

# Researching American Revolutionary War Patriots

## *Class 4: Using Revolutionary War Pension Records*

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Pension timeline
  - Accessing pension files
  - Final payment vouchers
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

# War Department.

## REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

I CERTIFY that, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 18th March, 1818,

*Soshua Whitney* late a *private*  
in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed  
on the Pension List, Roll of the *District of Maine*  
Agency, at the rate of *eight* . . . . . dollars per month, to com-  
mence on the *thirteenth* - day of *April* . . . . . one thousand  
hundred and *eighteen*



Voice of  
David Allen Lambert  
Chief Genealogist

GIVEN at the War Office of the United States, this *7th* day of *October* - one thousand eight hundred and *nineteen*



# Confirming your Veterans Identity

## **Before you begin . . .**

- Confirm the Colonies your ancestor served from
- Know the Officers your ancestors served under
- Determine the birth and death year of your veteran
- Know the names of spouses and children
- Confirm that he did not go AWOL from service



# 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



# Pension Timeline



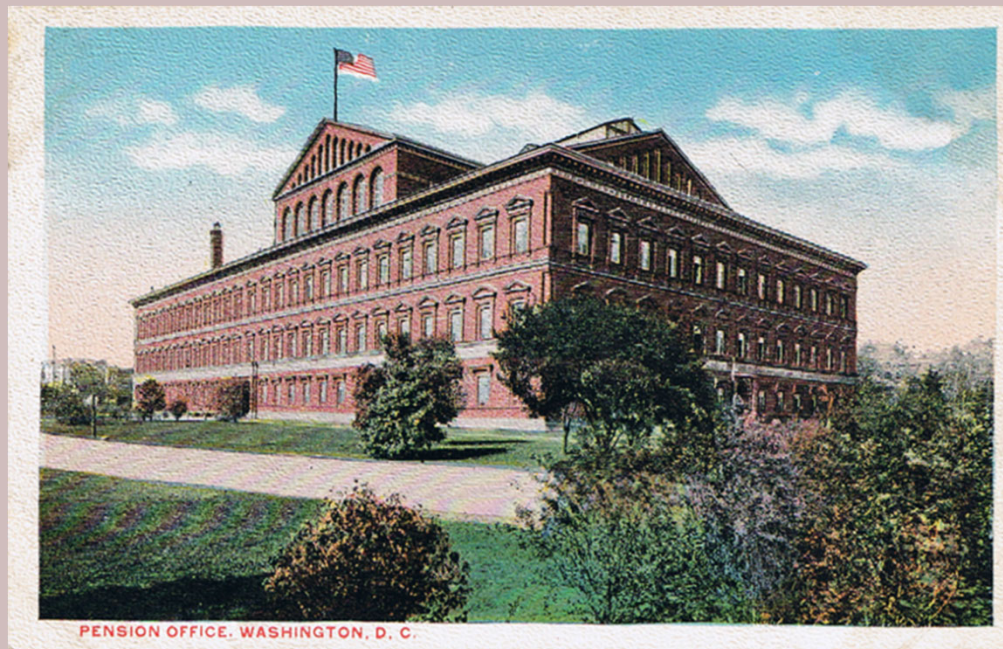
# Federal Pensions

- **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.

- **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.



- **1853:** All widows restrictions were eliminated.
- **1878:** Widows authorized pensions for life if the veteran only served 2 weeks.



## U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835

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**First & Middle Name(s)**

Judah

**Last Name**

Waters

☒ Exact

Birth

Day

Month

Year

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Death

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**Keyword**

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Pension Enrollment Date

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## Judah Waters

### in the U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835




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Name:	Judah Waters
Rank:	Private
Age:	75
Birth Year:	abt 1756
Pension Enrollment Date:	4 Mar 1831
Residence Place:	Otsego, New York, USA
Service Description:	Massachusetts con.

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Christian Walter	-	Private	30 00	-	N. Y. continental	Aug. 20, 1832	do	
Andrew Wilson	-	do	80 00	160 00	Massachusetts mil.	Oct. 20, 1832	do	75
John Ward	-	do	80 00	160 00	Connecticut cont'l	Nov. 26, 1832	do	73
Abraham Willis	-	Pri. & ser.	51 66	-	N. York militia	Feb. 14, 1833	do	78
David Webb	-	Private	50 78	-	do	Feb. 27, 1833	do	75
51 Joshua Willbar	-	do	20 00	40 00	Rhode Island militi	do	do	78
John Wells	-	do	60 00	-	do	Mar. 7, 1833	do	75
James Wheeler	-	do	56 66	-	R. Island cont'l	May 2, 1833	do	73
Asahel Williams	-	do	80 00	-	Connecticut militia	May 18, 1833	do	79
William Walker	-	do	22 31	-	Massachusetts mil.	do	do	79
John Warner	-	do	80 00	160 00	Connecticut militia	May 23, 1833	do	85
Nathan Whitlock	-	Teamster	80 00	-	do	June 1, 1833	do	71
James Westcott	-	Private	43 33	-	Massachusetts con.	June 19, 1833	do	71
Samuel Wilson	-	do	80 00	160 00	N. York cont'l	June 25, 1833	do	80
Benoni Willman	-	do	80 00	200 00	Massachusetts con.	Aug. 12, 1833	do	63
Jesse Wright	-	do	30 00	-	do	Sept. 4, 1833	do	73
Judah Waters	-	do	73 33	183 32	do	Sep. 5, 1833	do	75
William Winchell	-	do	61 33	153 32	Connecticut militia	do	do	70
Thomas Wild	-	do	40 00	100 00	Massachusetts con.	Oct. 5, 1833	do	70
Benjamin Wells	-	do	23 77	-	N. York militia	Oct. 9, 1833	do	84
Theophilus Whaley	-	Pri. & sea.	88 00	220 00	Connecticut cont'l	do	do	76
Charles Wilder	-	Private	42 42	106 05	N. York militia	Oct. 10, 1833	do	76
Robert Wood	-	do	30 00	90 00	do	Dec. 20, 1833	do	77
Stukely Whitford	-	do	80 00	240 00	R. Island militia	Ap'l 12, 1834	do	75
James Young	-	do	60 00	-	New York militia	Dec. 26, 1833	do	73
Joseph Young	-	do	46 66	139 98	Connecticut cont'l	Feb. 4, 1834	do	73

*Statement showing the Names, Rank, &c. of Invalid Pensioners residing in Cheshire county, in the State of New Hampshire.*

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NAMES.	Rank.	Annual allowance.	Sums received.	Description of service.	When placed on the pension roll.	Commencement of pension.	Laws under which they were inscribed, increased and reduced; and remarks.
Caleb Aldrish - -	Sergeant	60 00	1268 57	Col. Read's reg't	Aug. 25, 1794	Mar. 4, 1795	April 20, 1796.
Do do	do	96 00	1122 89	do	do	Apr. 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died January 4, 1828.
Theophilus B. Adams	Corporal	30 00	28 66	21st reg. U.S. inf.	Dec. 27, 1815	May 11, 1815	Acts military establishment.
Do do	do	48 00	645 04	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816.
Do do	do	72 00	135 00	do	do	Oct. 1, 1829	Increased. Died August 15, 1831.
Jared Ballow - -	Private	48 00	843 57	31st reg't U.S. inf.	Ap'l 12, 1820	Jan. 27, 1814	Acts military establishment.
Isaac Brown - -	do	96 00	1007 69	Read's reg't inf.	Oct. 4, 1823	Sept. 6, 1823	do
Samuel Basset - -	do	72 00	541 20	Steele's comp'y inf.	Sep. 11, 1826	Aug. 30, 1826	do
Nehemiah Brown -	do	48 00	118 04	Parker's com. inf.	May 8, 1828	Ap'l 27, 1828	February 4, 1822.
James Blodgett -	do	96 00	146 13	Massachusetts line	July 23, 1819	Aug. 27, 1818	March 18, 1818. Relinquished for the benefit of act March 18, 1818, and reinstated on invalid roll act May 1, 1820. Died August 19, 1826.
Do do	do	64 00	413 48	do	Feb. 23, 1829	Mar. 4, 1820	
James Campbell -	do	18 00	334 10	Cilley's N. H. reg't	do	Mar. 4, 1789	June 7, 1785.
Do do	do	48 00	412 00	do	do	Sep. 25, 1807	June 7, 1785. Increased by act April 25, 1808.
Do do	do	76 80	726 25	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died October 12, 1825.
Lemuel Dean - -	do	30 00	392 91	Col. Nichol's reg't	Aug. 26, 1794	Sep. 4, 1794	April 20, 1796.
Do do	do	60 00	507 89	do	-	Oct. 8, 1807	Increased.
Do do	do	96 00	610 93	do	-	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816.
Windsor Gleason -	do	16 00	317 09	N. Hampshire reg't	Aug. 19, 1795	Mar. 4, 1795	June 7, 1785. Died August 8, 1816.
Jonathan Holten -	Lieutenant	80 00	921 10	Cilley's N. H. reg't	-	do	April 20, 1796.
Do do	do	120 00	1155 66	do	-	Sep. 8, 1816	Increased by act March 27, 1807.
Do do	do	136 00	757 76	do	-	Apr. 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died November 19, 1821.
Benjamin Howe -	Private	72 00	803 80	11th reg't U. S. inf.	Feb. 3, 1823	Jan. 6, 1823	Acts military establishment.

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# 1840 U.S. Census

- Living Revolutionary War pensioners and widows
- First census to give exact age of a resident
- Lists who the veteran or widow is residing with

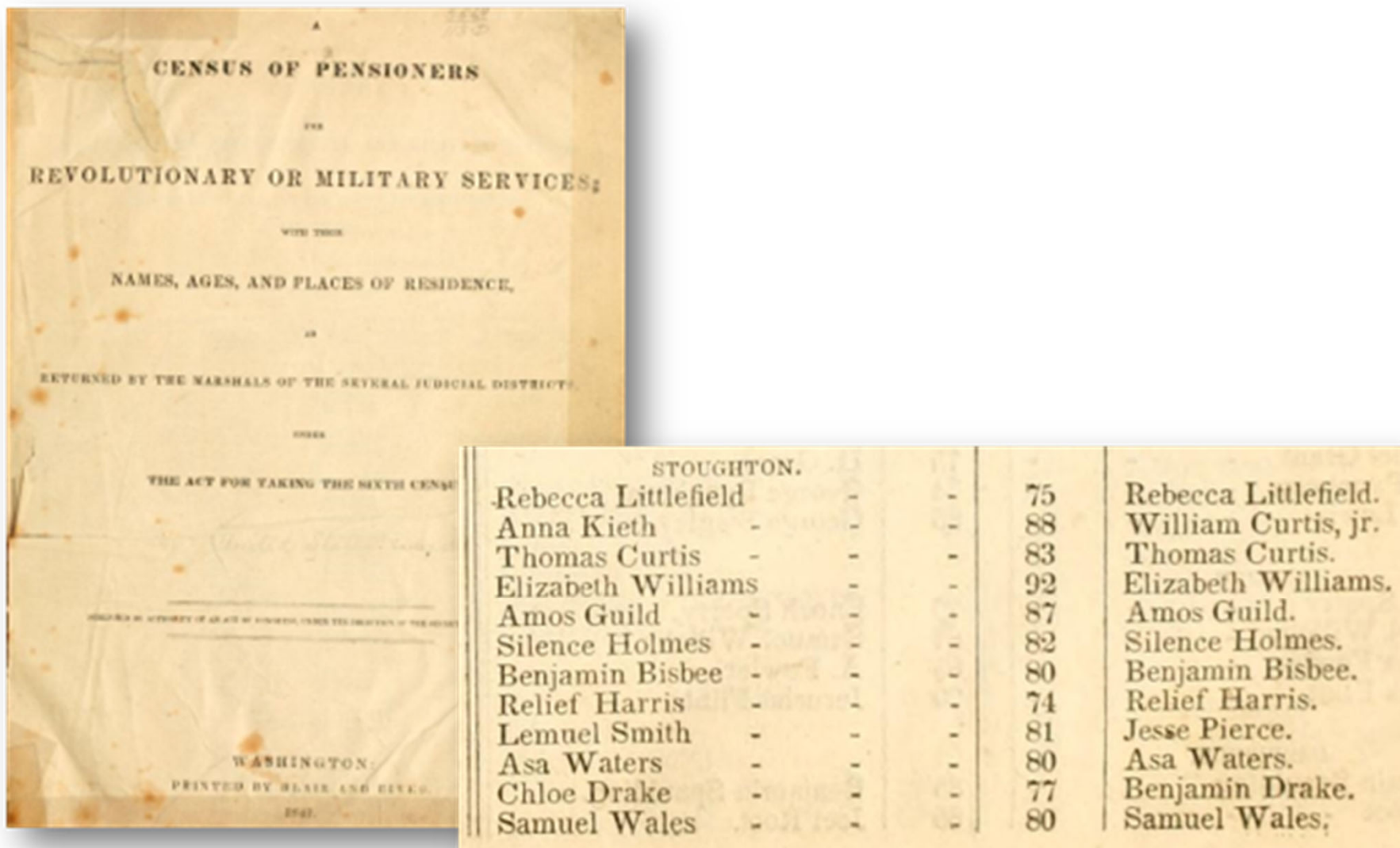




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PERSONNEL FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES, INCLUD- ED IN THE FOREGOING.		AGE.
NAME.		
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Samuel Smith.		81.
Asa Waters.		80.





## A Census of Pensioners ... (1841)



# QUESTIONS?

A large audience of people is seated in a lecture hall, viewed from behind. They are facing a presentation screen at the front of the room. The room has a curved ceiling and patterned walls. The word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large white text on the image.

# Published Pension Abstracts

Genealogical Abstracts  
Of Revolutionary War  
Pension Files

Volume III: N - Z

*Abstracted by*  
Virgil D. White

Virgil White's Abstracts of Pensions



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 50

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 – Maine Pensioner

# **Revolutionary War Pensions (NARA - M804)**



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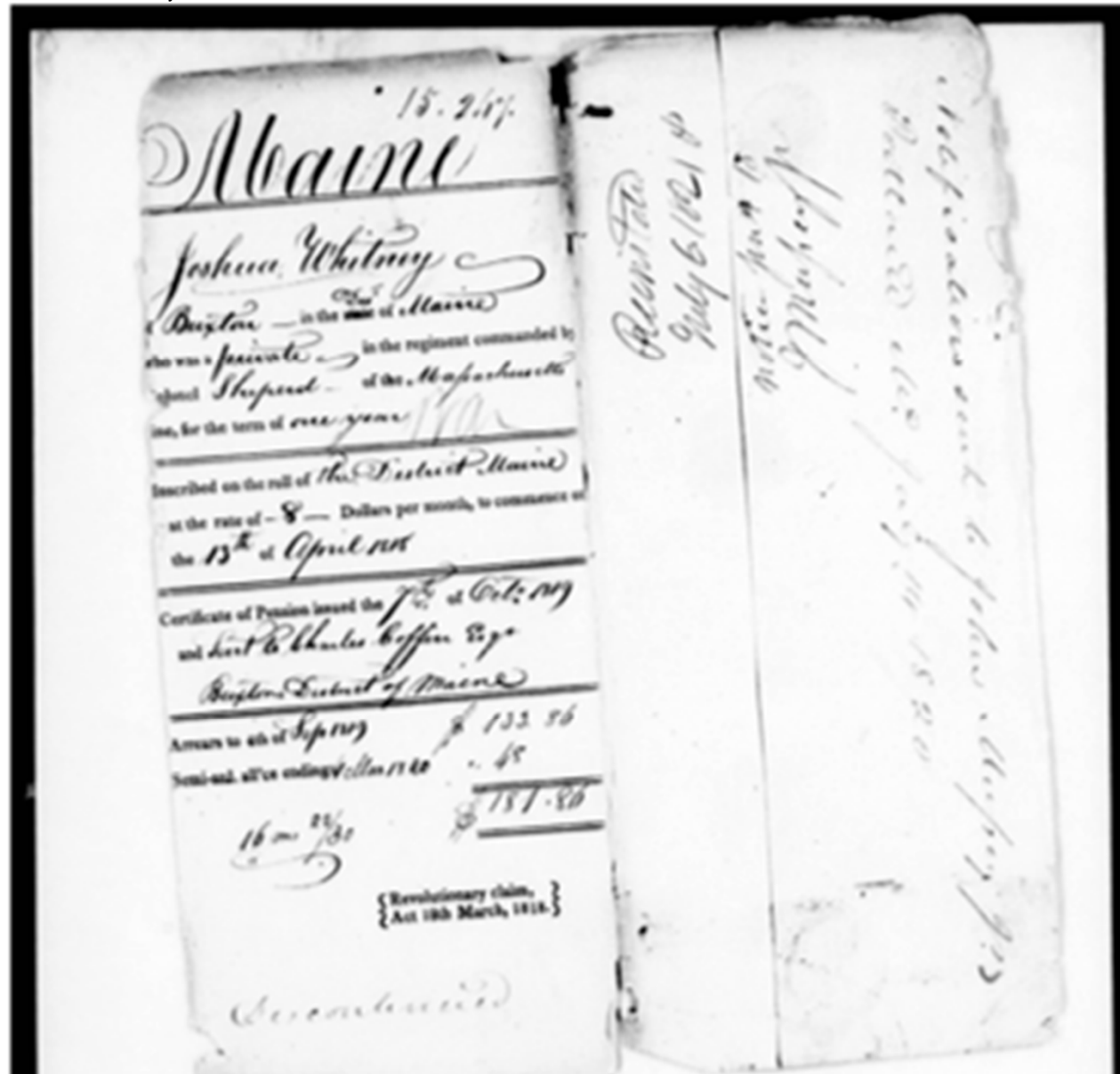
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## Pension S.37549



# Pension S.37549

Joshua Whitney of Bunton 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  
 seven 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, <sup>Massachusetts Line</sup> and the Brigade was  
 commanded by General Patterson from the time I ~~joined~~  
 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 ~~seven~~ hundred & eighty three, signed  
 by Major General Henry 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.

Joshua Whitney.

April 13. 1810

Pension S.37549



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**  
**DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.**

At a District Court of the United States begun and holden at  
Portland within and for the District of Maine, on the  
first Tuesday, being the ninth day of June  
and by adjournment from day to day, on the eighth  
day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty, before the Honorable ALBION K. PARRIS,  
Judge of said Court.

ON this eighth day of June in the year above written, personally  
appeared in open Court, the same having "the power of fine and imprisonment," and being a  
Court of Record for said Maine District, Joshua Whitney — aged  
fifty nine — years, resident in Buxton — in said District,  
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revo-  
lutionary War as follows, viz. as a private — in the company commanded by Capt.  
Bannister in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepherd —  
in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment, as is  
more particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration, made on the 13th  
day of April — A. D. 1810, and on which said declaration his Certificate of Pen-  
sion, numbered 15,247 — was granted. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident  
citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time  
by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby  
so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act  
to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the  
Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818: and that I have not, nor has any  
person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any  
income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed; that  
my occupation and ability to pursue the same, together with the number and other particulars of my  
family, are in fact and in truth as is particularly described on the back hereof, also subscribed by me.

Joshua Whitney

Sworn to and declared, on the eighth  
day of June A. D. 1820.

BEFORE

Albion K. Parris, U. S. District Judge for the  
District of Maine.

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 Buxton —  
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 K. 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  
weakness, all the time

NAMES.	AGES.	Capacity of each to contribute to their support.
<u>Mary a daughter</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>married &amp; with me part of the time</u>
<u>Huldah</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>able to support herself</u>
<u>Nancy</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>able to support herself</u>
<u>Almira</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>also able</u>

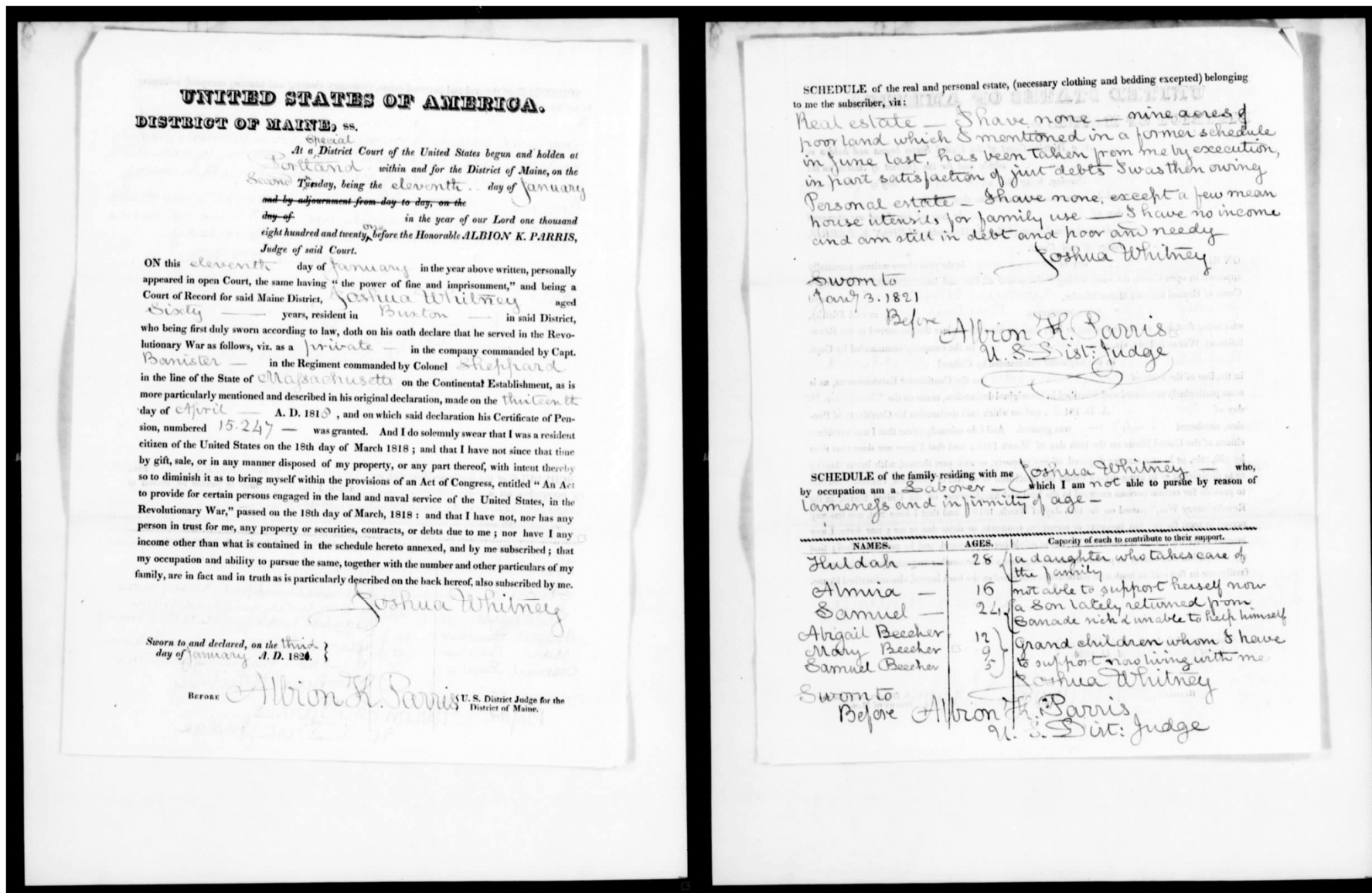
Joshua Whitney

Sworn to

Before

Albion K. Parris  
U. S. Dist. Judge

Pension S.37549



Pension S.37549



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  
& is in reduced circumstances in need of  
aid of assistance from his country for support  
in his old age.

John Burnell  
mark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Cumberland Co. June 9. 1818 Then before me the  
undersigned 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 foregoing  
affidavit by him signed by his oath of  
a witness in my presence

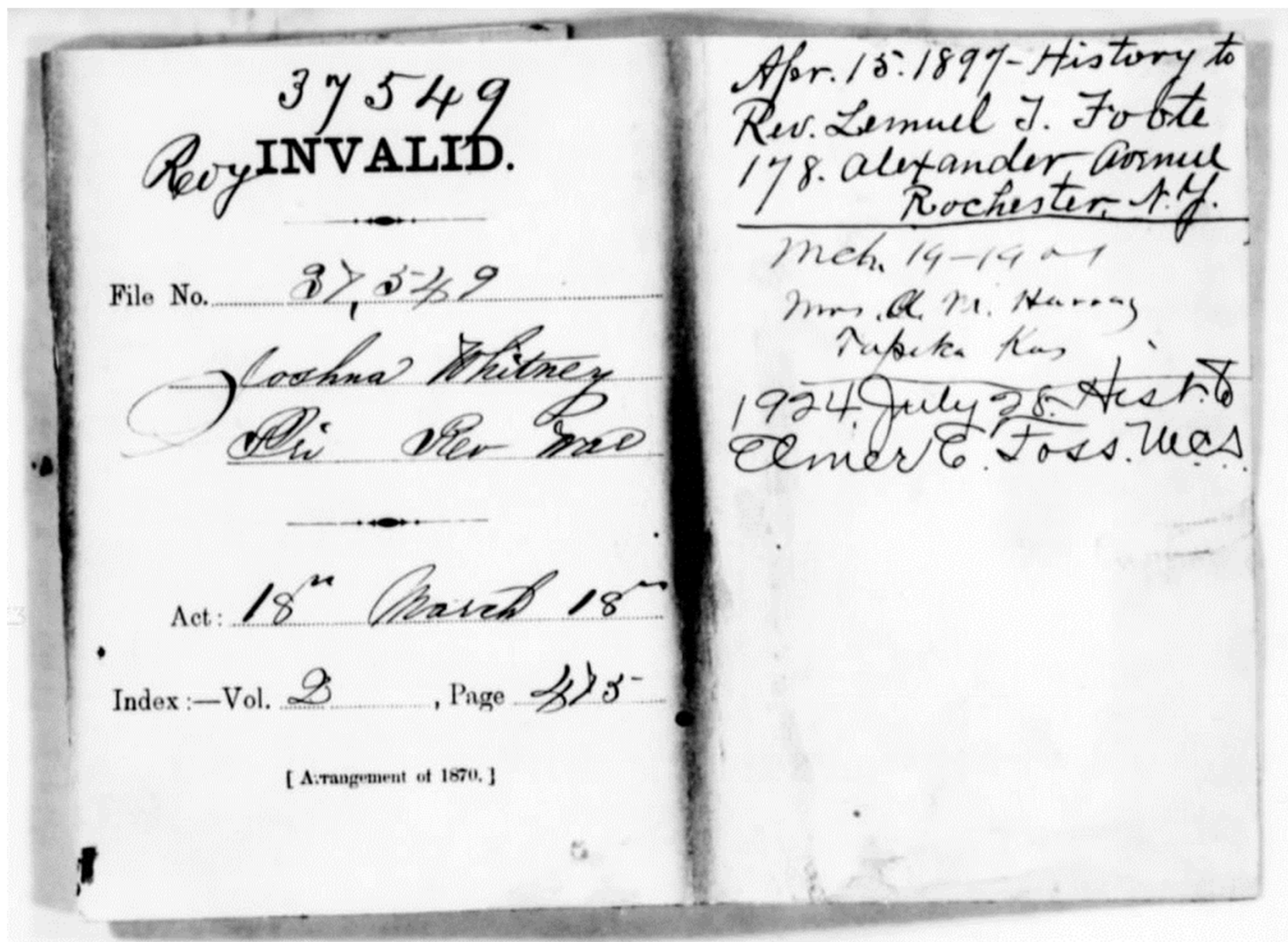
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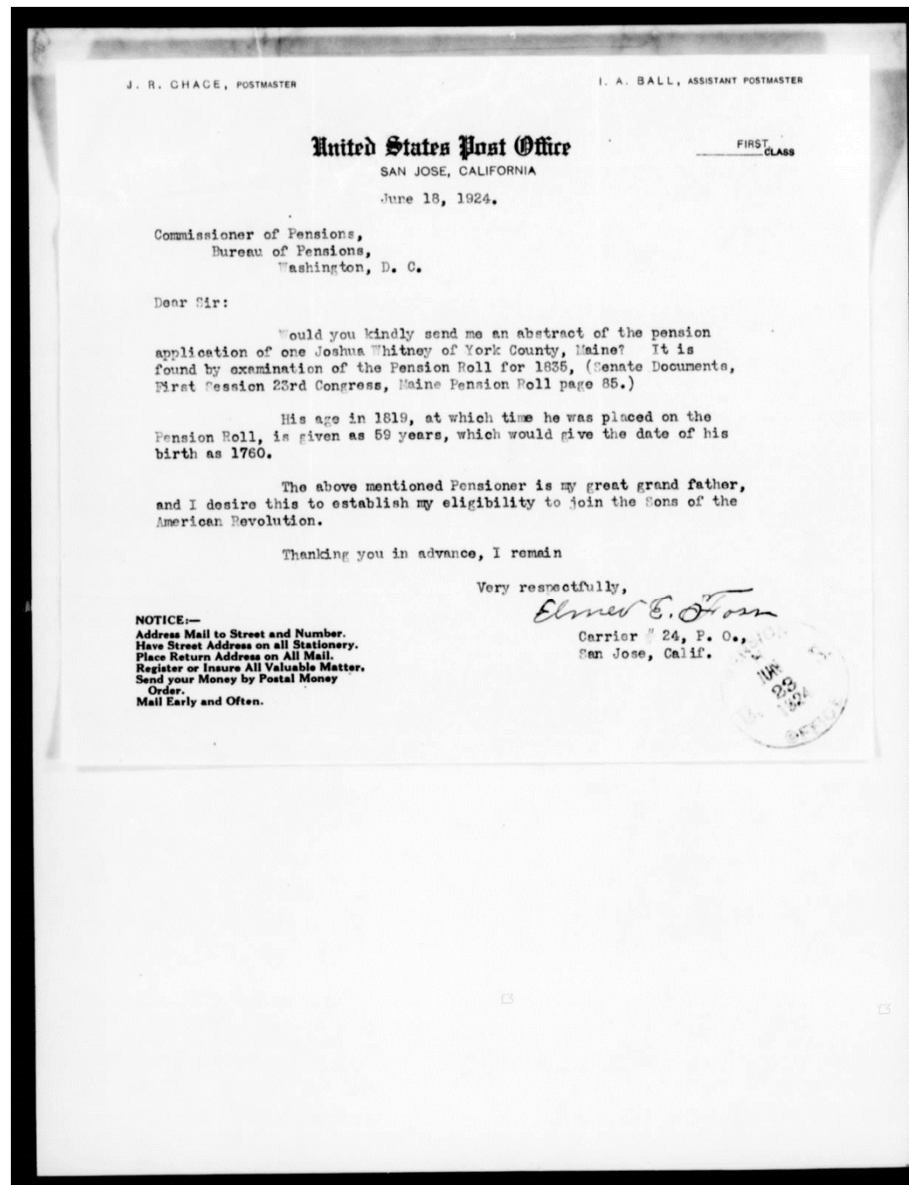


I John Kennerson of Dummer in the County of  
 Oxford in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. testify and  
 declare on oath that I was well acquainted with Joshua  
 Whitney now of Buxton in said Commonwealth, in the  
 revolutionary war - and knew him to be a soldier in said  
 War - from about May 1782 to October 1783 in the  
 Company of Capt. Barister, mostly composed by Lt. Selden  
 in the fourth Regiment commanded by Col. Shepard and  
 Lt. Col. Mullen in Gen. Pattersons Brigade Mass.  
 Line - I was for the above term of time a soldier  
 in the same company, with said Whitney and  
 know that he did perform the abovementioned  
 service in the war aforesaid. John Kennerson  
  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 County of Oxford Aug<sup>t</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1819 I then personally  
 appeared the above signed John Kennerson, who is a  
Credible Witness & man of veracity, and made oath  
 to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by him signed  
 before me *James Dana Just. P. am. Judge*  
*of Probate &c of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas*

Pension S.3759



Pension S.37549



Pension S.37549



# Analyzing the Pension papers

- Sort copies out in chronological order
- Make sure front and back is together
- Make another set of your copies and work with the original set only when needed.





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## United States Revolutionary War pension payment ledgers : COLLECTION RECORD, 1818-1872

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### Description

Images of pension payment ledgers created by the Treasury Department to record semiannual payments to veterans and widows of the Revolutionary War from 1818-1872. A few records for the War of 1812 are also included. A coverage table for localities and dates can be found under User Guidance. Click the Learn More link to access this table and more information regarding how to use this collection. This collection is from Record Group 217, Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, and is National Archive Microfilm publication T718.

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First Names

Joshua

Last Names

Whitney

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<a href="#">Joshua Whitney</a> Principal United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers, 1818-1872	death: 2 February 1835 military service: 4 March 1831 New Hampshire, United States		 
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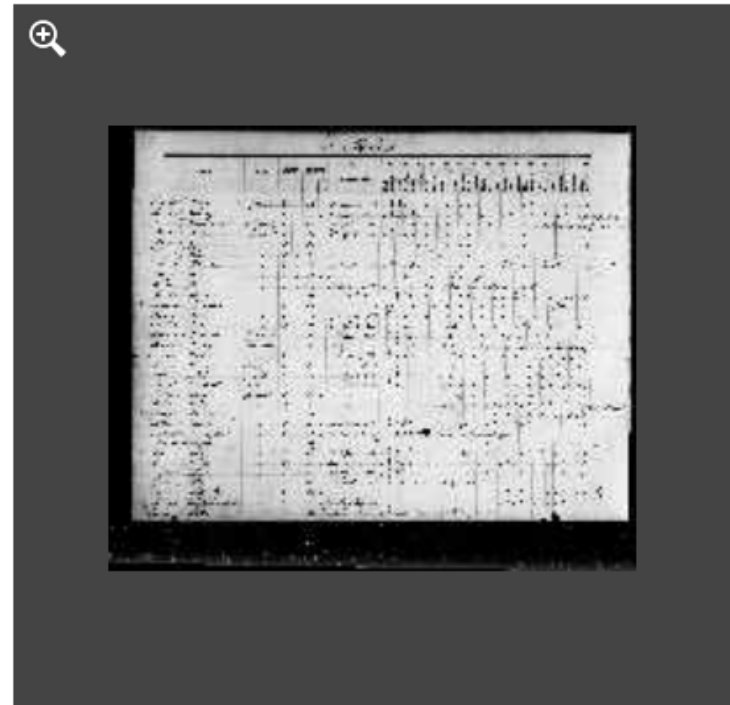
## Joshua Whitney

United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers,  
1818-1872

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Death Date:	25 Feb 1832 • <a href="#">Edit</a>



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Maine.

NAME.	RANK.	Monthly Allowance.	Allowance for 1-3 Year.	1800 AND COMMENCEMENT.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
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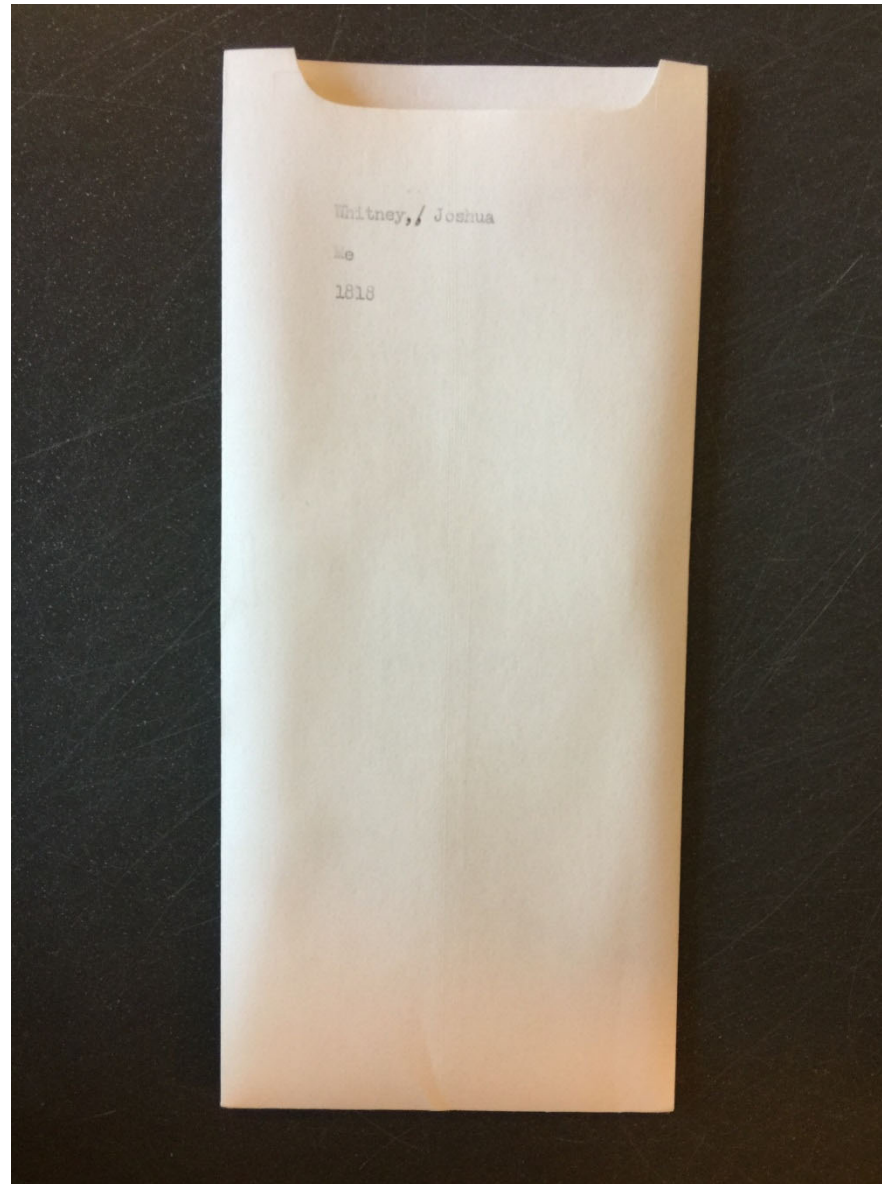
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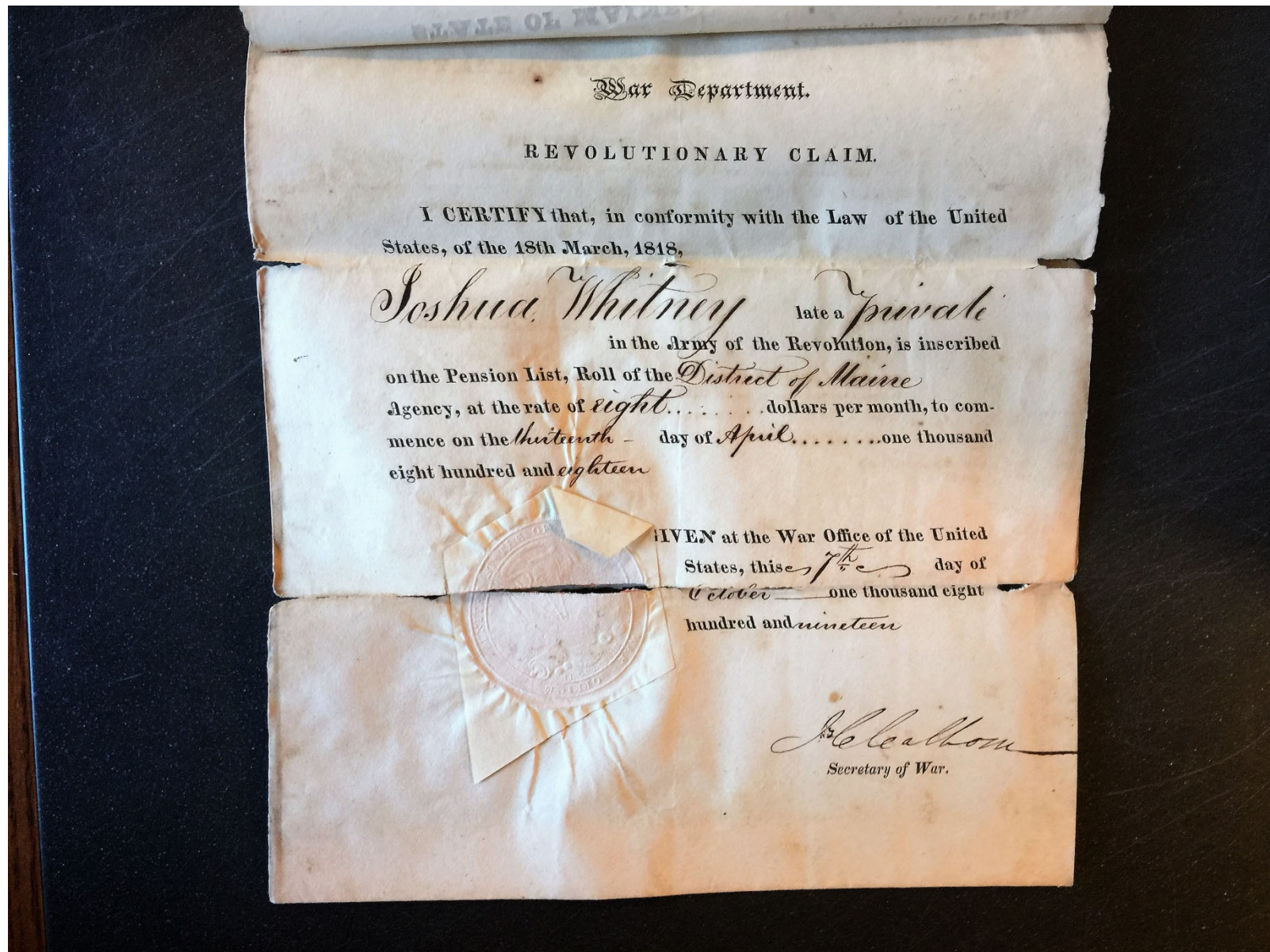
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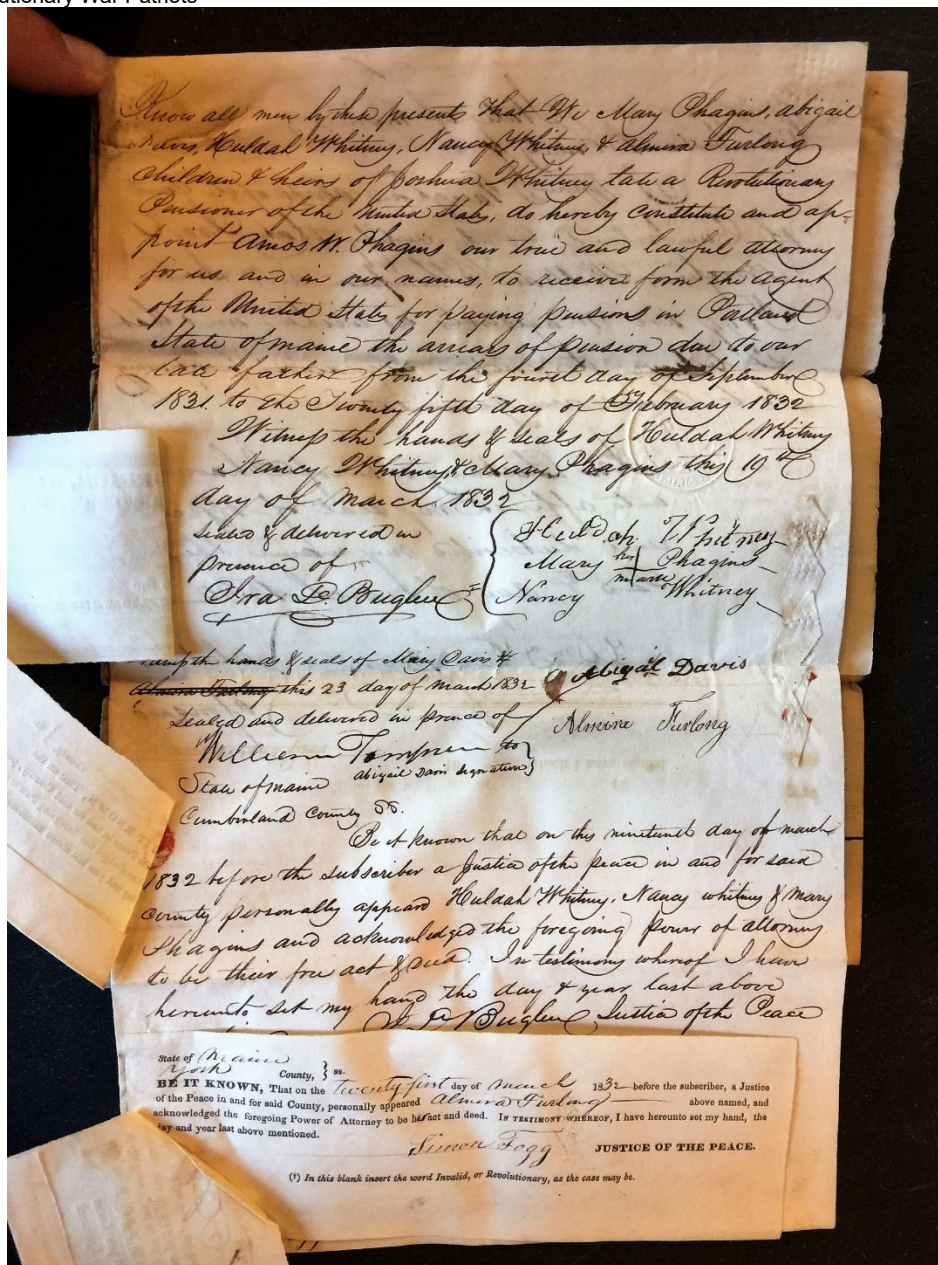


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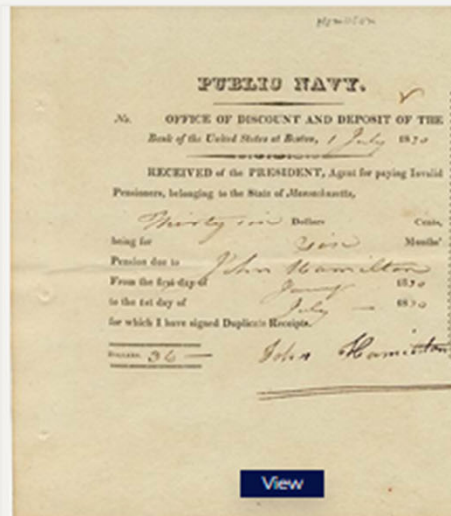
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
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
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






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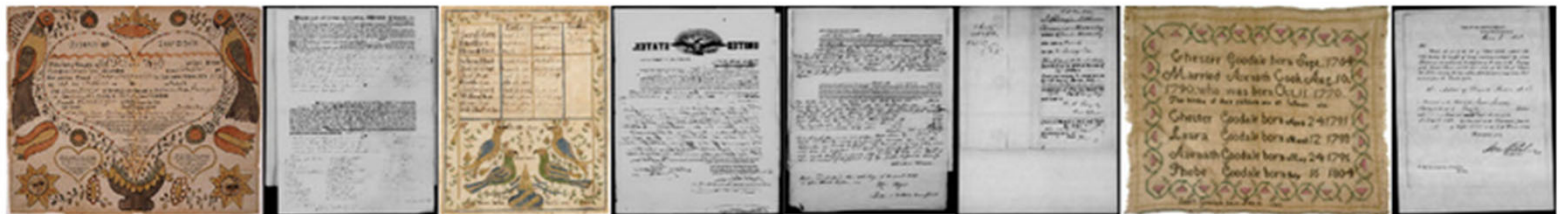
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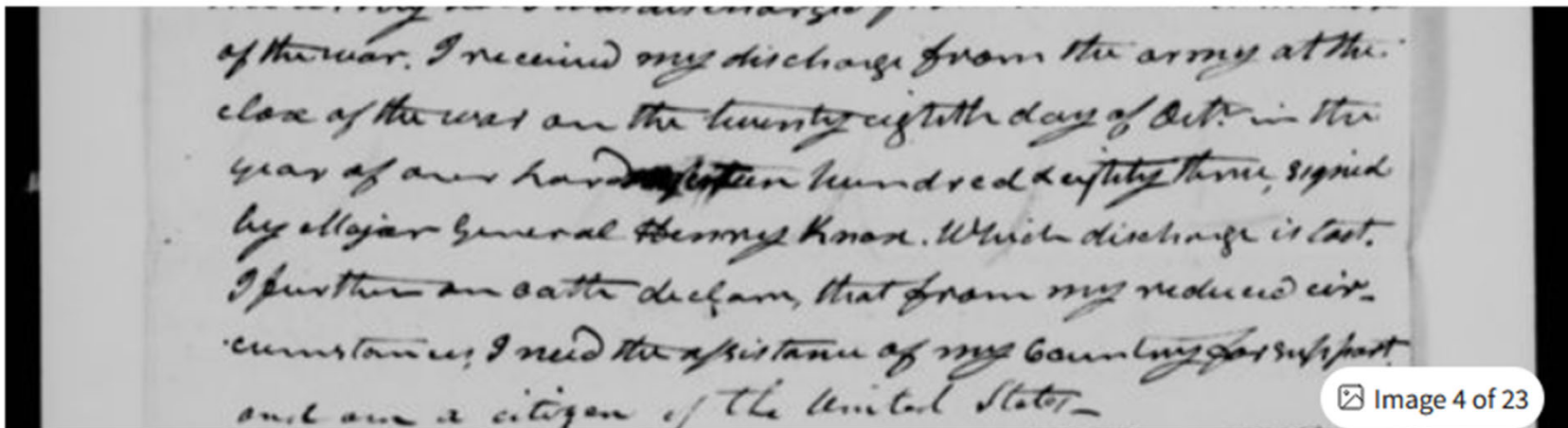



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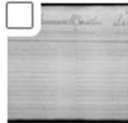
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Real estate I have none — nine acres of poor land which I mentioned in a former schedule in June last, has been taken from me by execution, in part satisfaction of just debts I was then owing.

Personal estate I have none, except a few mean house utensils for family use.

I have no more I am still in debt and poor and needy.

Sworn to Joshua Whitney  
Jan 7. 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 —

NAMES.	AGES.	Capacity of each to contribute to their support.
Huldah	28	a daughter who takes care of the family
Almira	16	not able to support herself now
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Abigail Beecher	12	Grand children whom I have to support now living with me.
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## Revolutionary War Pension



# The Last Pensioners of the Revolutionary War



Daniel F. Bakeman (1759-1869)



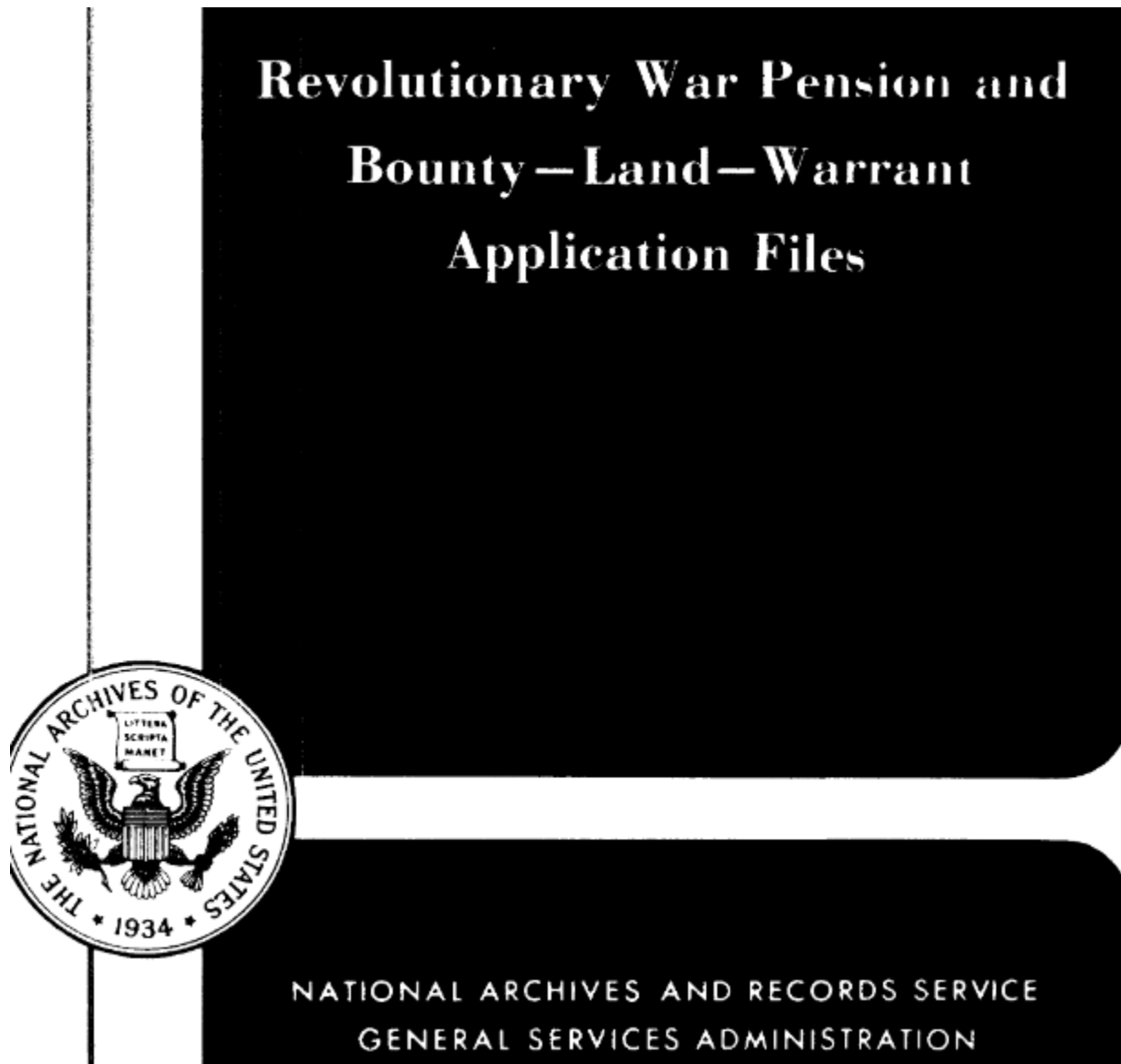
## DEATH OF WIDOW OF VETERAN OF 1776

RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Esther Sumner Damon, said to be the last surviving widow of a soldier of the Revolutionary war, died at her home in Plymouth Union at the age of 93 years. She was married in 1835 when she was 21 years old, to Noah Damon, who was then 75 years of age. Damon served in the Revolutionary war, having enlisted in 1775.

Esther (Sumner) Damon (1814-1906)



# Surprises in a Pension File



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# Journal of Thomas Grafton

21. JOURNAL OF THOMAS GRATON (file of Thomas Graton, W14824), 34 p., Aug. 1, 1767-Sept. 29, 1790 (roll 1110, frames 302-325).

Writing during and after the Revolutionary War, Graton began this autobiographical account with his birth and early years in Spencer and Leichester, Mass., then described his Revolutionary War service at such places as Ticonderoga, 1776; Bennington, Vt., 1777; Rhode Island, 1778; West Point, 1780; and Yorktown, 1781. The last portions of the journal contain information on Graton's business affairs (as a hoop wright), and his visits to nearby towns, several pages of comments on the weather for the period 1785-87, a listing of his tools (saw, hammer, files, etc.), and two pages entitled "some short account of the cost of Building Mr. Prouty's house" enumerating costs of materials and labor.



# Journals of Nahum Parker

30-34. JOURNALS OF NAHUM PARKER (file of Nahum Parker, S11200).

(30) 16 p., Apr. 29-July 10, 1777 (roll 1874, frames 370-378).

(31) 32 p., June 24-Oct. 19, 1777 (roll 1874, frames 379-395).

(32) 22 p., Apr. 1-June 31 [sic], 1778 (roll 1874, frames 396-407).

(33) 22 p., Oct. 7-Dec. 25, 1779 (roll 1874, frames 408-420).

(34) 29 p., July 3-Dec. 12, 1780 (roll 1874, frames 421-436).

Nahum Parker, a resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., was only 17 when he first enlisted in Massachusetts forces, and he eventually served about six different short-term enlistments. Parker did not participate in any major battles, so his journals are primarily noteworthy for the view they give of everyday army life and the personal development and attitudes of Parker himself. The first journal describes service in Providence, R.I., and Greenwich, Conn.; the second, Bennington and Stillwater, N.Y.; the third, Boston; the fourth, Providence, R.I.; and the fifth, West Point and Peekskill, N.Y., and Springfield, N.J.

Parker describes the weather, guard duty, marches, army morale, the poor quality of provisions, skirmishes with Tories, illnesses among the soldiers, and his own feelings about being in the army. An entry in the first journal describes his military service as "A Lazy Mery Life who wod [would] not be A Soldier," but entries in the last journal sound a note: "O that I was whare I should BE, at HOME." Several of the journals contain brief entries concerning civilian affairs that are dated considerably later than the date span indicated above.

# Diary of Hester Moxham

55. DIARY OF HESTER MOXHAM (file of Samuel Millington, W17145), 14 p., May 1826-Jan. 1837 (roll 1733, frames 590-597).

Hester Moxham's diary was submitted to the Pension Office by Samuel Millington's heirs because it recorded the date of Millington's widow's death. The brief entries in the diary record Hester Moxham's everyday activities, such as sewing, shopping, and attending schoolhouse meetings, as well as the illnesses, marriages, and other special events in the town of Johnsburgh, N.Y. In an affidavit that is also in the file, Hester Moxham stated that she kept a diary for nearly 30 years. The few pages in this pension file are only a small segment of that diary.

# Poetry in Pensions

38. **ORDERLY BOOK AND JOURNAL OF LEVI STEDMAN** (file of Levi Stedman, W19108), 42 p., July 4, 1775-Apr. 15, 1776 (roll 2276, frames 957-979).

The first nine pages of this book contain copies of orders issued by General Washington at Cambridge, Mass., in July 1775, and a copy of an estimate by the Continental Congress of the population of North America. The journal of Stedman's military service begins with July 13, 1775. He describes skirmishes with the British at Dorchester, Roxbury, and Boston Neck; the departure of the British from Boston; and ordinary events in camp. Also included are two contemporary poems on patriotic and romantic topics.



# Song Book of George Mason

27. SONG BOOK OF GEORGE MASON (file of George Mason, R7003), 62 p., 1776-1803 (roll 1645, frames 705-735).

There are a few accounts for such items as clothing in this small book, but most of it consists of 10 lengthy poems that apparently formed the lyrics for contemporary songs on patriotic and romantic topics. Included is "A New Song of Mountgomery Defeat at Qubeck"; a song about fighting tyrants; several songs about courtship and marriage; songs about girls named Polly, Peggy, and Nelly; and what may well be a British song about fighting foes in North America. Mason was a native of Maine, and he fought in Massachusetts forces during the Revolutionary War.

N. b.

Sell, Philip  
Dorothy

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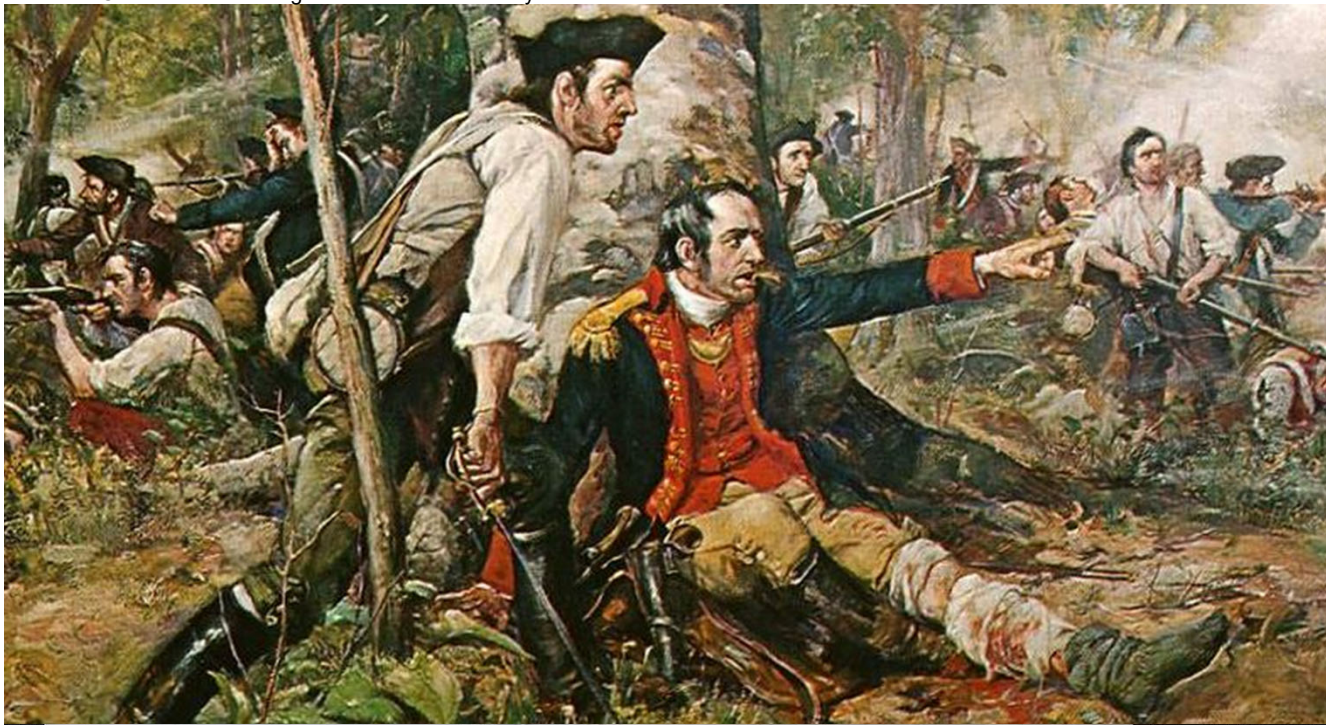
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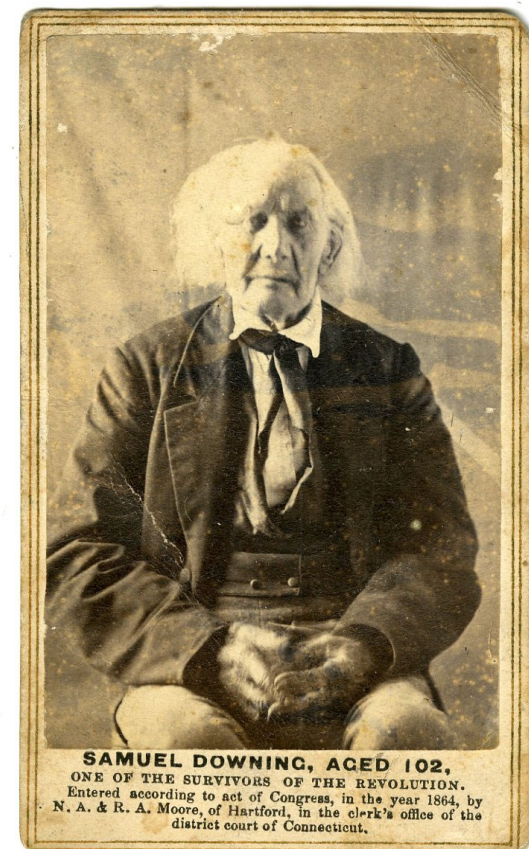
War Department.

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

I CERTIFY that, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 18th March, 1818,

*Joshua Whitney* late a *private*  
in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed  
on the Pension List, Roll of the *District of Maine*  
Agency, at the rate of *eight* . . . . . dollars per month, to com-  
mence on the *thirtieth* - day of *April* . . . . . one thousand  
eight hundred and *eighteen*

GIVEN at the War Office of the United States, this *7th* day of





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