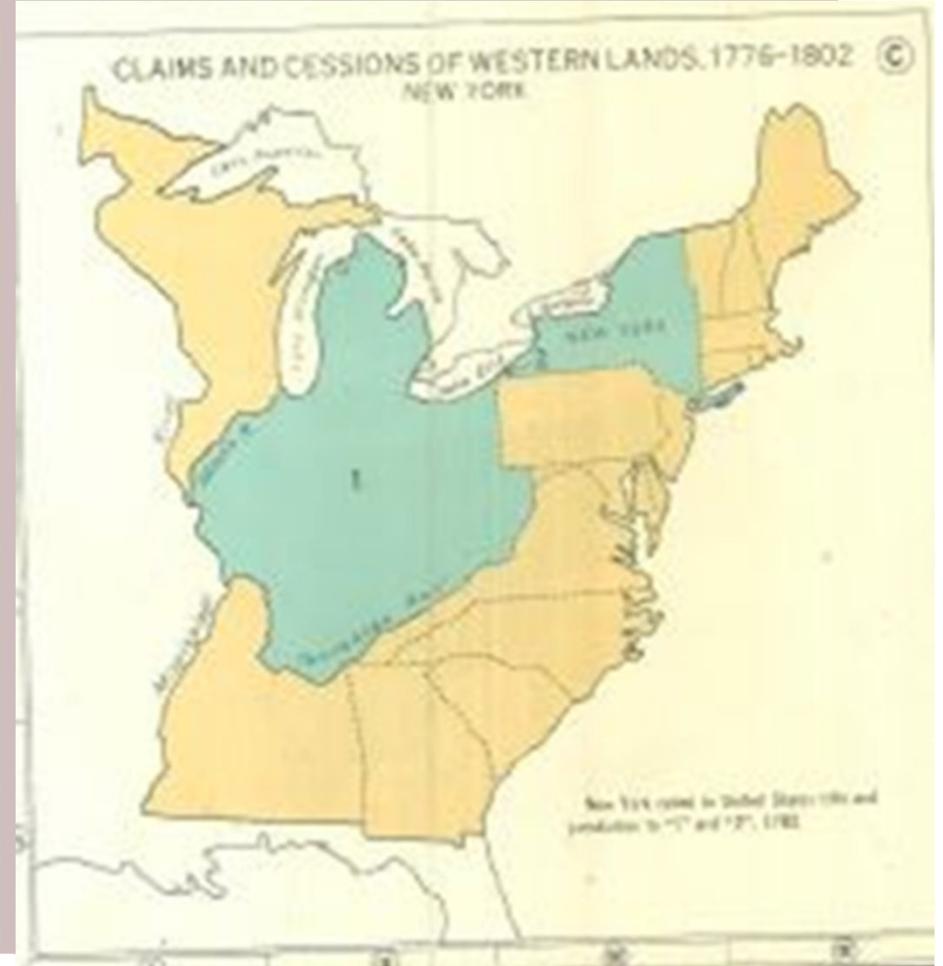
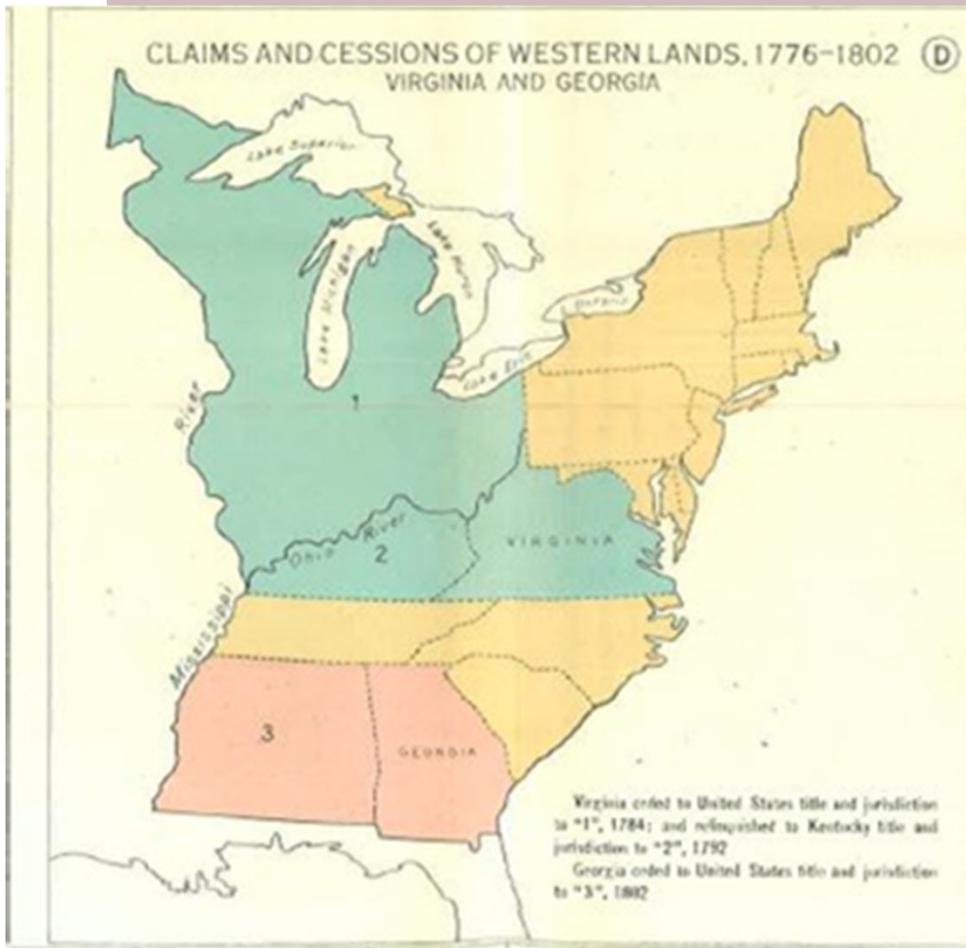
THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES, 1783



LOC, Robertson, “The thirteen original states, 1783,” 1898

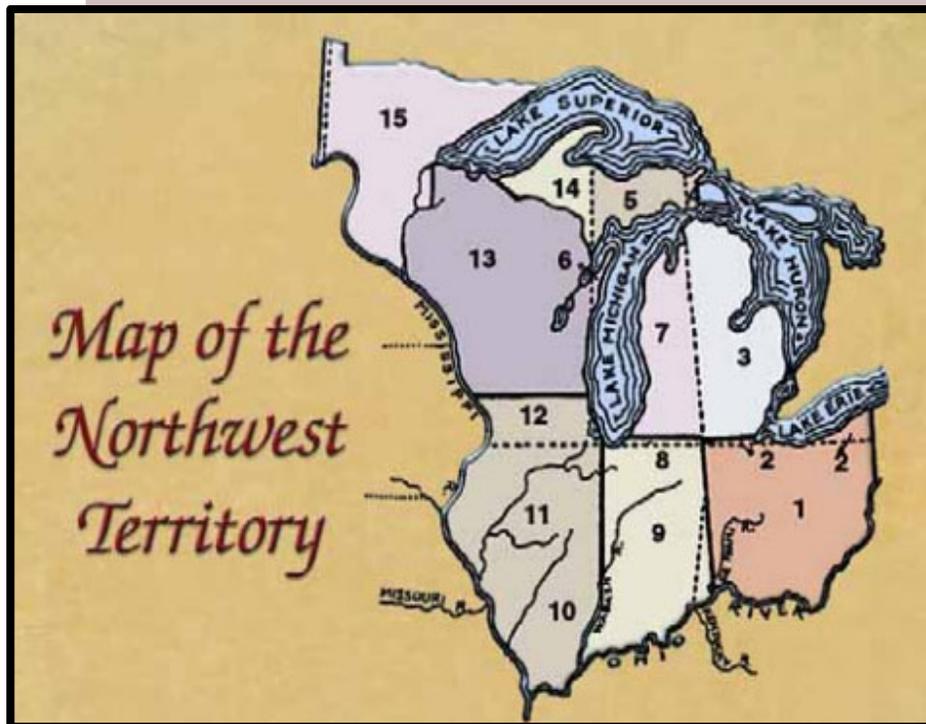
Land Claimed by Virginia

Land Claimed by New York



Charles O. Paulin, Atlas of Historical Geography of the United States, 1932

Key to Federal Bounty Land: Northwest Territory

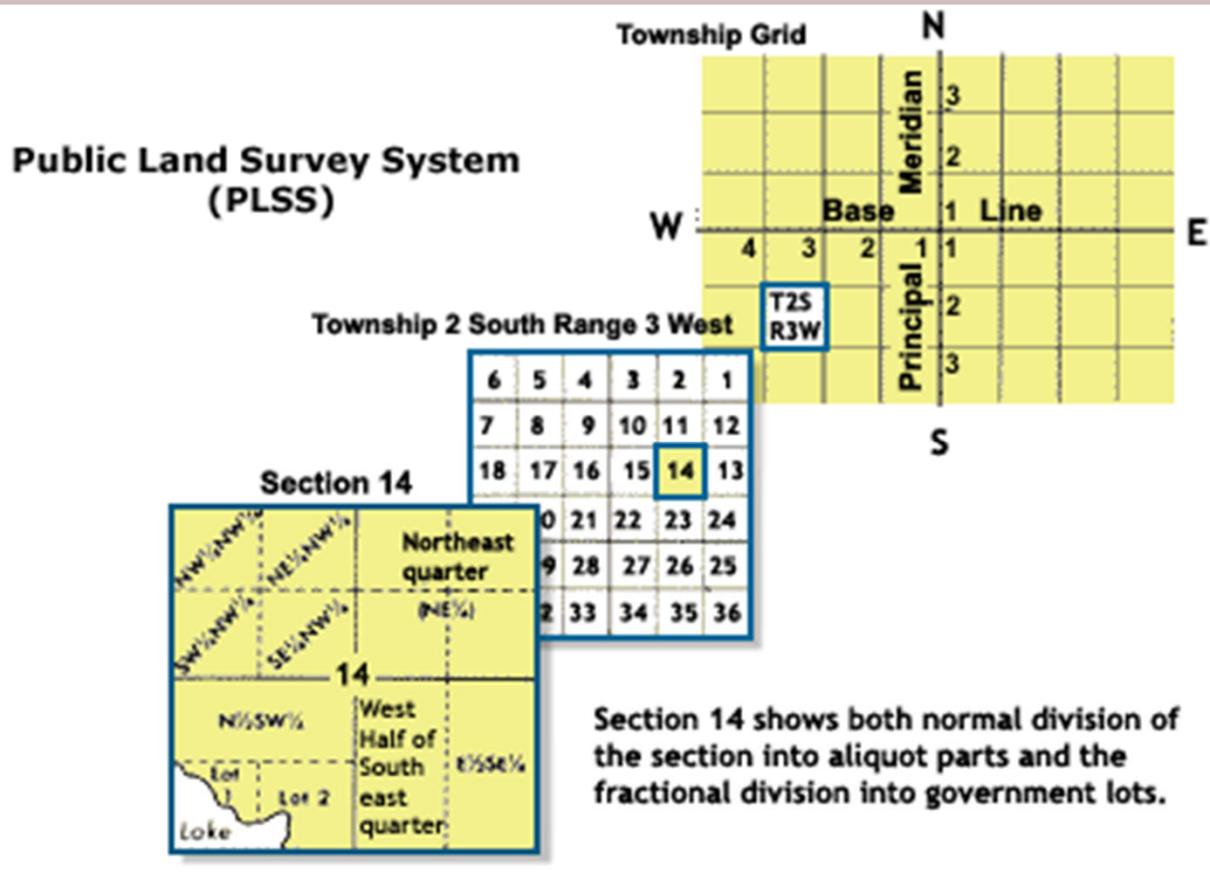


- 1780 – Continental Congress declares Northwest Territory is public land.
- 1785 – Land Ordinance to managed ceded land; beginning of cash-entry for federal lands
- 1787 – Plan for creating states in the NW Territory
- 1797 – Formation of United States Military District - Ohio

Acts Authorizing Bounty Land Warrants

- Bounty Land Acts 1788, 1803, 1806, 1850, 1855.
 - These acts awarded land for service
 - 1788 allowed soldiers to sell/assign their award to someone else
 - Information about land received under these acts often combined in Revolutionary War pension files, if applicable

New Survey System



Eligibility and Process

Did Your Ancestor Serve?

BIRTH YEARS	BATTLE YEARS	WAR
1726-1767	1775-1783	REV WAR
1762-1799	1812-1815	WAR 1812
1796-1831	1846-1848	MEX WAR
1811-1848	1861-1865	CIVIL WAR
1848-1881	1898	SPANISH/AMERICAN

Eligibility

- **Unit:** Continental line
- **Rank:** Soldier or non-commissioned officer
- **Duration:** Minimum three years of service
- **Assignment Allowed:** No
- **State Application Allowed:** Yes

Amount by Rank

Rank	Amount
Colonel	500 acres
Lieutenant Colonel	450 acres
Major	400 acres
Captain	300 acres
Lieutenant	200 acres
Ensign	150 acres
Private	100 acres
Resolution: 16 September 1776	

Process Generated Paper

- Steps



- Federal Agencies

- Secretary of War reviewed applications and issued warrants
- Treasury Department supervised selection of land and issued patents

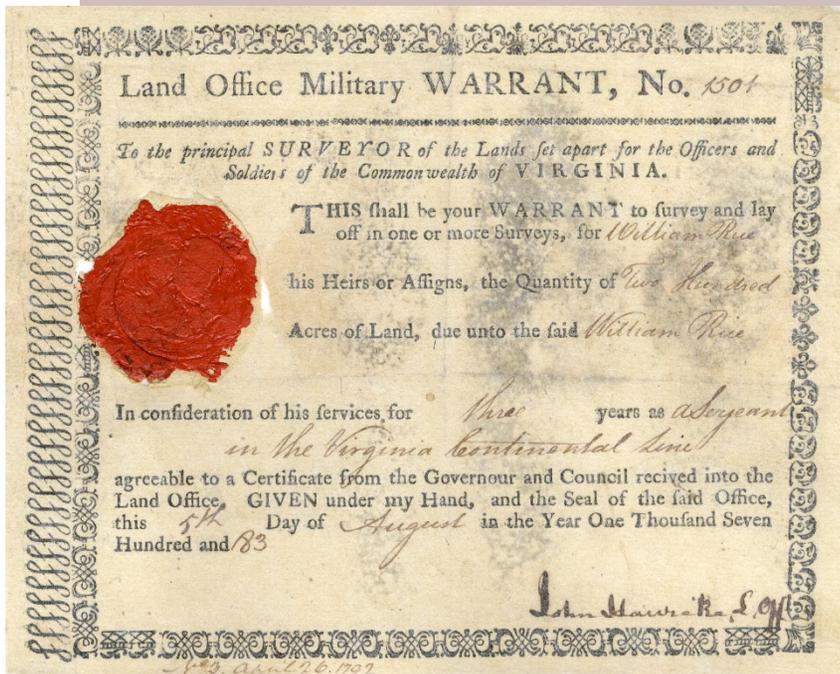
- State Agencies

- Unique to state

Application

- Serviceman submitted affidavits from commanding officers or fellow soldiers
- Submitted discharge papers
- If soldier died during service, heirs could file with documentation that they were legal heirs of the deceased

Warrant Authorizing a Survey

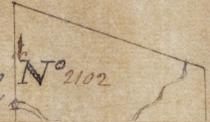


- Warrants issued – date of issuance, name and rank of veteran, state from which he enlisted
- Usually the state picked the land; Virginia allowed the soldier to choose

Virginia Warrant for William Rice 1783, land in Kentucky

Survey - 1793

Survey'd the 22nd day of Oct. 1793 for
William Rice 200 Acres of Land on
Military Warrant N^o 1501 on the west
fork of Ray's Creek Beginning where the



Survey'd the 22nd day of Oct. 1793 for
William Rice 200 Acres of Land on
Military Warrant N^o 1501 on the west
fork of Ray's Creek Beginning where the
upper line of Penoni Swearingen's 400 Acre
Survey crosses S. Creek at three Pines
standing on the East side of the Creek



Jn^o DeSany } C. L. S.
Jn^o Nestler }
David Poole }
William Wilson D. S.
Examined and revised January 3^d 1794
Richard C. Anderson S.

Location

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Kentucky Cities

Military Registers &
Land Records

Non-Military Registers
and Land Records

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Gazetteer of Early Kentucky Locations

Quick Find

Highlight

Filter

Abraham Irvine's Station (aka Irvine's Station on Salt River)

Adair Academy

Alexander Station

Alice Lloyd College (Pippa Passes)

Allen Seminary

Anderson Creek, Highland Creek (Military District)

Armstrong's Station (aka Col. John Armstrong's Station)

Asbury College & Asbury Theological Seminary

Boyle

Adair

Fulton

Knott

Allen

Union

Clark Co, IN; 18 mi below Louisville, Jefferson

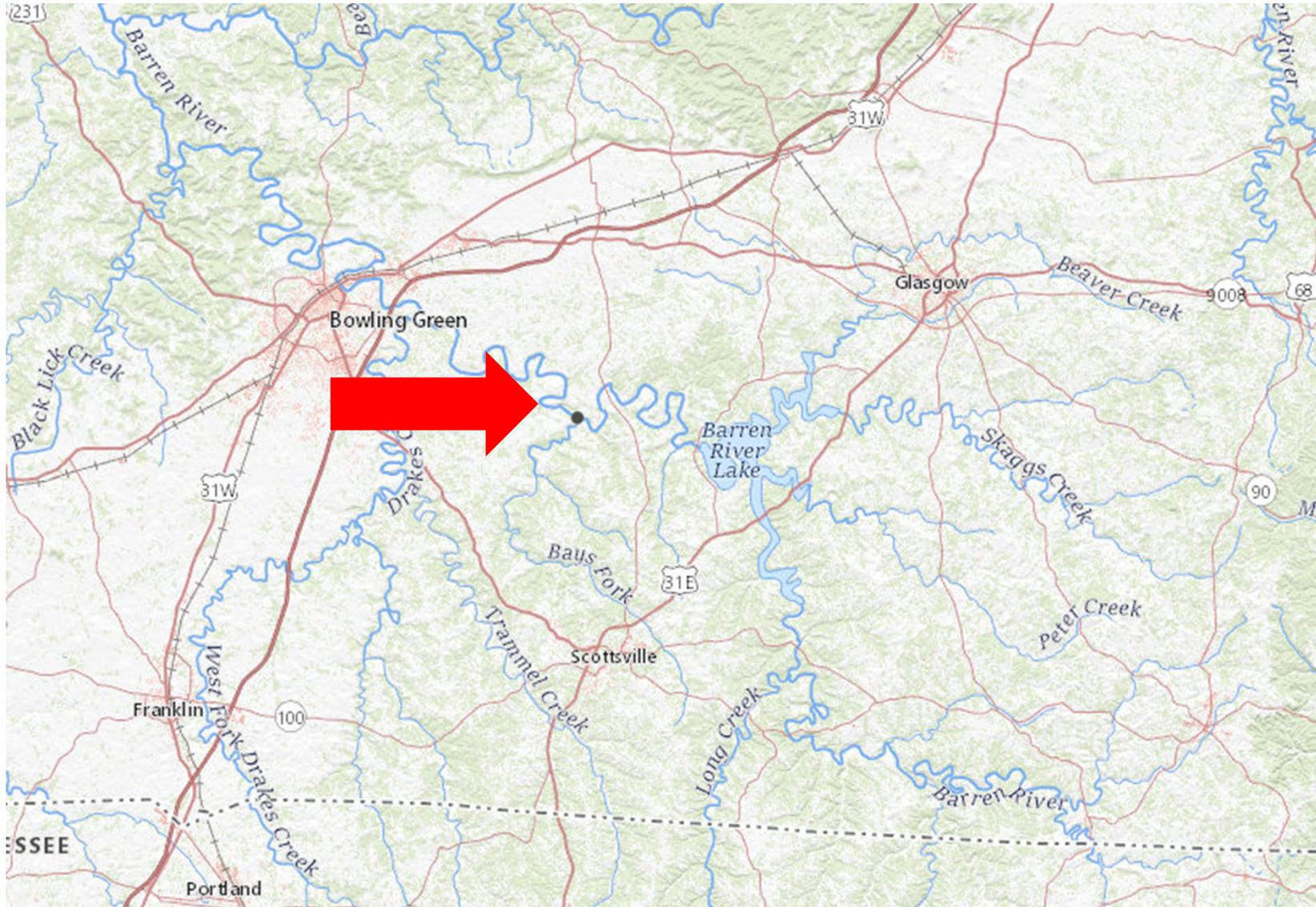
Logansport

Bayou de Chien aka Bayou Deshe
aka Bayou Deshaine

Bays Fork of Barren River (Military
District)

Fulton; Hickman; Graves

Allen



<https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/advanced-viewer/>

Patent - 1803

267
 William Rice
 200 Acres
 Continental line
 N^o 572
 Co. of del. & the
 Owner so apl
1803
 3274

James Gorman Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to
 all to whom these presents shall come greeting KNOWE that by virtue and
 in consideration of a Military Warrant N^o 1501 there is granted by the
 said Commonwealth unto William Rice a certain Tract or parcel of Land
 containing Two hundred Acres by survey bearing Date the twenty second day
 of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety three lying and being in the
 district set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line on the
 West side of Bear Creek and bounded as followeth, To wit, Beginning

Assignment

- If soldier with a warrant could not take up residence, he sold the warrant for cash
- Rules varied by state and over time
- Federal warrants could be assigned beginning in 1788

Finding that Paper

Disaster – 14,000+ Records Lost

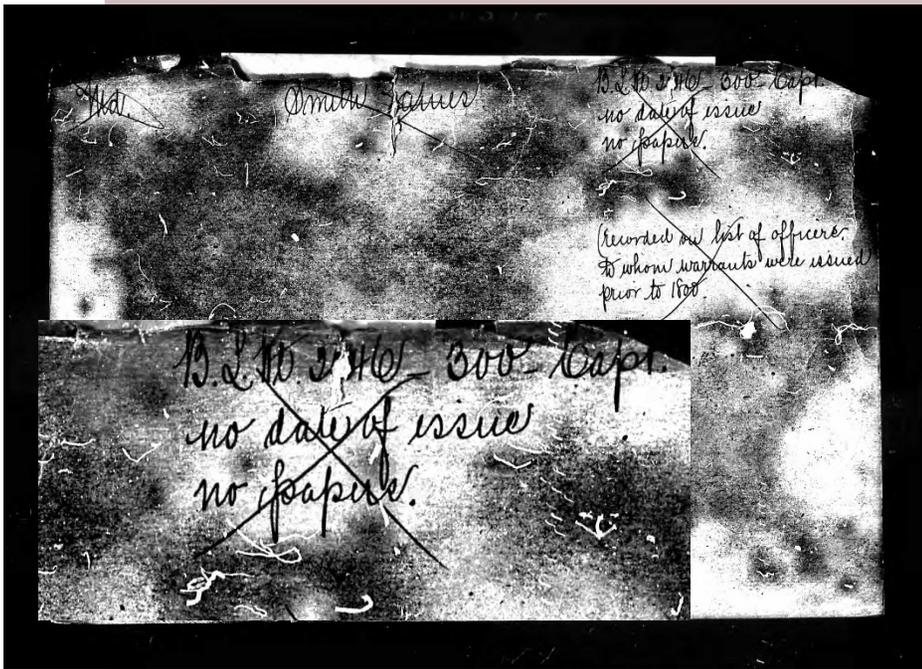


Print published 14 Oct 1814 by G. Thompson showing Washington, DC under attack

Finding Federal Applications and Warrants

- Destroyed bounty application files have been replaced by cards
 - Name of veteran, rank, unit, warrant number, numbers of acres granted, date issued, assignee
- National Archives (NARA)
 - **Applications:** *M804 Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files 1800-1900*
 - **Warrants:** *M829 Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers*

Example



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES Form VM-51 10-2-76 BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD Division of Veterans' Administration Archives

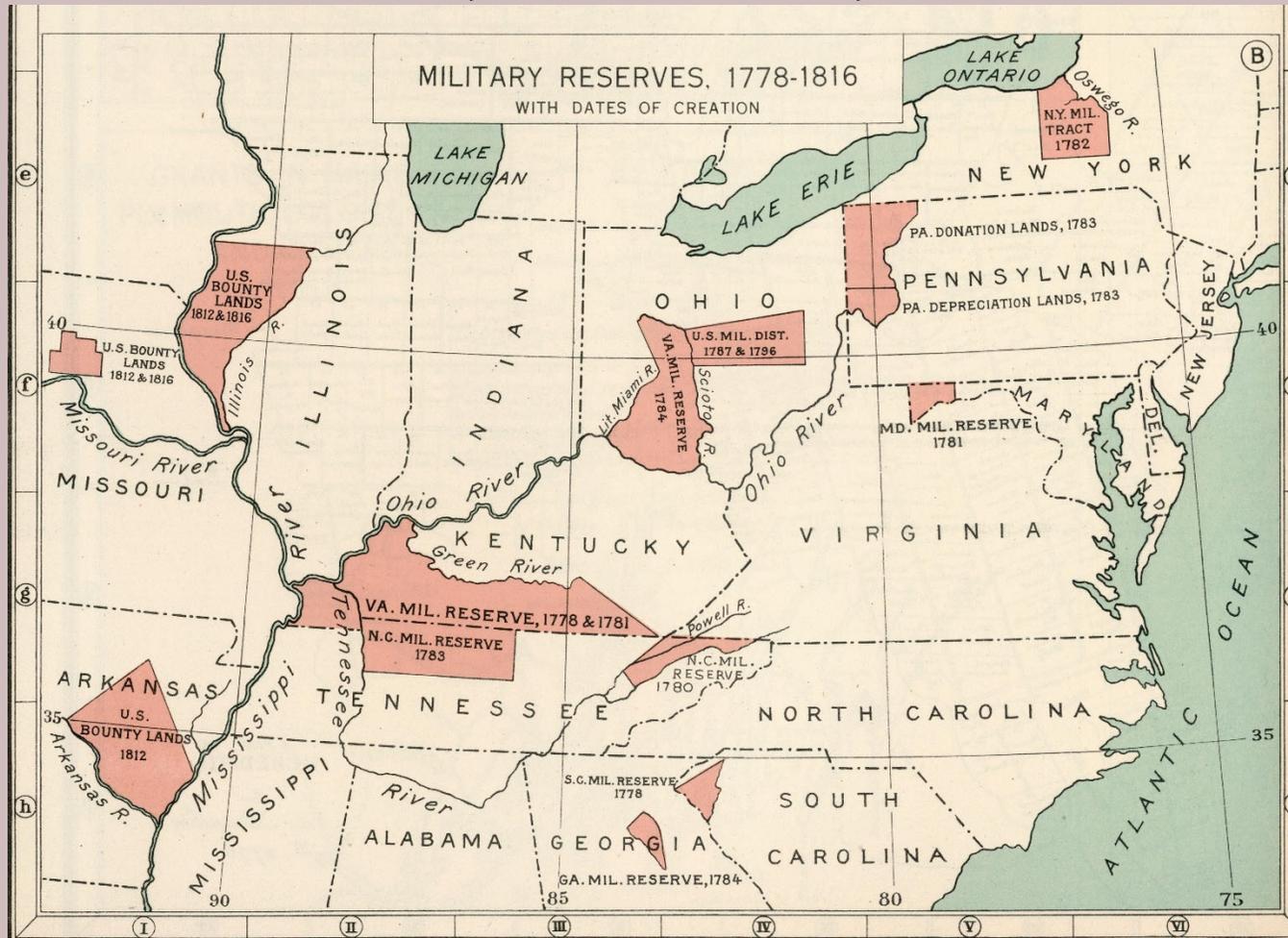
NAME Smith, James, 2nd GRADE Private LINE Maryland

WARRANT NUMBER 11674 ACREAGE _____ 100 ISSUED July 8, 1797
to James B. Paufie, assignee

*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 10, 1790, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

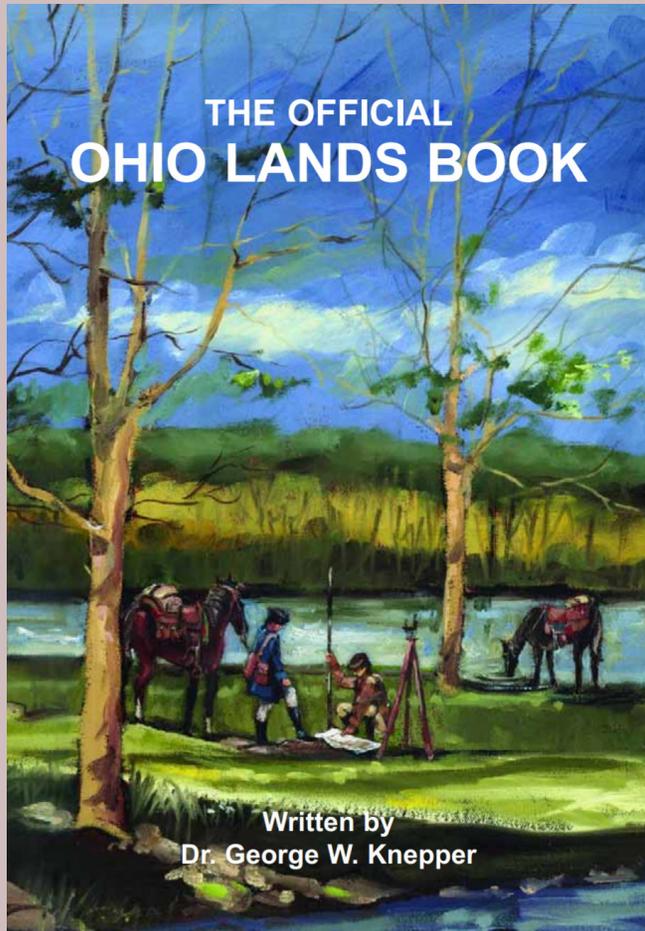
The Land

Military Bounty Land

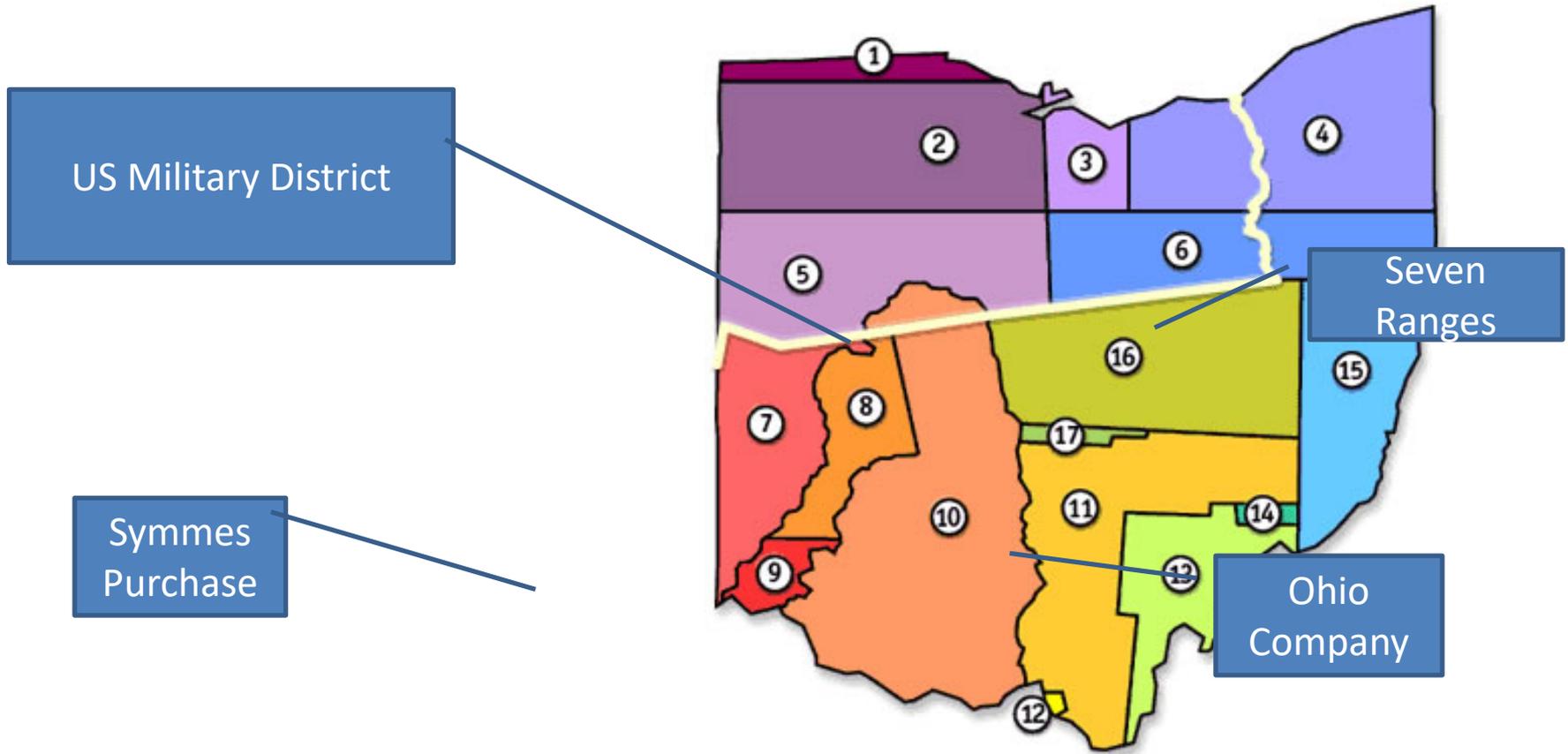


Charles Paullin: Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States, Washington DC and New York: 1932.

Federal Bounty Land in Ohio



- First warrant for federal bounty land issued in 1783
- But the Military District of Ohio wasn't authorized until 1796



- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Michigan Survey | 10. Virginia Military District |
| 2. Congress Lands (1820) | 11. Congress Lands |
| 3. Firelands | 12. French Grant |
| 4. Connecticut Western Reserve | 13. Ohio Company Purchase |
| 5. Congress Lands (1819) | 14. Donation Tract |
| 6. Congress Lands | 15. Seven Ranges |
| 7. Congress Lands | 16. U.S. Military District |
| 8. Between the Miamis | 17. Refugee Tract |
| 9. Symmes' Purchase | |

Ohio Land Grants

Ohio State Archives

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Massachusetts

- First authorized Bounty Land: 5 March 1801
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criterion: No Double Dipping:** could not take federal bounty land
- First warrant for Mars Hill in Aroostook County
- Second allotment of land in Maine enabled in 1833

Finding Your Patriot

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996)

Morse, John. Mass. Sergeant. 10 Sep. 1832. 200 acres to heirs.

Bockstruck's book is on Ancestry as "Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants"

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Land office. land deeds. Massachusetts. Bangor. Hamden. Hermon. Newbury. book 1.	Granite Mountain	United States &		

Family Search – “Massachusetts, land deeds, 1791-1884”

Patent

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Know all Men by these Presents, That

I, whose name is undersigned and seal hereunto affixed, appointed an AGENT by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to make and execute conveyances, agreeably to a resolve of said Court passed the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and twenty, and pursuant to resolves of said Court passed *the fourth day of March eighteen hundred and twenty eight, the eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and twenty nine and eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and thirty one*

do give, grant, convey and confirm, and by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, have given, granted, conveyed and confirmed unto *the heirs of John Morse, deceased, formerly a Sergeant in the sixth Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Nixon,*

who enlisted as a Soldier into the American Army to serve during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, and who was returned as a part of the Massachusetts quota of said Army, and who did actually serve in said Army the full term of three years, and was honorably discharged, and to ~~his~~ ^{their} heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of said Commonwealth, in and unto a lot of land numbered *thirty six*

situate and lying in a township, in the County of Washington, in the State of Maine, called Mars-hill, located near, or adjoining to the Eastern boundary line of the United States *said lot contains two hundred acres, bounded on the North by the town line, on the East by lot No. 24, on the South by lot No. 35 and on the West by lot No. 48,*

according to a plan of the survey of said township made by Charles Turner, Junior, in the month of September, eighteen hundred and four, and will more fully appear on reference being had to said plan now on file in the Land Office.

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted premises to the ~~said~~ *heirs of said John Morse* — *their* heirs and assigns, to *their* use and behoof forever. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this *twenty* day of *September* in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and *thirty two*

Geo. W. Coffin. [L. S.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in presence of

Joseph Foster
John I. Linger

Suffolk, ss. *10 Sept. 1832* Then the above named GEORGE W. COFFIN appeared personally before me, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and deed in his said capacity.

Edward J. Dunge Justice of the Peace.

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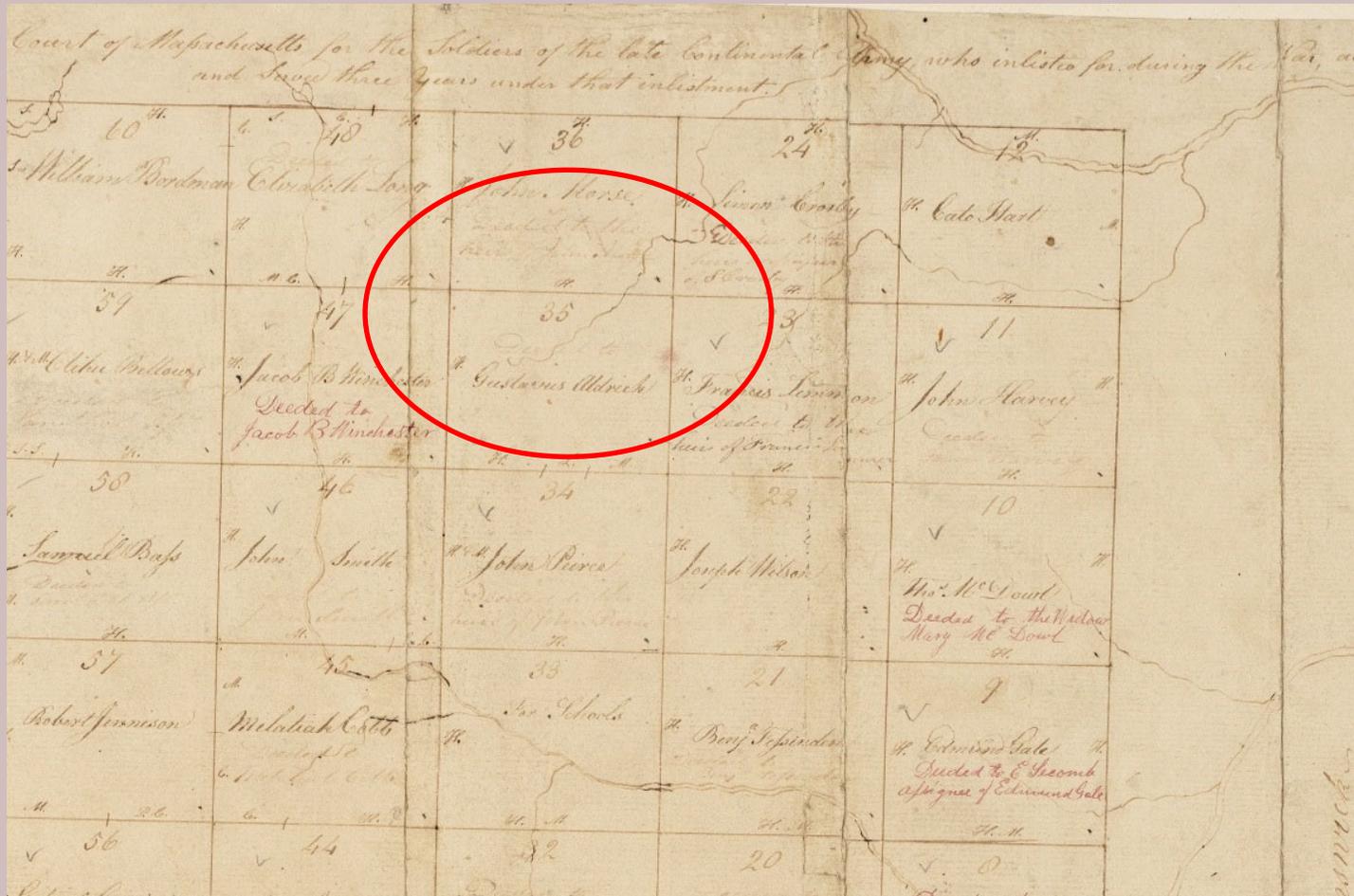
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Plan of Mars Hill Township



As Located and Lotted by Order of the General Court of Massachusetts for the Soldiers of the late Continental Army, who enlisted for, during the War, as a part of this State's quota of said Army (1804). https://digitalmaine.com/planbook_2/57/

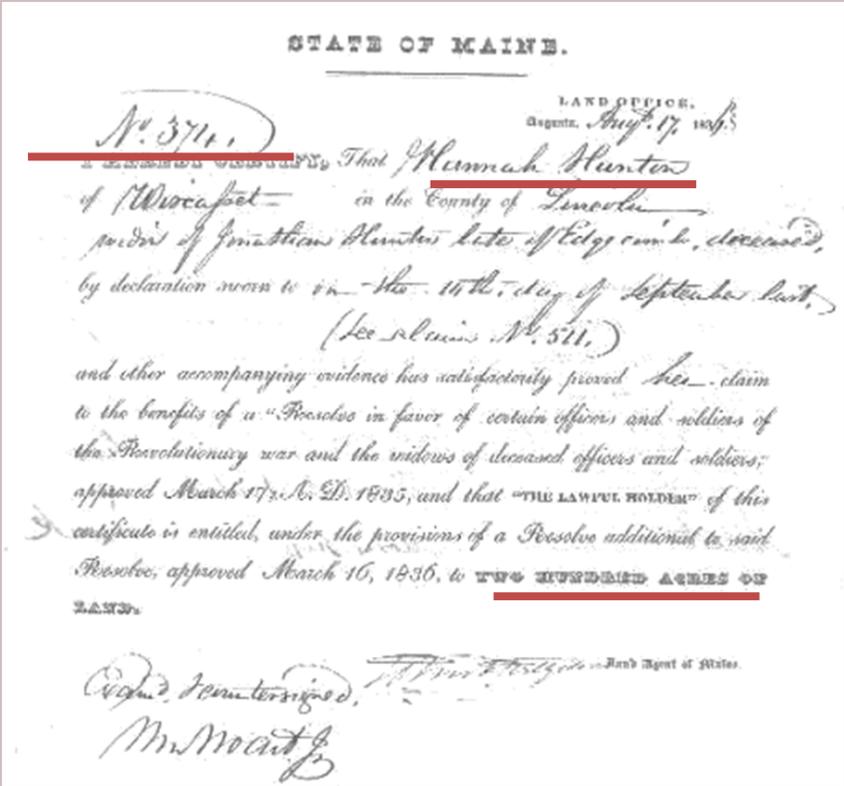
Maine

- First authorized - 17 March 1835
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criteria:** Currently living in Maine and enlisted from Massachusetts or Maine
- Land assigned by lottery

Soldier

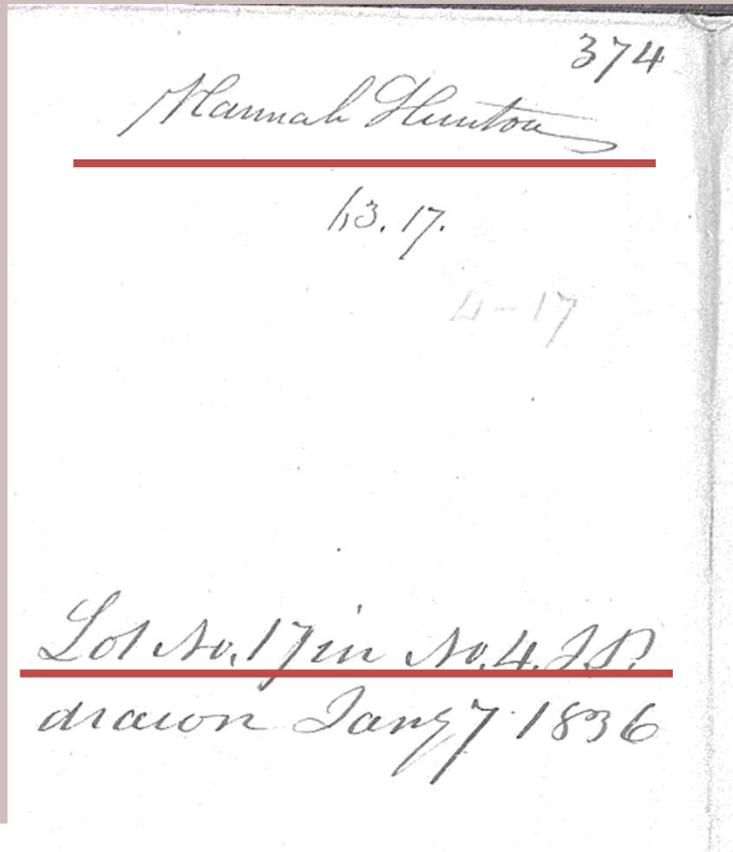
- Finding the Name
- Finding the Warrant
 - “Maine Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1835-1838,”
Family Search

Hunton, Jonathan. Me. ———. 14 Sep.
1835. 200 acres to widow Hannah
Hunton. Wiscasset.



Certificate and Assignment

Land



Assignment

Know all men, that I Hannah Huntou within named,
~~in consideration~~ for a valuable consideration to me paid by
William Woot of Augustas, do hereby sell, transfer &
assign the within certificate to said Woot his heirs &
assigns forever.
Witness my hand & seal this 29th day of August
1836.
Hannah Huntou +
Moses Huff mark

Know all men that whereas I William Woart Jr
of Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine, did
purchase the following land certificates issued
by the Land Agent of Maine under a Resolve of
the State passed March 17, 1835, & an additional
Resolve passed March 16, 1836, for & on account
of the Proprietors of the timber of Township No. 3,
in which Township most of the lots drawn to the
certificates are located, & whereas Josiah Smith
Esq is the agent of said Proprietors & the
person authorized to receive a deed, I do hereby
sell, transfer & assign to said Smith all my
right, title & interest in & to the following
described certificates, I request the Land
Agent to make out & give a deed or deeds
of the Land to which they are entitled to said
Smith or his assigns, or any person or persons he
may designate, viz.

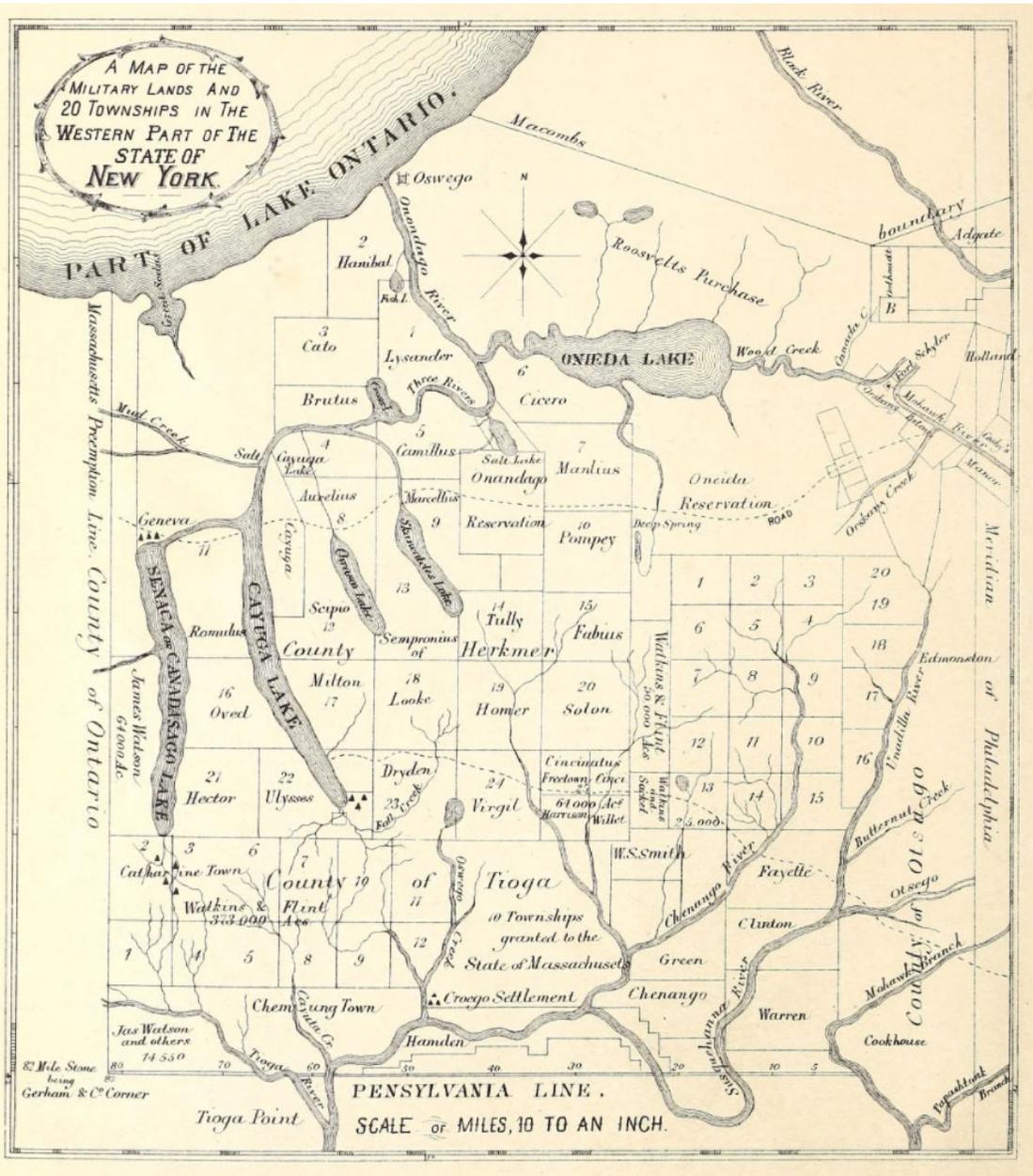
Certificate No. 248. Noah Taylor
" 344. Mary Chute
" 267. Phebe Robinson
" 254. David Martin

Certificate No. 372 Wm Hamilton
" 374 Hannah B. Canton

New York

New York

- Authorizing Act: 20 March 1783
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Notable deviation: Min Acres - 500**
- Distributed via Balloting Box



History of Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins and Schuyler counties, New York, p. 18, Archive.org

Military Tract Townships

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Lysander | 11. Romulus | 21. Hector |
| 2. Hannibal | 12. Scipio | 22. Ulysses |
| 3. Cato | 13. Sempronius | 23. Dryden |
| 4. Brutus | 14. Tully | 24. Virgil |
| 5. Camillus | 15. Fabius | 25. Cincinnatus |
| 6. Cicero | 16. Ovid | 26. Junius |
| 7. Manlius | 17. Milton | 27. Galen |
| 8. Aurelius | 18. Locke | 28. Sterling |
| 9. Marcellus | 19. Horace | |
| 10. Pompey | 20. Solon | |

Example

- Nicholas Hudgall – served in the 2nd New York Regiment
- Served 1778-1782 – name spelled Hudsel, Hudsal, Hudsler

Hudgall, Nicholas. N. Y. Private. 8 Jul. 1790. 600 acres.
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Balloting Book

SECOND NEW-YORK REGIMENT.

NAMES AND RANK.	Companies.	Townships.	Lots.	Acres.	Date.
Hudgall, Nicholas, private,	Hollett	16	4	600	1790, July 8.
Havalash, Michael, do.	"	15	100	600	July 8.
Harris, Henry, do.	"	22	46	600	July 8.
Hill, Thomas, do. -	Walker	3	17	500	July 8.
Holmes, Thomas, do.	"	22	56	600	July 6.
Howe, John, do. -	"	13	38	500	July 8.
Haring, Jacob, do.	"	5	28	600	July 8.
H...	Smith	9	34	600	July 8.

Patents

BOOK OF DELIVERY OF PATENTS FOR LANDS IN THE MILITARY TRACT.



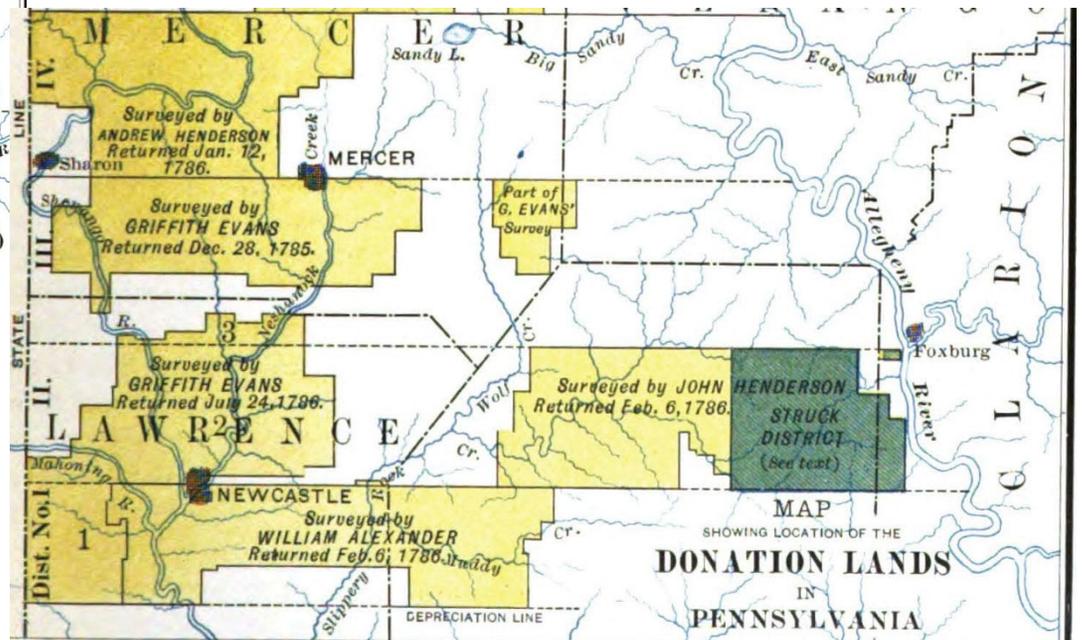
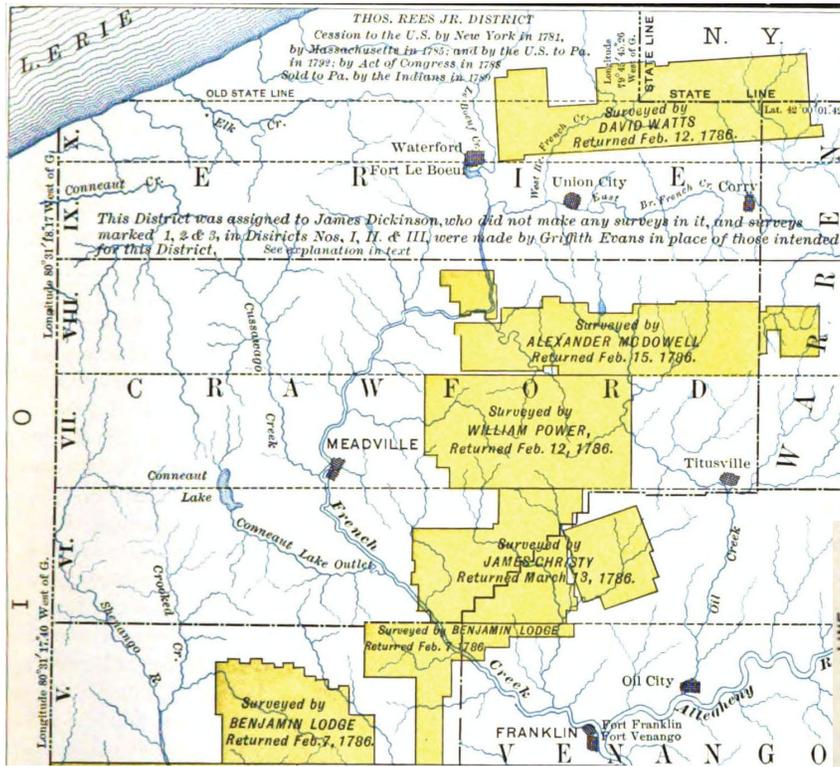
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PATENTEES' NAMES.	<i>Patent to whom delivered.</i>
HUBBERT, JOHN, ensign,	“ John Blanchard’s order.
Huntley, Thomas,	“ Eliphalet Seaman.
Haltzapple, Zachariah,	“ William J. Vredenburg.
Horsford, Joseph,	“ Silas Pepon.
Hanmer, Francis, lieutenant,	“ Himself.
Humphrey, Alexander, 2d regt. .	“ Samuel B. Isaacs.
Hudgall, Nicholas, do.	“ Thomas Rosell.

Mid-Atlantic

Pennsylvania

- Authorizing Act: 7 March 1780
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criterion:** Prisoners of war
- Used a lottery wheel to assign



A pioneer outline history of northwestern Pennsylvania: Hathitrust.org

Finding Your Pennsylvania Patriot

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Records of the Land Office
DONATION LAND REGISTER, [ca.1794]. {series #17.174}

Images of Each Register Page

The Donation Land register includes a patent index and related lists concerning the Donation Land program, bound together with information concerning the Donation Land Lottery held on December 20, 1794. This is the register currently in use for identifying records of individual land tracts. The volume contains eight distinct sections, namely:

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- [Alphabetical Surname Index to the Donation Land Tracts Listing](#)
- [Listing of Veterans Entitled to Land](#)
- [Listing of Claimants in District 10 Whose Tracts were Found to be in New York](#)
- [Listing of Lots Found to be Partly in Pennsylvania and Partly in New York](#)
- [Listing of Lots Drawn for Widows and Children](#)
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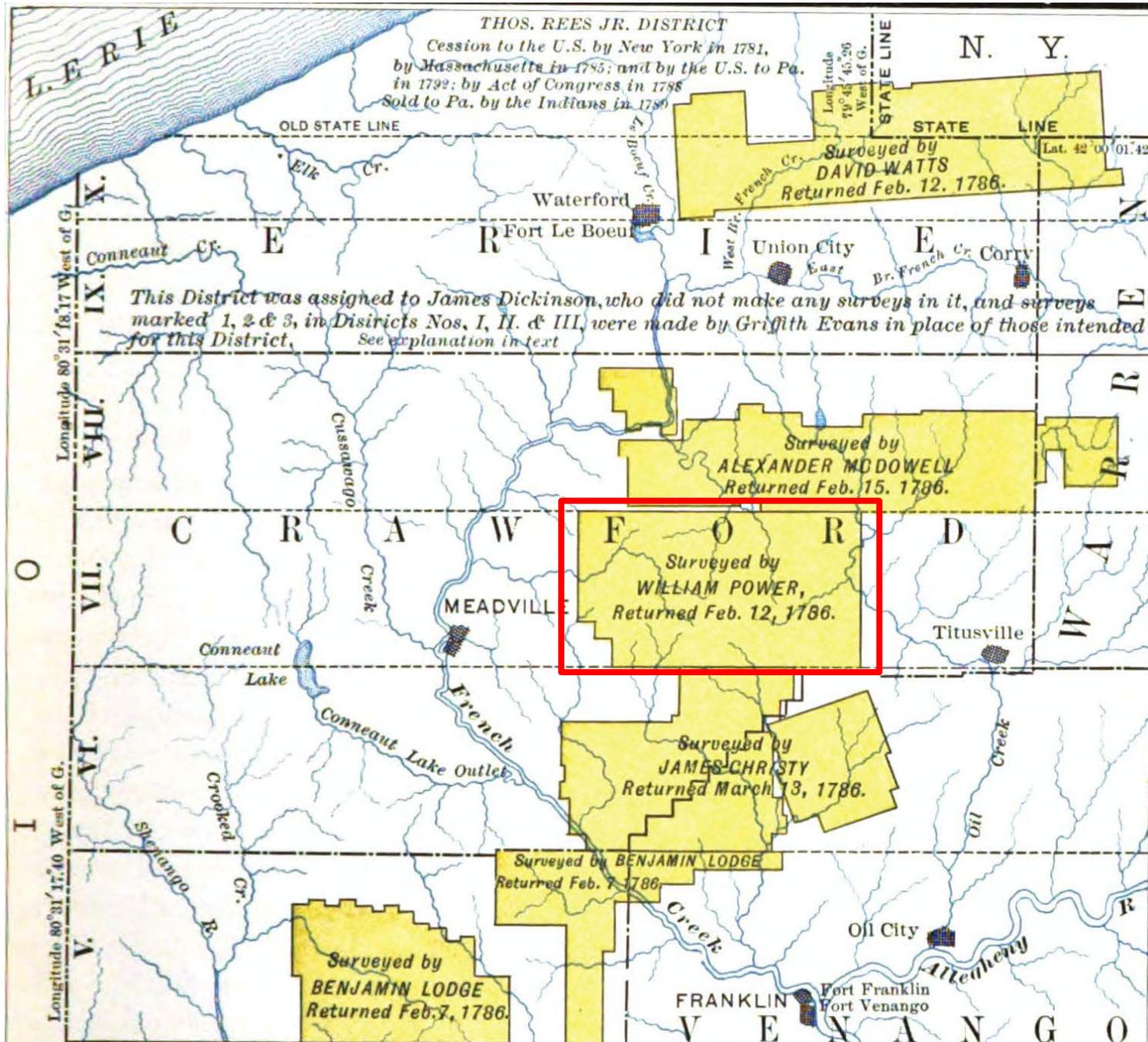
District	No.	PATENTEE	RANK
Dev. Page			
7.61	1329	Keenan John	
" 62	1365	Kitsdorf John	
" 63	1377	Kissinger Charles	
" "	1388	Kelly John	

Alphabetical Surname List of Donation Land Register

District No. 7. William Power, Deputy Surveyor, et.

DISTRICT	No.	PATENTEE	RANK	As.	Ps.	RETURN	PATENT RECORD			COPIED SURVEYS				
							Vol.	No.	PAGE	Book	PAGE			
7	1371	Leeson, Richard of Corvallis Dyed	Private	200		15 November 1786				D	54	195		
"	1372	Balthazar Ignatius	"	"		6 " "				G	211	119		
"	1373	Brothers Matthew	"	"		24 April 1787				G	211	150		
"	1374	Dempsey Charles	"	"		15 March "				C	199	57		
"	1375	Joyce Charles	"	"		13 February "				D	54	75		
"	1376	Wheeler Thomas	"	"		18 October 1786				D	54	196		
"	1377	Kissinged Charles	"	"		8 May 1787				D	39	299		
"	1378	Allison James (John Nicholson ^{was})	"	"		9 March 1795				C	181	57		
"	1379	Chambers Andrew	"	"		21 July 1789				"	199	357		
"	1380		"	"										
"	1381	Boelwin Henry	Dragon	"		5 March 1787				G	214	162		
"	1382	Holliday John (him of)	"	"		April 1809	16	2	221	D	54	72		
"	1383	Hastings & Smith	Settlement	224	165	6	"	1841	"	H3	402	C	91	89,90

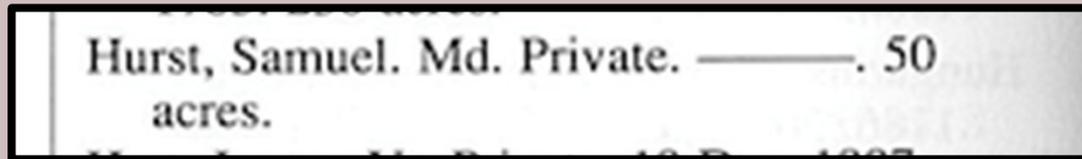
Listing by Lot Number



Maryland

- Authorized: 31 October 1777
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Difference of note:** Minimum award was 50 acres

Maryland – They Went Where?

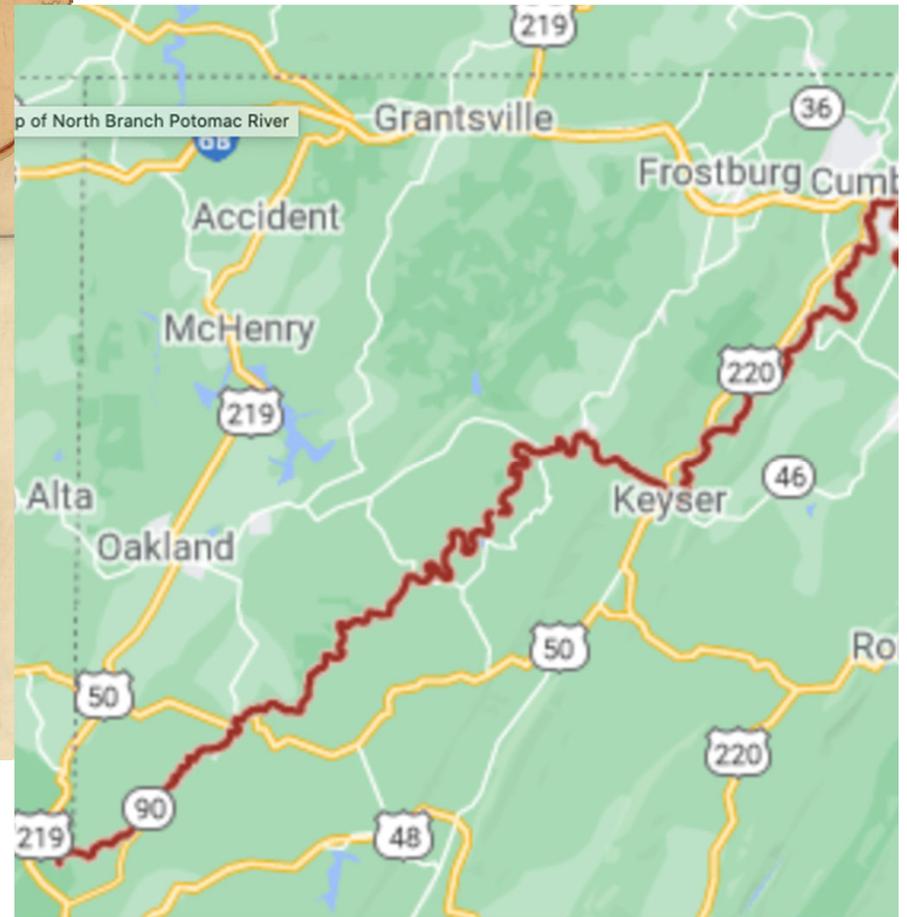
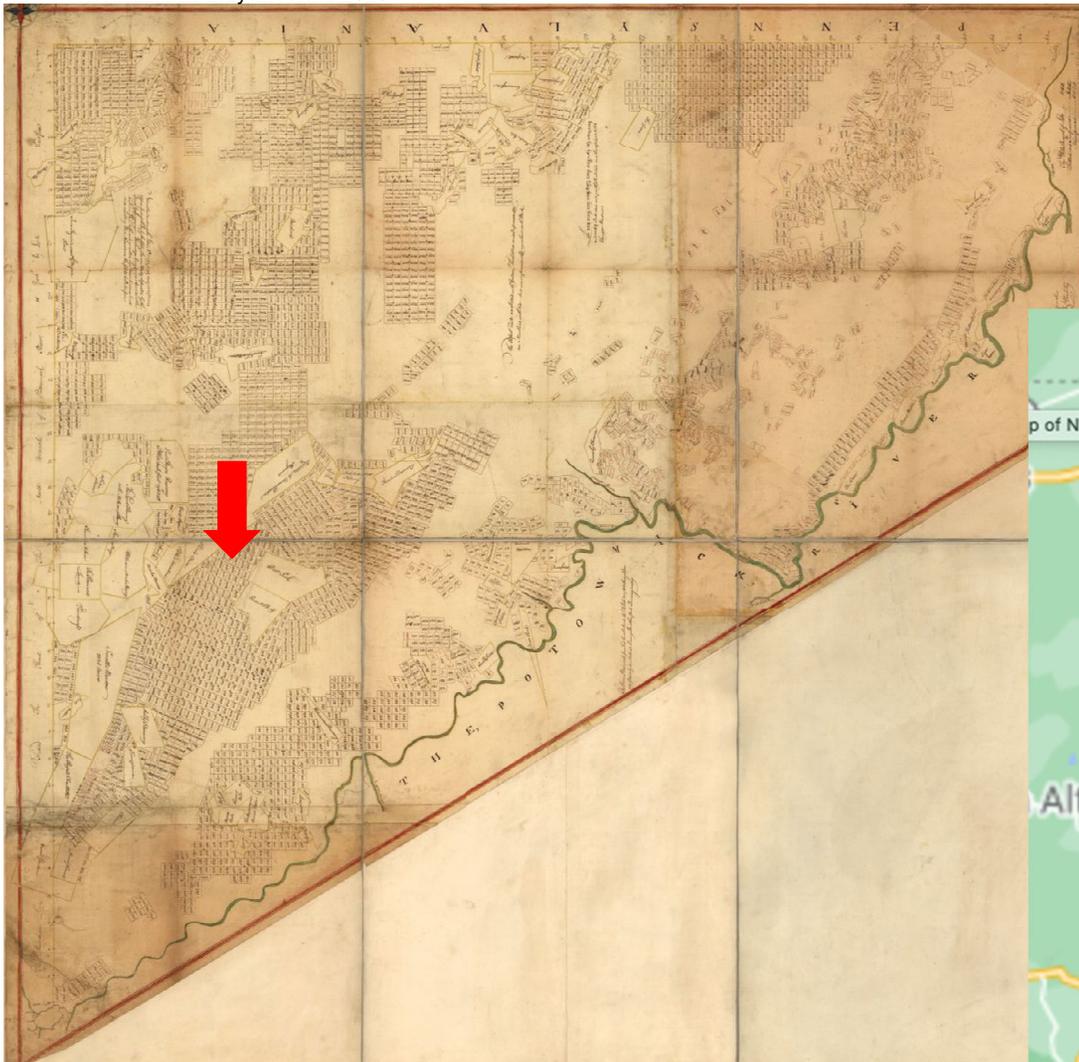


- Maryland State Archives – Land Office Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland
- Digital Images online

Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland.	
Number.	Remarks.
<p>1051.</p> <p>M. E. to John Hoop Aug. 16th 1826</p>	<p>Awarded to George Belfast S.W.E. Co. 2d Lin. Bornee - Sept. 22nd 1874 a Soldier. Pat to Samuel W. Friend for Reform 11th Nov. 1851 -</p>
1052.	To Brett Roberts ditto
1053.	To Samuel Hurst S.W.E. Co. H.M. Fitzhugh's 8 th Dec. 1852 ditto
1054.	To John Smallwood 1 st ditto Pat to Lieut. Calmes in Calmes Summer Retreat enlarged - 4 th May 1824
1055.	To William Thalker S.W.E. Co. H.M. Fitzhugh's 8 th Dec. 1852 ditto

Secuted
 To Campbell
 & Stewart
 "as
 Hunter"
 July 19
 1842

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Virginia

- Authorized: 22 June 1779
- First award: first warrant was issued in 1782
- Eligibility
 - Same as federal
 - **Additional criterion:** State line soldiers eligible
- Process
 - Soldier applied for a certificate which verified his eligibility
 - Certificate exchanged for a warrant

Application and Certificate

Craddock, Henry. Va. Sergeant. 19 Mar.
1783. 200 acres.

Craddock, John. N.C. Captain. 20 Mar.
1784. 3840 acres.

Craddock, Robert. Va. Lieutenant.
1783. 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres.

Craddock, Henry,- Serjeant- Army.

Cert.- Lieut. Robt. Craddock. ✓

voucher 1783.

This may Certify that Sgt Henry Craddock
-th. was enlisted in the 1st Regt. Infy. on
March 17th 1784 - & served to the 22nd of July
1784. equal to a discharge signed by
Col. Ferguson at Lumb. Old Court House
March 21st 83 *Al. Craddock Lieut.*

Land in Ohio and Kentucky

- Soldier could take his certificate and apply for a survey warrant in either Kentucky or later, Ohio.
- Ohio Land not available until 1796

173	COWHERD, Francis	4000	Captain . . .	Va. Cont. Line. . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 11, '83
187	CRADDOCK, Robert	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	Lieutenant . .	Va. Cont. Line. . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
188	CRULE, John	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	Lieutenant . .	Va. Cont. Line. . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
189	CRADDOCK, Henry	200	Sergeant . . .	Va. Cont. Line. . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
193	CHIVERS, John	100	Private	Va. Cont. Line. . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 24, '83

- From Samuel Wilson's Catalogue based on Kentucky State Land Office Records
- If a person appears in Bockstruck's book, but not in Wilson's book, then the land is in Ohio



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Warrant	Veteran
0189.0	Craddock, Henry
0187.0	Craddock, Robert

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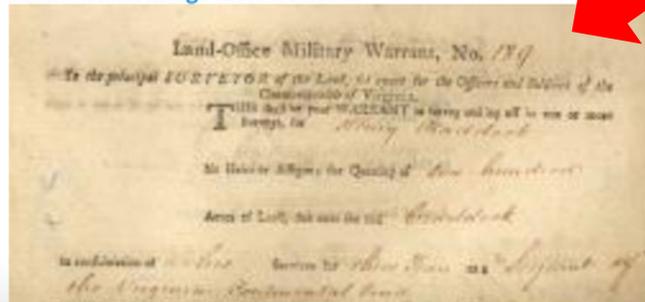
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Detailed Information About Craddock, Henry

Warrant ID	0189.0	Veteran Name	Craddock, Henry	
Assignee		Acres	200	Years 3
Rank	Sergeant	Unit	Virginia Continental Line	
Branch	Unknown	Date	3/20/1783	
Authorized	VA 7623			
Note				

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Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 189

To the principal SURVEYOR of the Land, set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

THIS shall be your WARRANT to survey and lay off in one or more Surveys, for *Henry Craddock*

his Heirs or Assigns; the Quantity of *two hundred*

Acres of Land, due unto the said *Craddock*

in consideration of *his* Services for *three Year* as a *Sergeant* of *the Virginia Continental Line*

agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Office, this *20th* Day of *March* in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and *83*

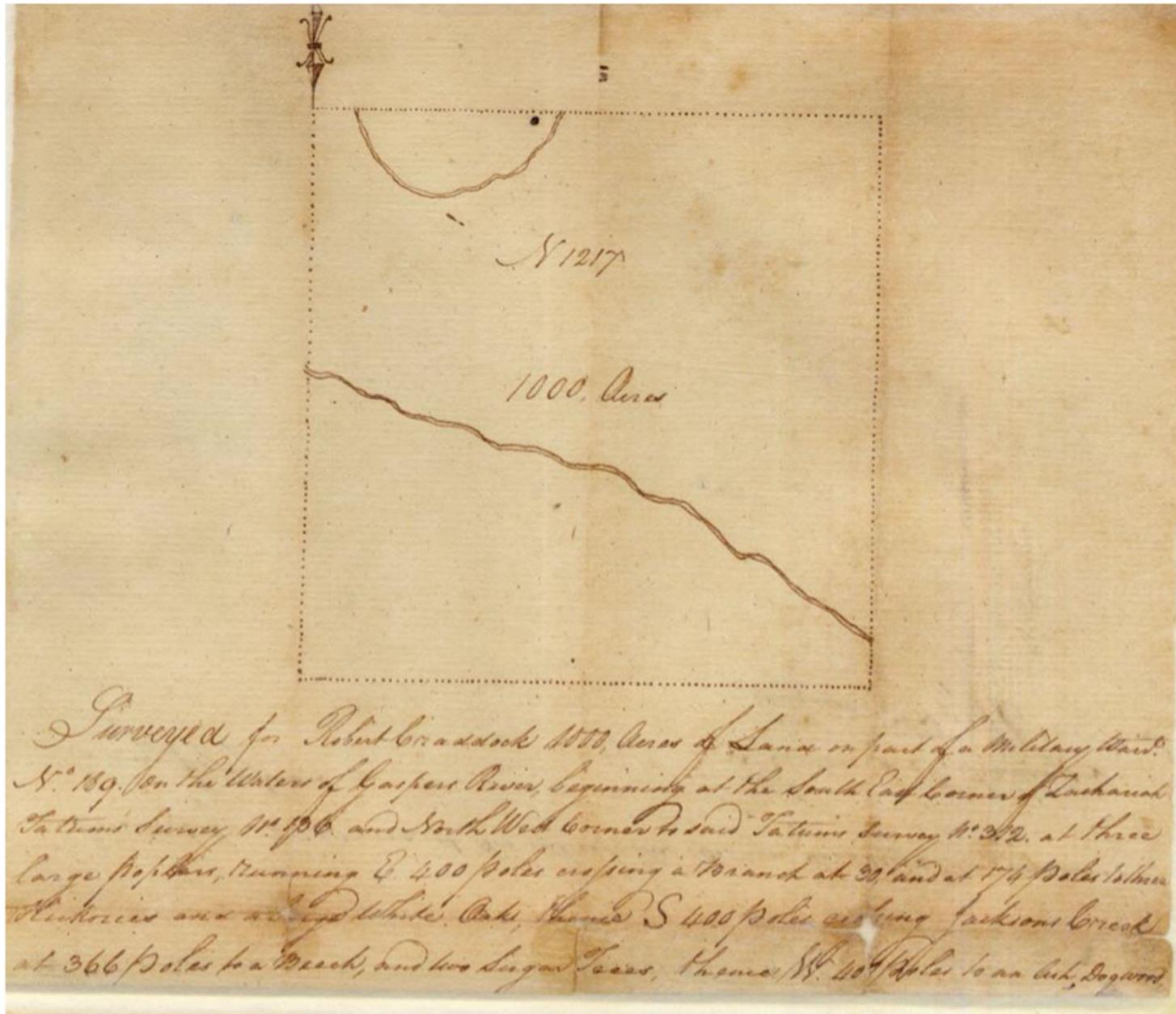
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Surveyed for Robert Crandock 1000 Acres of Land or part of a Military Ward:
N. 159. on the Waters of Casper River beginning at the South East Corner of Luskard
Tatum's Survey N. 156 and North West Corner of said Tatum's Survey N. 212. at three
large poplars, running E. 400 poles crossing a branch at 30, and at 17 1/2 poles to the
Whitewoods and a large white Oak, thence S 400 poles crossing Jacksons Creek
at 366 poles to a Birch, and two Sugar Trees, thence N. 40 poles to an Oak, Dogwood,

Gazetteer of Kentucky Places

0426.0)	washington
Gallup	Lawrence
Garrison Creek	McCracken
Gasper River	Warren
Gateway Community & Technical College (Covington, Edgewood & Highland Heights)	Kenton; Campbell
General George Rogers Clark's Grant (aka Clark's Grant)	150,000a tract in Indiana; Clark; Floyd; Scott
George Clark's Station (resettled in 1789 by George Lewis;	

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Carolinas and Georgia

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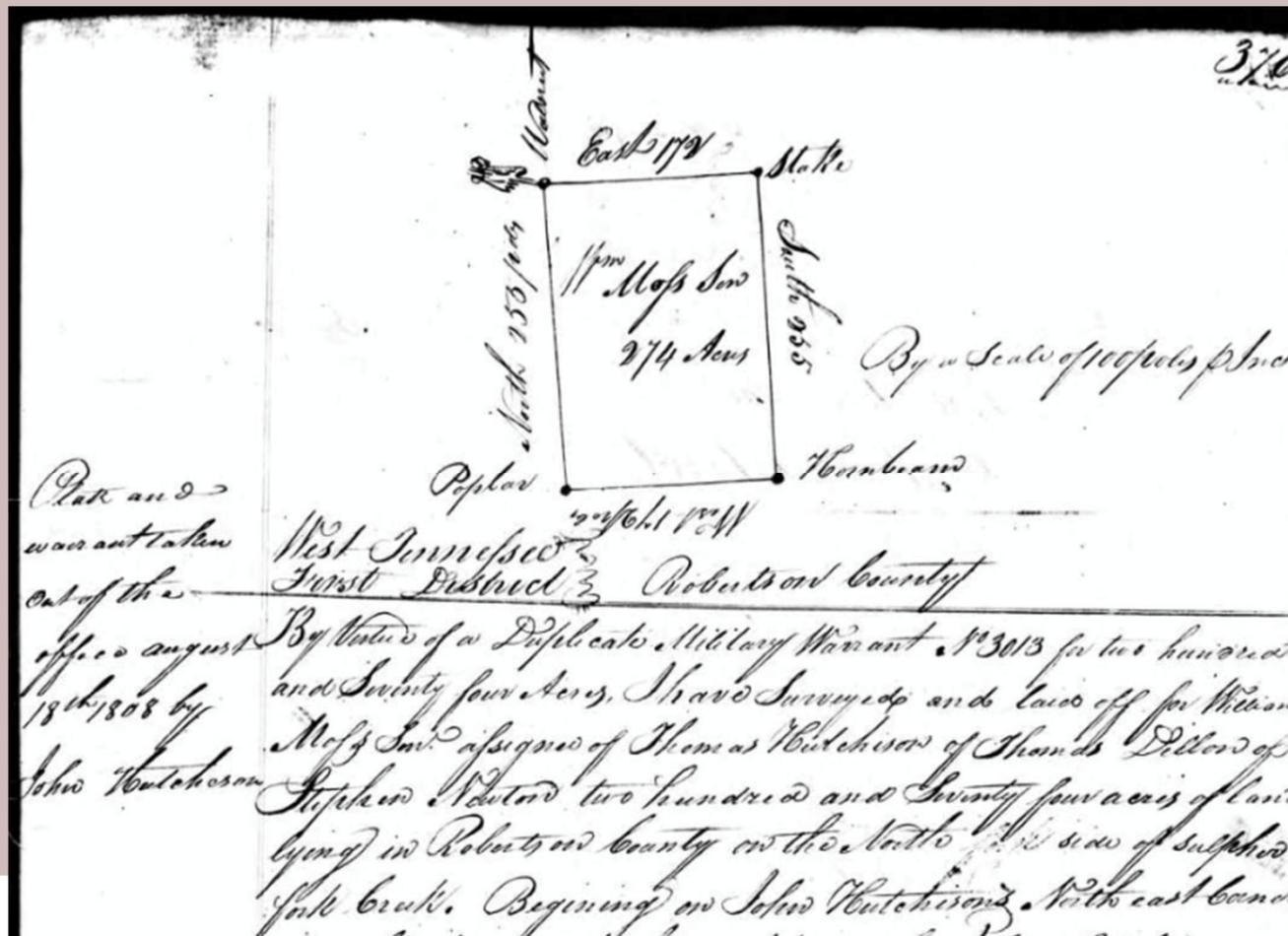
- First Act: 16 April 1780 for 200 acres, soon increased to 640 acres
- First Warrant: 1783
- Eligibility
 - Same as federal
 - **Additional criterion:** non-assignable

NC Survey Order

Newton, Stephen. N.C. Private. 30 Sep.
1785. 274 acres.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA—No. 3013.
The Hon James Glasgow Esq. secretary of state,
To Col. Martin Armstrong Greeting:
YOU are hereby required to lay off and survey for *Stephen Newton*
a private
in the line of this state, *Two hundred and seventy four*
acres of land within the limits of the lands reserved by law for the Officers and Soldiers of the
Continental line of this state; observing the directions of the acts of Assembly in such case
made and provided—Two just and fair plans, with a certificate to each annexed, you are to
transmit to my office within the time limited by law. Given under my hand at *Fairfield*
the *20th* day of *Sept* 1785. *J. Glasgow*
Thomas Hutchinson is entitled to the benefit of this warrant

Location of the Land - Tennessee Land Registers



South Carolina

- Authorized: 1778
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**

Finding the SC Records

Gunter, Henry. S.C. Soldier. 2 May 1785.
200 acres.

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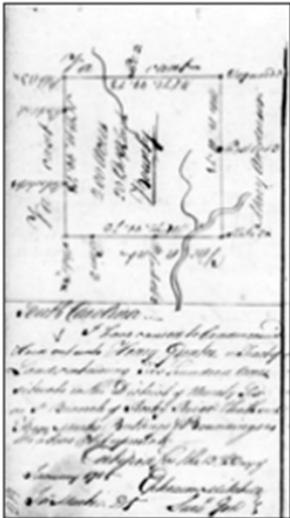
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A PLAN or A TRACE of LAND Belonging to Henry Gunter, Soldier in the Army of His Excellency the Governor, in the year 1785. The property of the said Gunter was 200 acres of land, bounded as follows: ...

WILKINSON ROAD
Lands belong to Mr. A. Hillis
Lands belong to Mr. J. Hillis
Lands belonging to Mr. William Hort
By the Request of John Hart Esq: I have made a Survey

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▼ Gunter, Henry, Plat For 200 Acres On Branch Of Rocky River, Ninety Six District, Surveyed By John Martin. Date: 1/13/1785



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People in this record:

Gunter, Henry

Also: **Anderson, Mary**; **Martin, John**

Places in this record:

Ninety Six District; Rocky River

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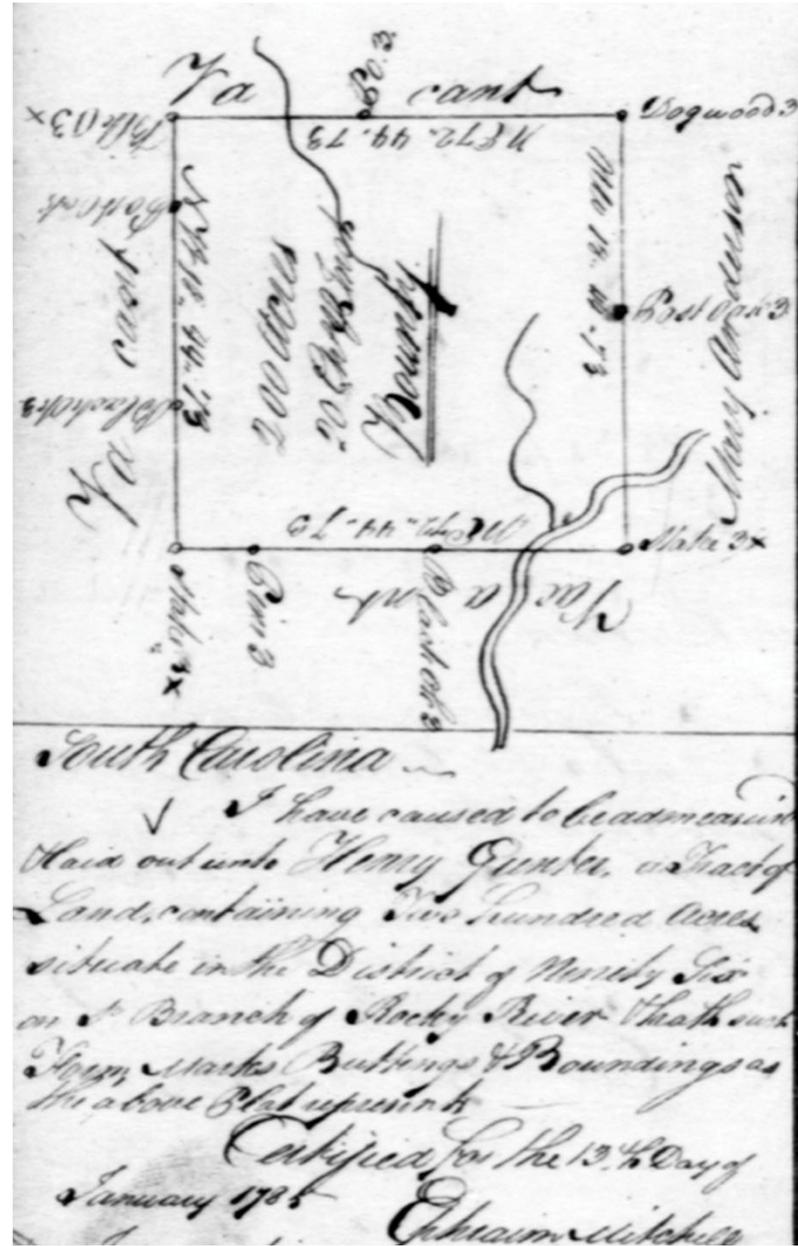
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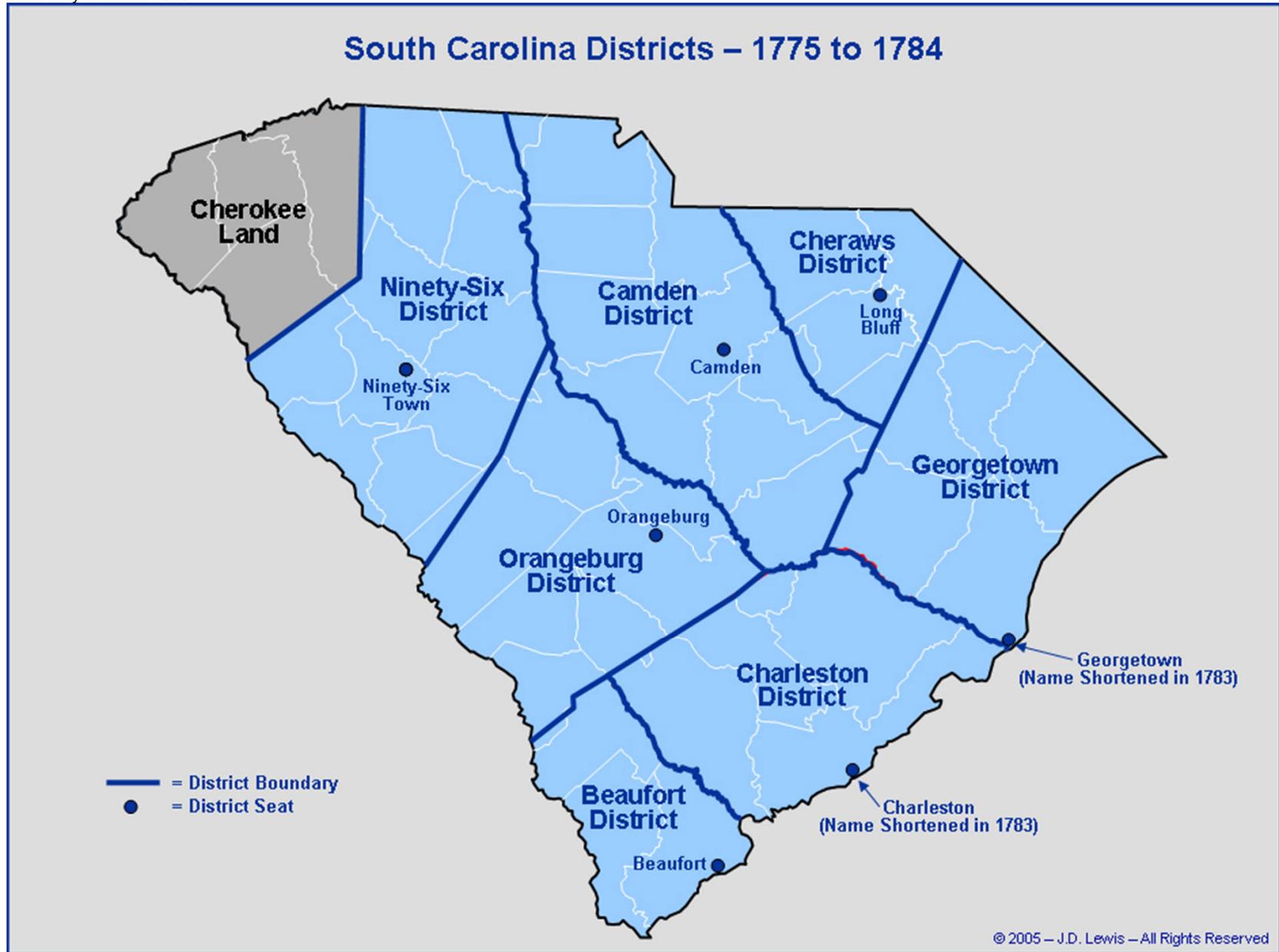
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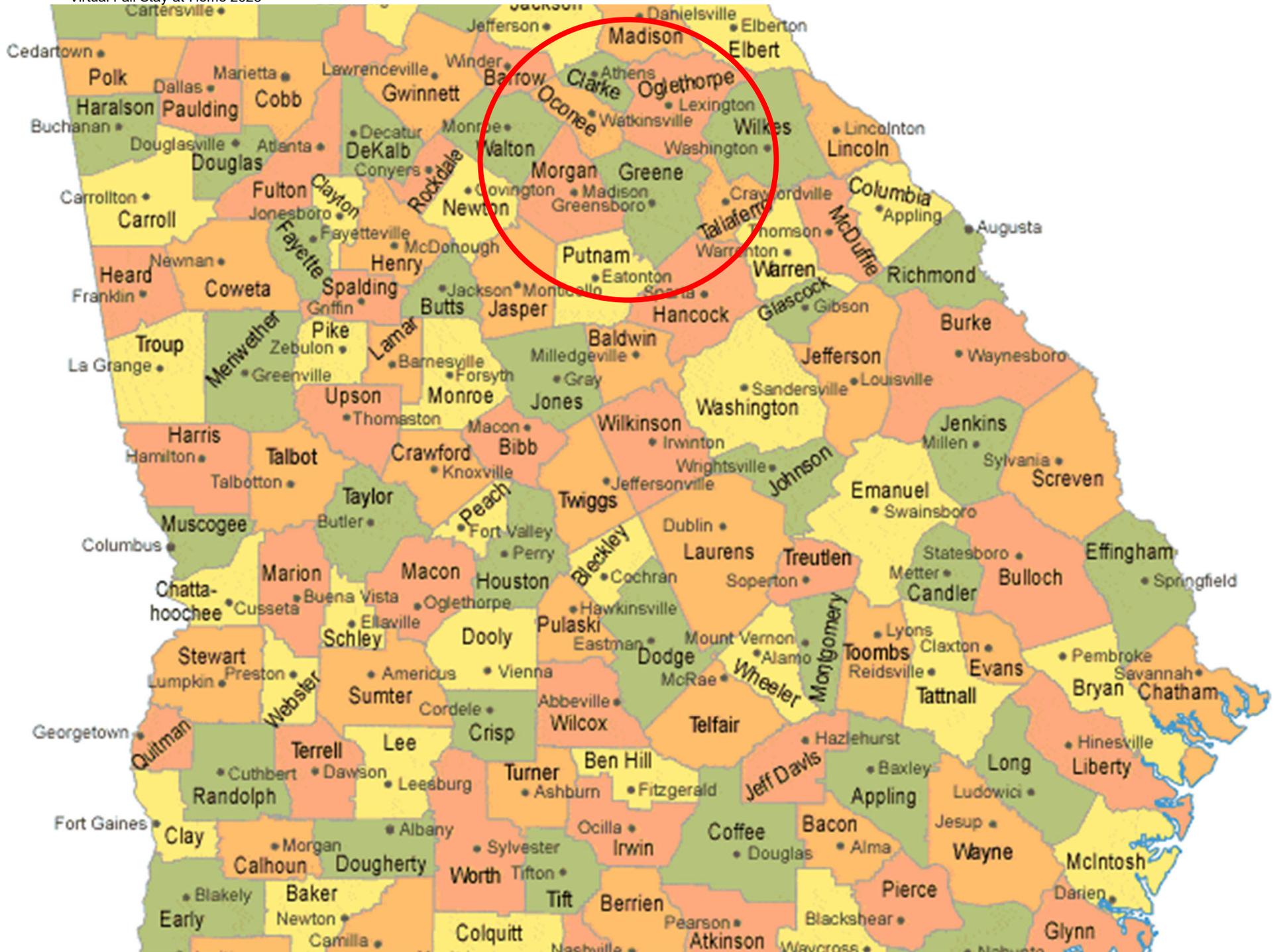
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Georgia

- Authorized: Act of 25 February 1784
- Warrants: All issued before 22 February 1786
- Eligibility
 - Unit:
 1. Continental Line
 2. Service as Minute Battalion and non-resident of Georgia at time of enlistment
 3. Short term militia
 4. Georgia residents who fled the state and served in North or South Carolina
 5. Georgia citizen who remained loyal to the cause for the entire conflict
 6. British deserters



Kenneth Coleman, History of Georgia 1991



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Certificates for Land.

date	To whom	what rank	what line	State	Bounty
1783 15 August	William Jones	Lieutenant	Georgia	One hundred acres	
ditto	John Berrien	Captain	ditto	three hundred acres	
14 Septem	John McIntosh	Lt. Col. Comd.	ditto	Five hundred acres	

Issued by his Honor Governor Hall 1783, 8

Continental	Bounty	Total	Signers own writing -
hundred acres	200	William Jones	
hundred acres	600	John Wreat for Capt. John Berrien	
hundred acres	1000	John McIntosh Lt Col. Comd.	

Georgia Vault – Bounty Land Certificates

To the Surveyor or Surveyors, for the Lands reserved
for the Georgia Line & Navy *McIntosh, Col. John*
Georgia. ~~To~~ ~~the County of~~ ~~County Surveyor for~~

YOU are hereby authorized and required to admeasure and
lay out, or cause to be admeasured and laid out, unto
John McIntosh Col. a Tract of Land, which
shall contain *Eleven hundred and fifty* —
Acres, in the said County of *Reserve*
Reserved — *Bounty*

Taking especial Care that the same has not heretofore been
laid out to any Person or Persons: And you are hereby also
directed and required to record the Plat of the same in your
Office, and transmit a Copy thereof, together with this War-
rant, to the Surveyor General, within three Months from this
Date. Given under my Hand, this *8th* Day of *March*
1785

J. White

Family Search – Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records

Road Map

Federal Awards

Eligibility

Process

- Application
- Warrant
- Patent

The Land

State Awards

New England

New York

Mid-Atlantic

The Carolinas and Georgia

Other Bounty Land

War of 1812

Mexican and Indian Wars

Did Your Ancestor Serve?

BIRTH YEARS	BATTLE YEARS	WAR
1726-1767	1775-1783	REV WAR
1762-1799	1812-1815	WAR 1812
1796-1831	1846-1848	MEX WAR
1811-1848	1861-1865	CIVIL WAR
1848-1881	1898	SPANISH/AMERICAN

War of 1812 Bounty Land

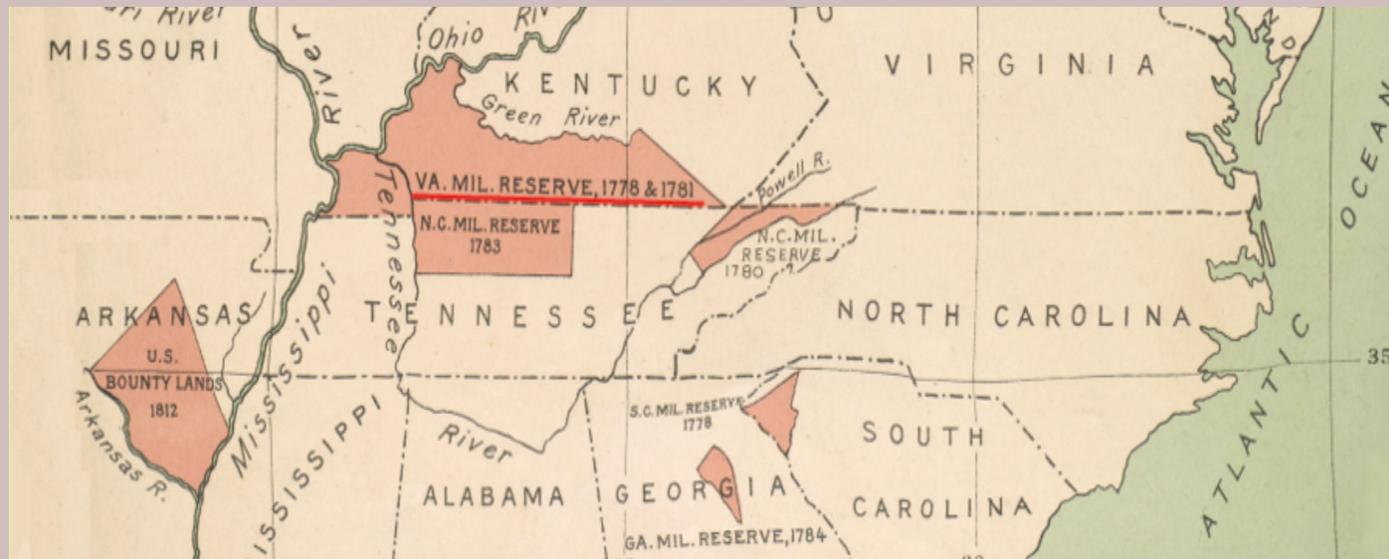
- Located in present day states of Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri (Michigan was planned but not fulfilled)
- First and Second Acts: 24 December 1811 and 11 January 1812 for 160 acres for soldiers and non-commissioned officers
- Act of 10 December 1814
 - Provisions for soldiers enlisting after 1814
 - 320 acres of land

Finding the 1812 Warrant

- NARA Publication
 - War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815-1858 (M848, 14 rolls)
- Ancestry Database: “U.S., War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858” (includes M848 and M829 – Ohio Warrants)
- Fold3 Database: “War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815”

Hamptons of Arkansas

- In the 1850's lived in Bateau Meto Arkansas on the eastern plains.



- Did a Hampton receive Bounty Land in Arkansas

Ancestry War Bounty Database

View Record	Stephen Hampton	27749		
View Record	William Hampton	22607		
View Record	Smith G Hampton Heirs	25193		
View Record	Thomas Hampton	27918		

NAMES.	Vol.	Page.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Warrant.
Harrick, William	C.	538	W 13	1 N.	8 W.	897
Hamm, Edward	.	535	W 13	5 N.	11 W.	23202
Harcumburgh, Nicholas	.	539	W 13	5 N.	9 W.	2330
Harmann, John Henry S.	.	15	W 13	4 N.	8 W.	10512
Humble, George	.	36	W 13	14 N.	1/2 C.	17221

Finding the Land at BLM

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Location

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Names

Last Name:
First Name:
Middle Name:
 search patentees search warrantees

Land Description

Township: 1 / North
Range: 4 / West
Meridian: ----- Any Meridian -----
Section #: 26

Miscellaneous

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Survey #: Geo. Name/
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	AR2940 .301	 HAMPTON, WILLIAM,  HAMPTON, WILLIAM	11/27/1820	22607	AR	5th PM	001N - 004W	SE¼	26	Prairie
	AR2940 .301	 HAMPTON, WILLIAM,  HAMPTON, WILLIAM	11/27/1820	22607	AR					
	AR3020 .313	 EVANS, ANN,	1/21/1830	26242	AR					
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5th PM	001N - 004W	SE¼	26	Prairie

Section Township Range

Search places

Drawing labels... **Section 26** | **Township 1 North, Range 4 West** | **5th Principal Meridian** | **Prairie,**

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Later Bounty Land Acts

- 27 July **1842** – Could use 1812 warrant for land outside of the three areas set aside
- 11 February **1847** – for one year's service in Mexican War, 160 acres
- 28 September **1850** – War of 1812 and Indian Wars
 - Nine months of service – 160 acres
 - Four months of service – 80 acres
 - One month of service – 40 acres
- 22 March **1852** – Removes restriction on assignment for all warrants
- 3 March **1855** – Extended land benefits to groups previously not covered

Summary

Key Points

- Your Revolutionary War Ancestor may have been awarded land from the new Federal Government or from the state where his regiment was raised.
- Federal land was located in central Ohio
 - Find your soldier in NARA microfilm
- Each state had their own rules for bounty land
 - Find your soldier in Lloyd Bockstruck's book first, then go looking for the paperwork and the land
- Later bounty land warrants that were patented are at the Bureau of Land Management



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