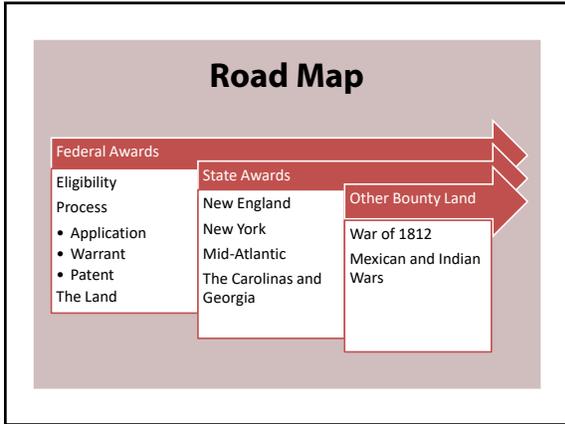


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History of Bounty Land

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

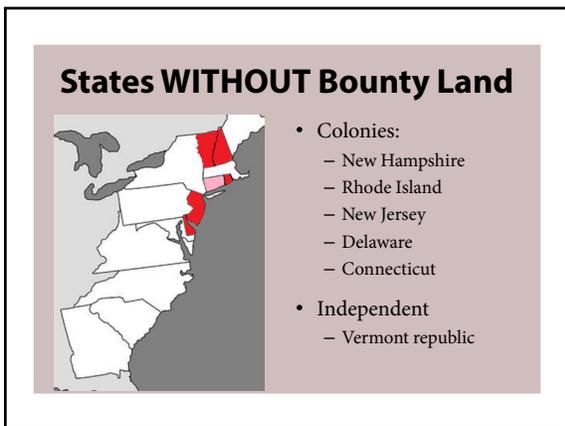


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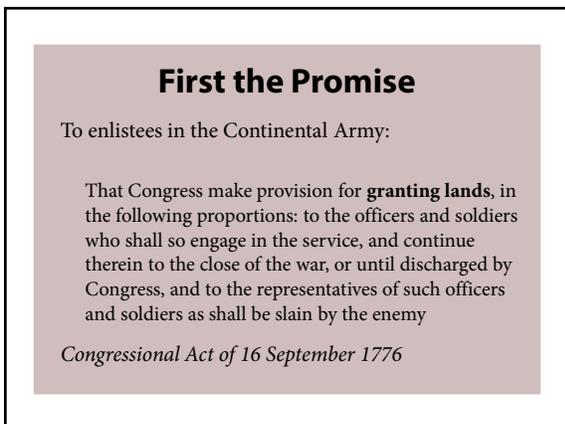
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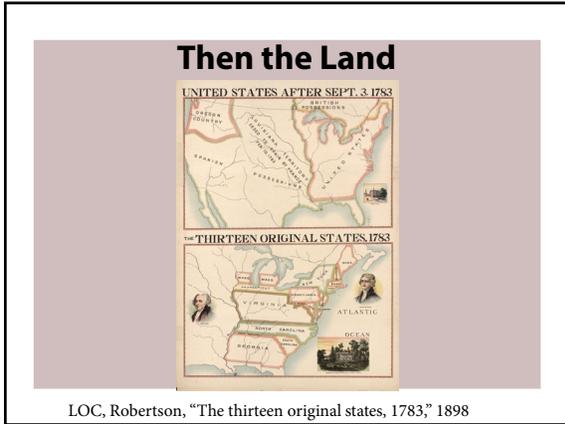


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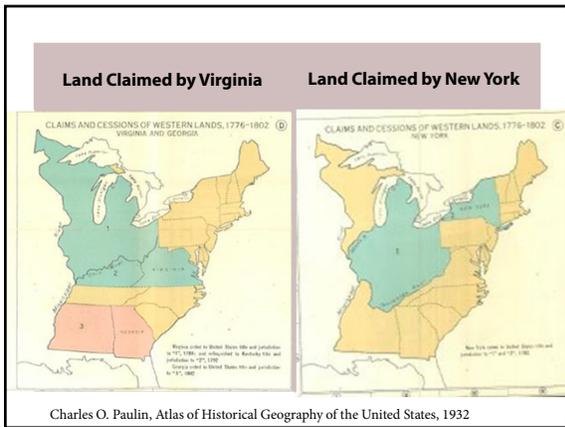


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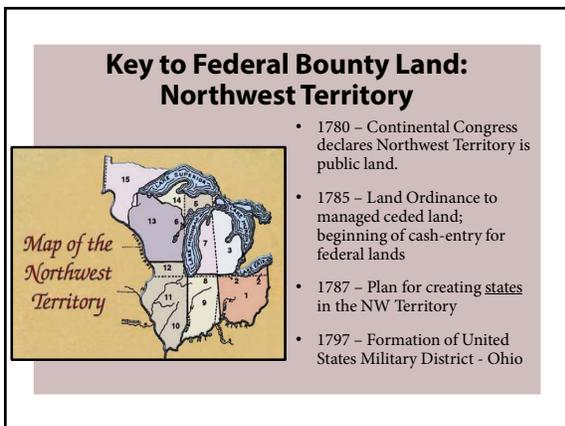
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**Acts Authorizing
Bounty Land Warrants**

- 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

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New Survey System

The diagram illustrates the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). It shows a Township Grid with Township 2 South and Range 3 West. Section 14 is highlighted, showing its normal division into 36 aliquot parts (3x3x4 grid) and its fractional division into government lots. Labels include 'Public Land Survey System (PLSS)', 'Township 2 South Range 3 West', 'Section 14', 'Northeast quarter', 'West half of South 1/2', 'East quarter', 'T13 R3W', 'Principal Meridian', 'Base Line', and 'Township Grid'.

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Eligibility and Process

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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

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Eligibility

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

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Amount by Rank

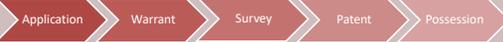
Rank	Amount
Colonel	500 acres
Lieutenant Colonel	450 acres
Major	400 acres
Captain	300 acres
Lieutenant	200 acres
Ensign	150 acres
Private	100 acres
Resolution: 16 September 1776	

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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

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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

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Warrant Authorizing a Survey

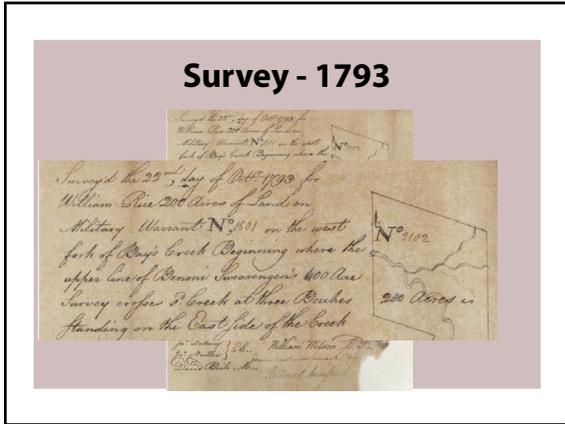


- Warrants issued – date of issuance, name and rank of veteran, state from which he enlisted
- Usually the state picked the land; Virginia allowed the soldier to choose

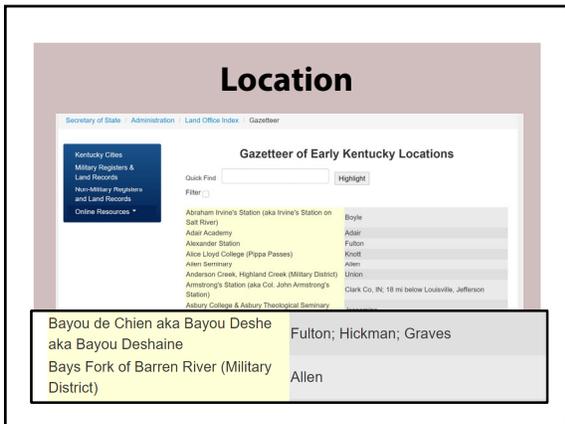
Virginia Warrant for William Rice 1783, land in Kentucky

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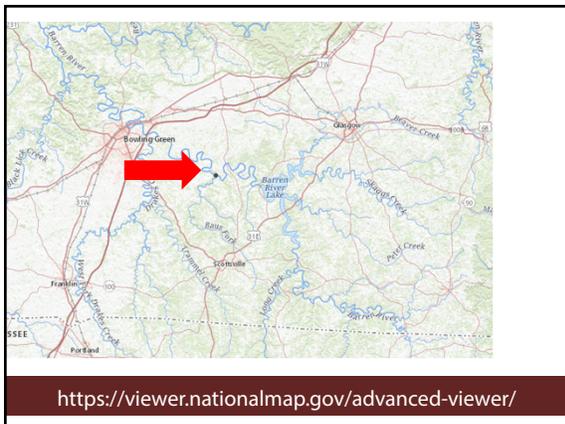
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Disaster – 14,000+ Records Lost



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

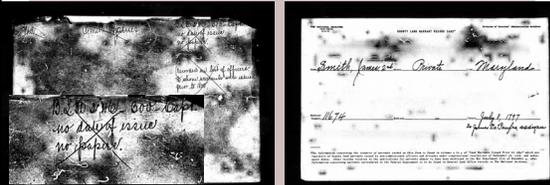
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Finding Federal Applications and Warrants

- 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

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Example

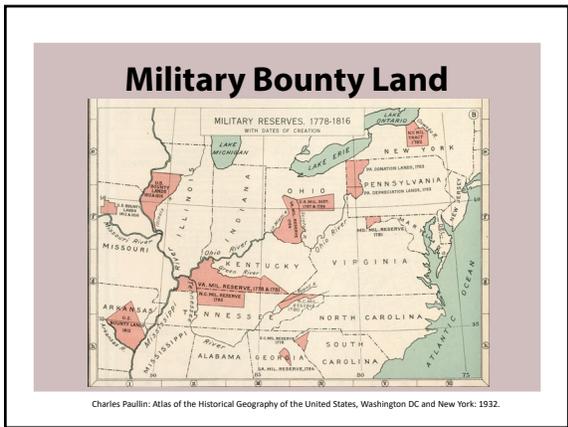


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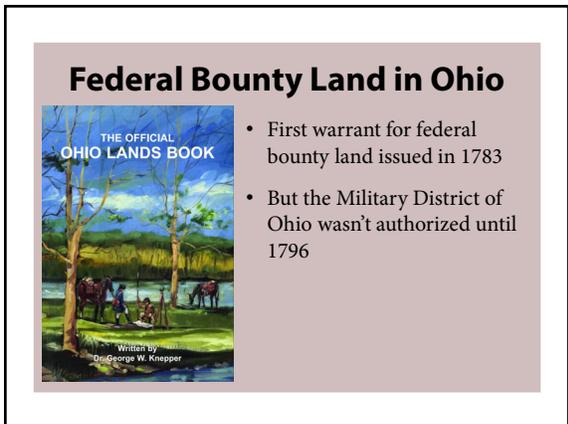
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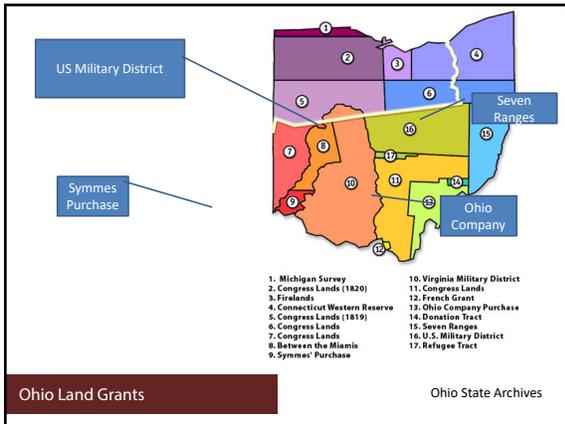


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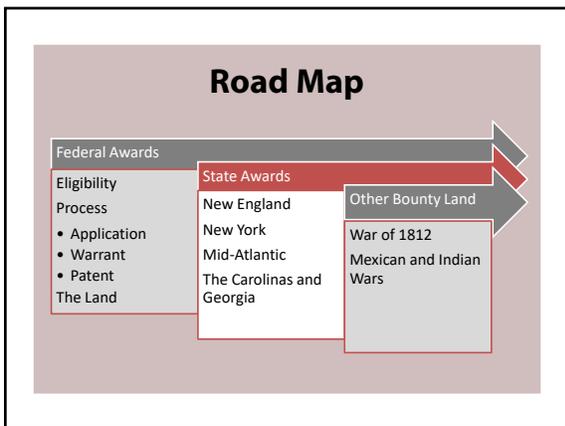


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Massachusetts

- 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

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Mars Hill

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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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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/

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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

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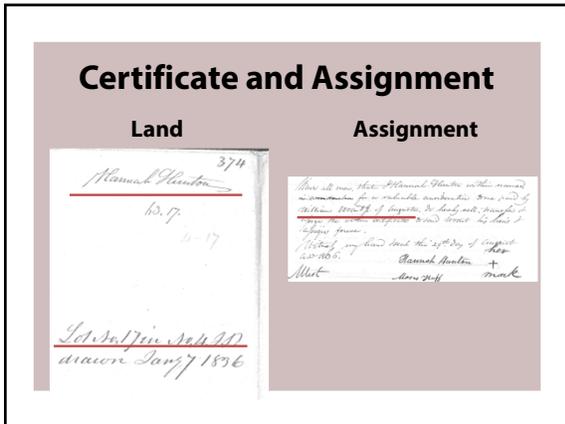
Soldier

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

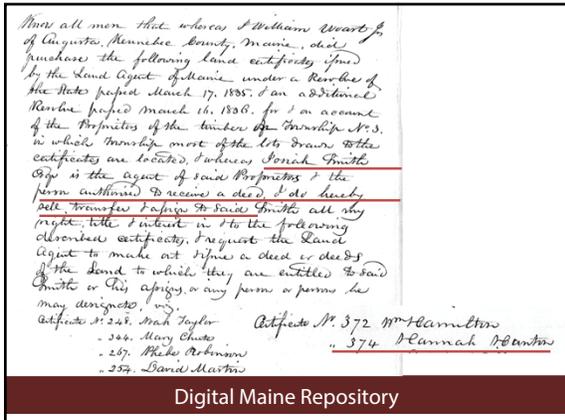
Hunton, Jonathan, Me. — 14 Sep. 1835. 200 acres to widow Hannah Hunton, Wiscasset.

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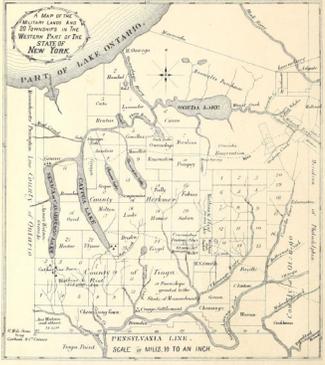
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New York

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

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

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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	

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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.	Rank.	Lots.	Acres.	Date.	Dist.
Hudgall, Nicholas. private.	Hollett	16	4	600	July 8.	1790.
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. G. do.	Smith	11	34	600	July 8.	

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Patents

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

A.

PATENTERS' NAMES.	Patent to whom delivered.
Humphrey, John, ensign.	John Blanchard's order.
Huntley, Thomas.	Eliphalet Seaman.
Haltzapple, Zachariah.	William J. Vredenburg.
Horsford, Joseph.	Silas Pepoon.
Hammer, Francis, lieutenant.	Himself.
Humphrey, Alexander, 2d regt.	Samuel B. Isaacs.
Hudgall, Nicholas, do.	Thomas Rosell.

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Pennsylvania

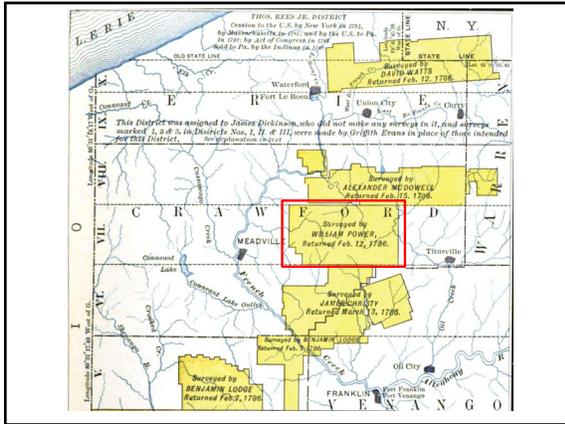
- Authorizing Act: 7 March 1780
- Eligibility
 - Same as federal
 - **Additional criterion:** Prisoners of war
- Used a lottery wheel to assign

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A pioneer outline history of northwestern Pennsylvania: Hathitrust.org

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Maryland

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

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Maryland – They Went Where?

Hurst, Samuel. Md. Private. ———. 50 acres.

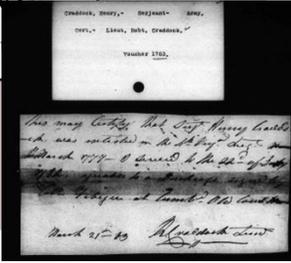
- Maryland State Archives – Land Office Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland
- Digital Images online

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Application and Certificate

Craddock, Henry. Va. Sergeant. 19 Mar. 1783. 200 acres.
 Craddock, John. N.C. Captain. 26 Mar. 1784. 3840 acres.
 Craddock, Robert. Va. Lieutenant. 1783. 2666 2/3 acres.



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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	COWHEAD, Francis	4900	Captain	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 11, '83
187	CRADDOCK, Robert	2666	Lieutenant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20, '83
188	CRADDOCK, Robert	2666	Lieutenant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20, '83
189	CRADDOCK, Henry	200	Sergeant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20, '83
191	CHAYERS, 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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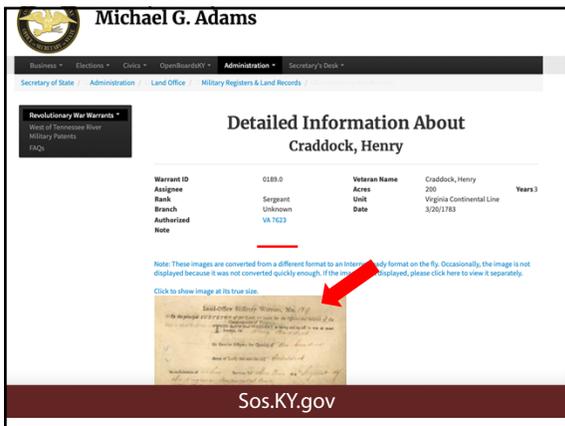


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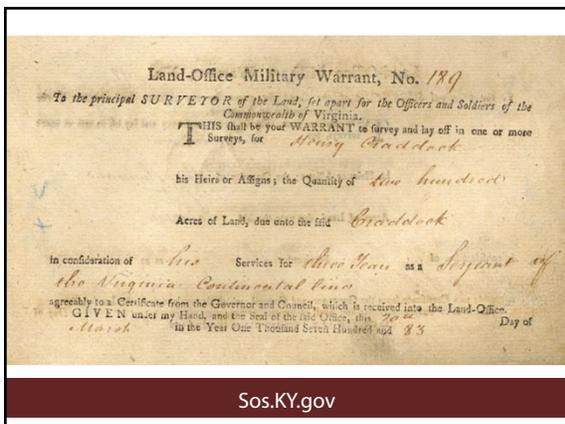
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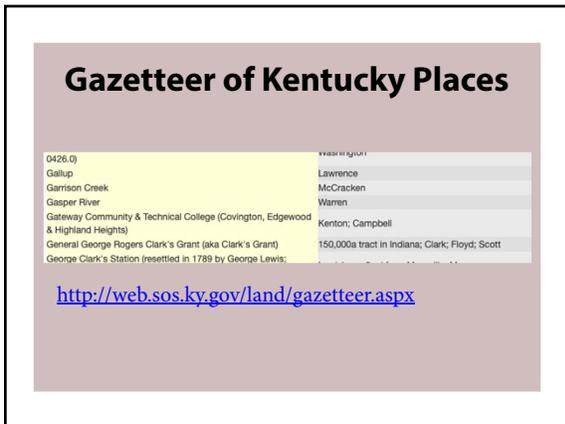


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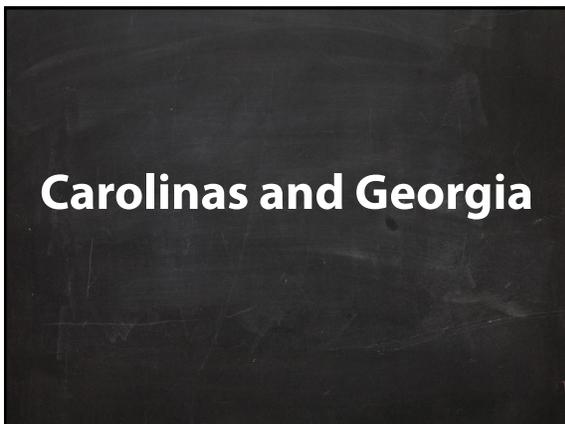
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North Carolina

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

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NC Survey Order

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

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Location of the Land - Tennessee Land Registers

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South Carolina

- Authorized: 1778
- Eligibility
 - Same as federal

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Finding the SC Records

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

<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>

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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

People in this record:
 Gunter, Henry
 Also: Anderson, Mary, Martin, John

Places in this record:
 Ninety Six District, Rocky River

Topics in this record:

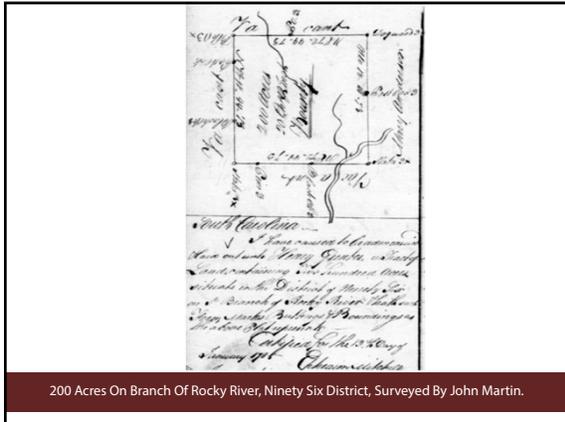
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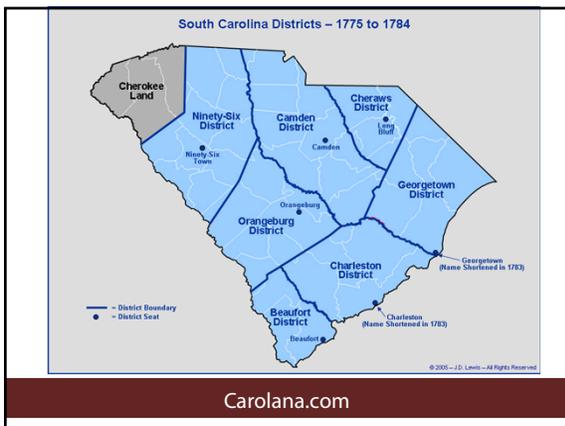
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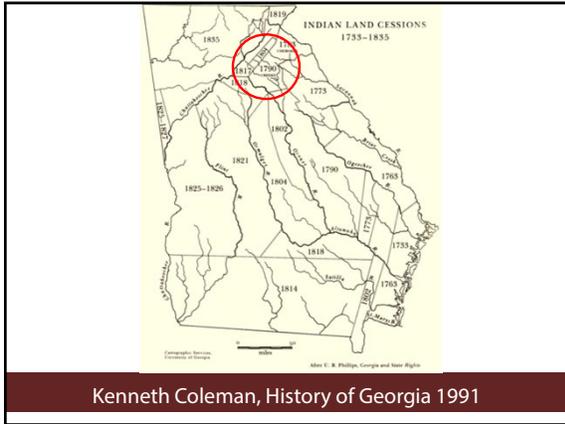
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Georgia

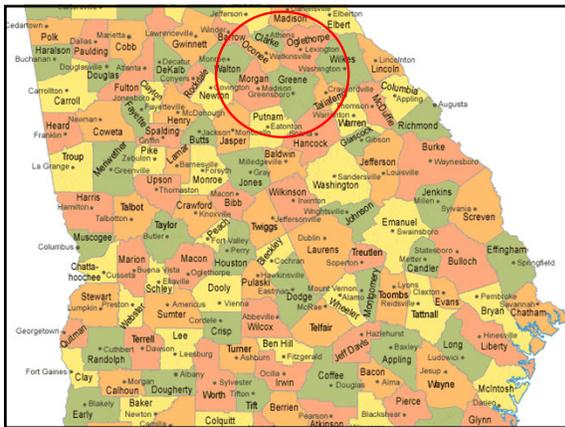
- Authorized: Act of 25 February 1784
- Warrants: All issued before 22 February 1786
- Eligibility
 - Unit:
 1. Continental Line
 2. Service as Minute Battalion and non-resident of Georgia at time of enlistment
 3. Short term militia
 4. Georgia residents who fled the state and served in North or South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

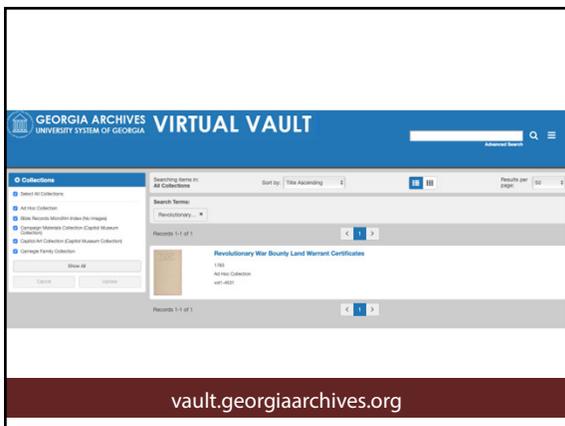
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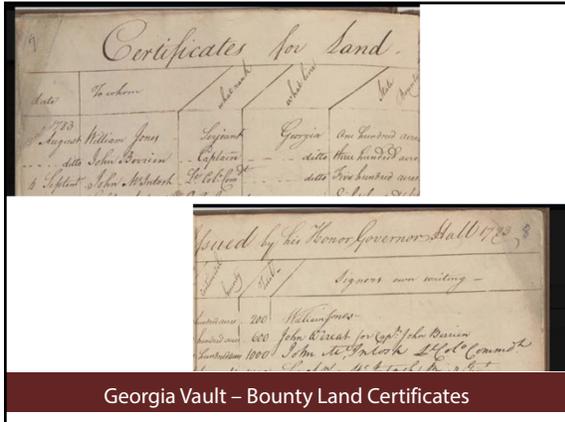
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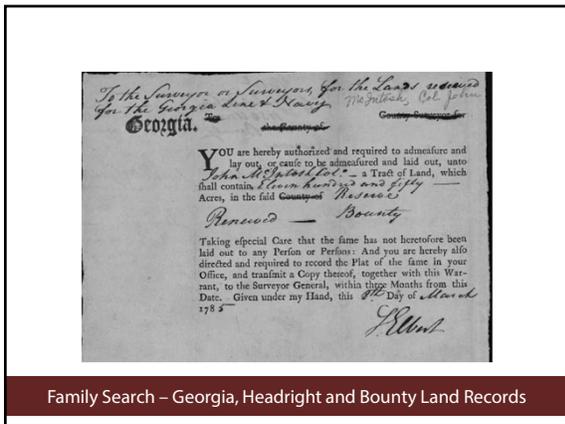


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War of 1812 Bounty Land

- 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

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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”

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Hamptons of Arkansas

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



- Did a Hampton receive Bounty Land in Arkansas

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Ancestry War Bounty Database

View Record	Stephen Hampton	27740		
View Record	William Hampton	22607		
View Record	Smith G Hampton Heirs	25193		
View Record	Thomas Hampton	27918		

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Finding the Land at BLM

Search Clear Form

Location
 State: Any State
 County: Any County

Names
 Last Name:
 First Name:
 Search Patents Search Narratives

Land Description
 Township: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Range: 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Meridian: Any Meridian
 Section #: 25

Miscellaneous
 Land Office: Any Land Office
 Issue Date: to
 Document #: MIBS:
 Indian Allot. #: Tribe: Any Tribe
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Note: This site does not cover every state, but we do have [resource links](#) for most states.

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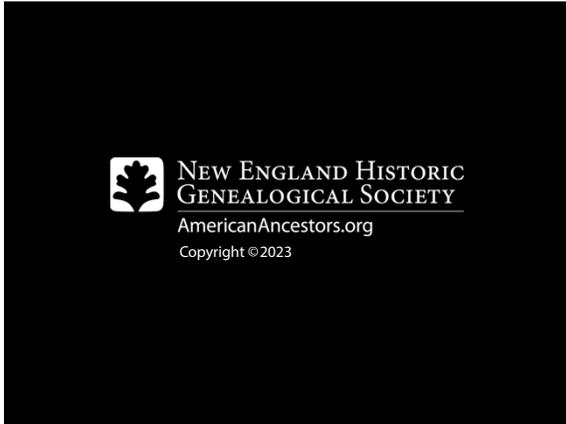
- Your Revolutionary War Ancestor may have been awarded land from the new Federal Government or from the state where his regiment was raised.
- Federal land was located in central Ohio
 - Find your soldier in NARA microfilm
- Each state had their own rules for bounty land
 - Find your soldier in Lloyd 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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