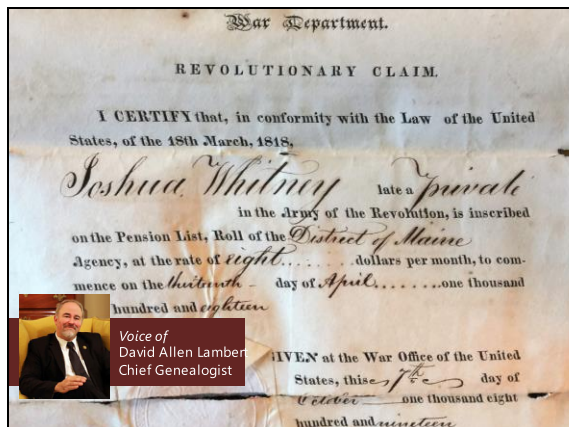








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Confirming your Veterans Identity

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.

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- **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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in the U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835

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- 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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1840 U.S. Census

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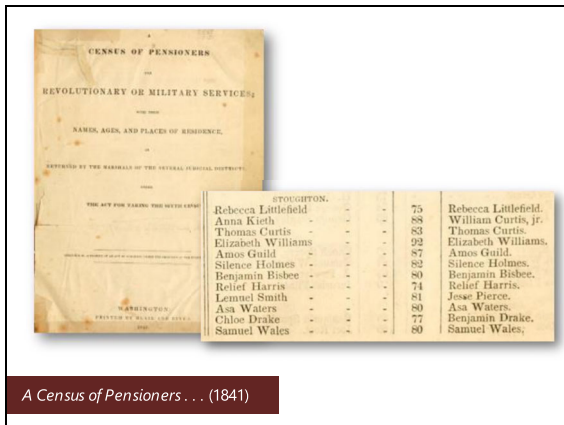
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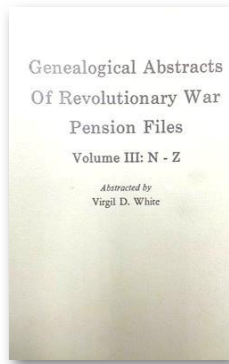
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Virgil White's Abstracts of Pensions

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 27 Sep 30 Mar 1816 at Addition in Addison Co. VT, in 1820 was aged 70 he stated he had 4 daughters
 living with him; Mary 34, Amy 27, Bulah 19 & Nancy aged 15, also a son George aged 13, and 2 sons
 1821 at Bridport VT

Josiah, Conn & MA Lines, Elicy, #3008, and a Elicy Sartwell 30 Oct 1794 both were of London in
 Addison Co NY, and Sept 21 1821 in Allegany Co NY a rem of like age, and had son at Worcester,
 Mass aged 8 Dec 1849 & his wife app 7 May 1850 at Pike which was then in Wyoming Co NY & she was
 age 23 yrs, and her husband was age 30 yrs.

Mary, born 1824 at New York City, died 13 Apr 1881 at Buxton in York Co MA (ME) aged 57, in 1820 had 4
 children at home; Bulah 28 who took care of the family, Almira 16, Samuel 24 who had 1 child
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Abstracts of Rev. Van Patten Files

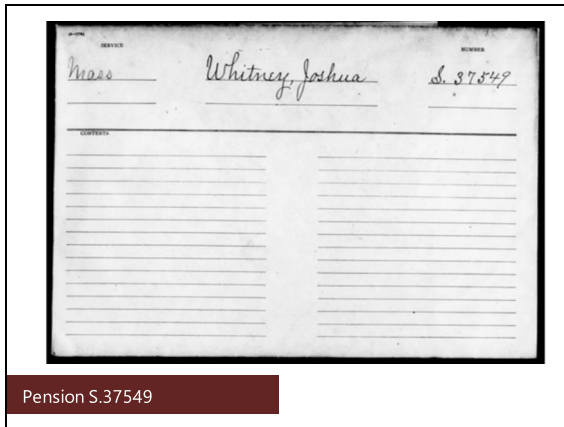
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Joshua Whitney – Maine Pensioner

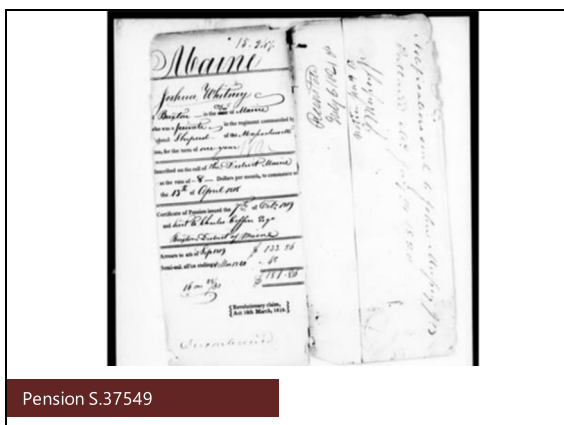
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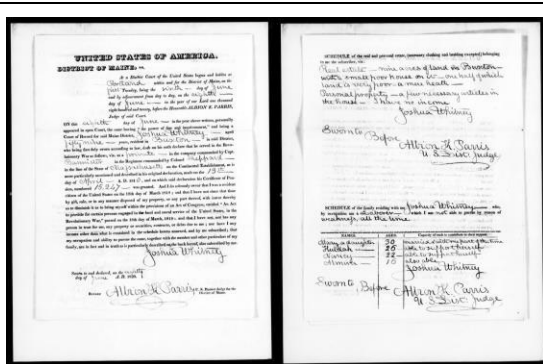
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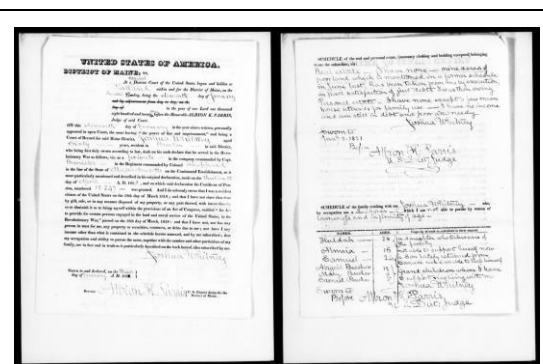
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the same, charged to said Prigade, I have no
doubt of his said Mottley having owned the same
either before or after that time to be proved
by the said Mottley, I have taken to the said Prigade
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the 14th day of June 1811
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Pension S.37549

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Pension S.37549

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Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Digital Images

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Digitized by FamilySearch International, 2012

References: (Film Collection) Ledgers of payments, 1818-1872, to U.S. pensioners, under Acts of 1818 through 1858, from records of the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury / United States. Department of the Treasury

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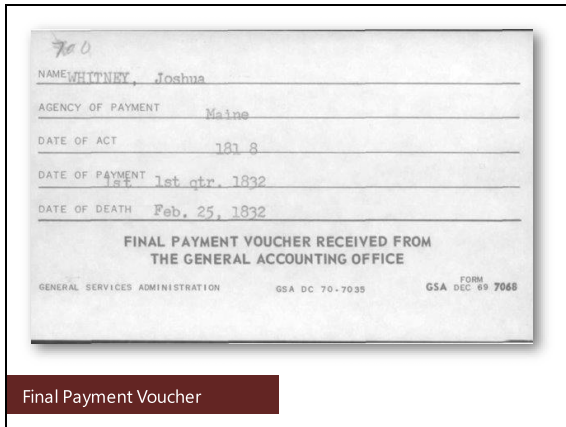
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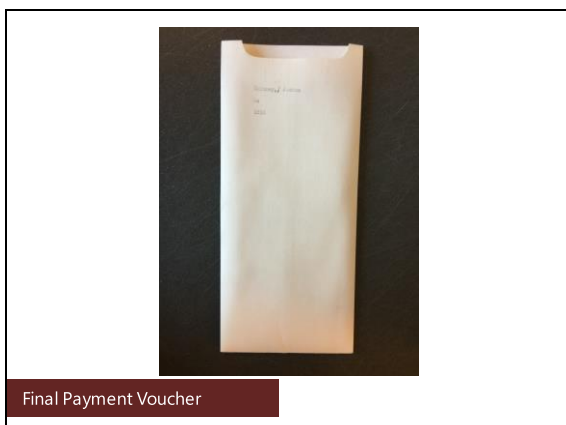


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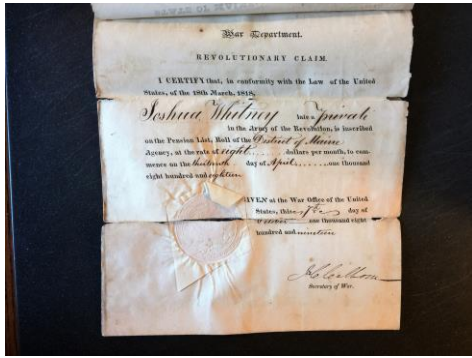


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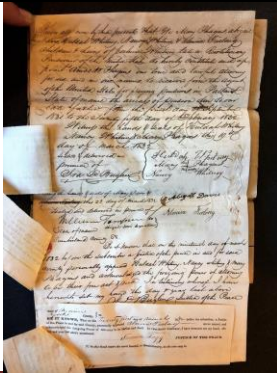


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Military Record: 96/1806-1807

Location:

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Amount: 24.00


RecordedYear: 1807

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No. 26 Commissioner's Office, March 1807

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Moses Smith

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Being for *Thirty six* Dollars

Paid to *John Hamilton*

From the first day of *July* 1830 to the 1st day of *July* 1830

for which I have signed Duplicate Receipts.

Witness *John Hamilton*

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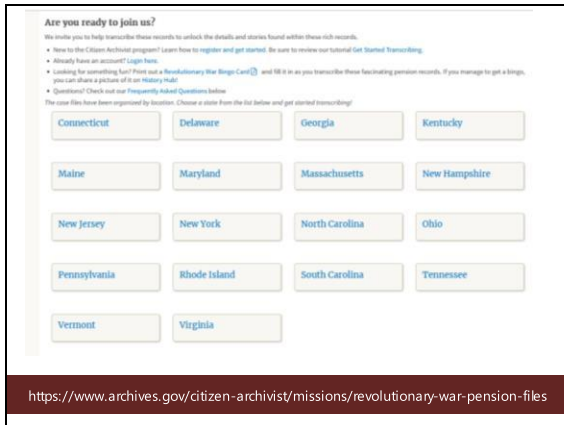
In celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence, the National Archives and the National Park Service are collaborating on a special project to transcribe Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, ca. 1800 - ca. 1863. These Revolutionary War Pension Files consist of applications and other records pertaining to claims for pensions and bounty land warrants.

These records may contain valuable details about Revolutionary War veterans and their families, such as birth, death, period of service, age, residence, date and place of marriage, and date and place of death of spouse. Also within these records, you may find copies of marriage or other family records, information pertaining to military activities or details about soldier's lives, along with letters, diaries, family trees, or even photographs.

Share the stories

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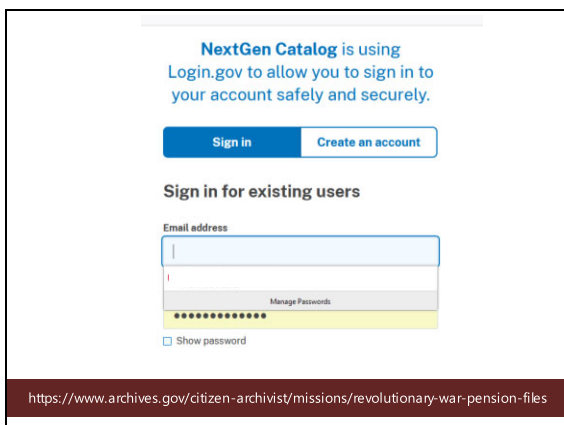
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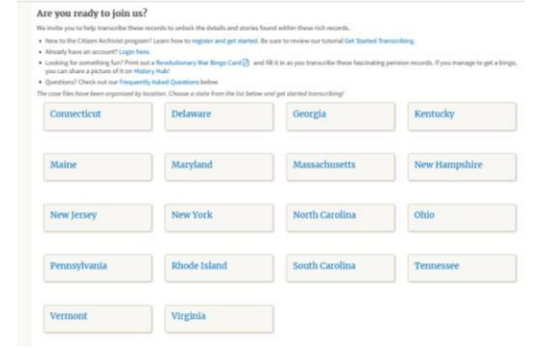
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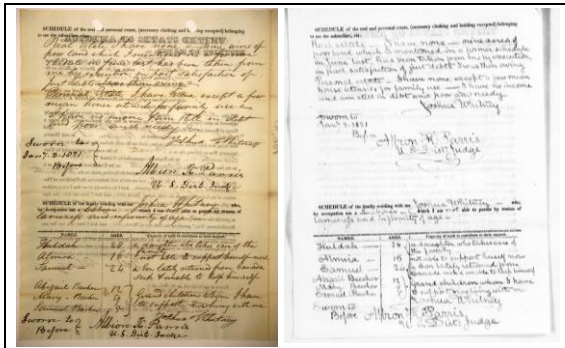
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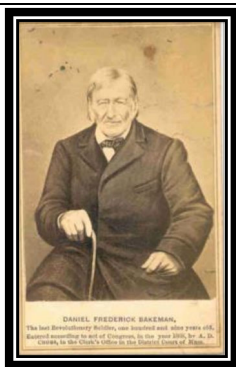
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Revolutionary War Pension

The Last Pensioners of the Revolutionary War



Daniel F. Bakeman (1759-1869)

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**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
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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 Leicheston, 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 woud [would] not be A Soldier," but entries in the last journal sound a note: "O that I was where 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.

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Poetry in Pensions

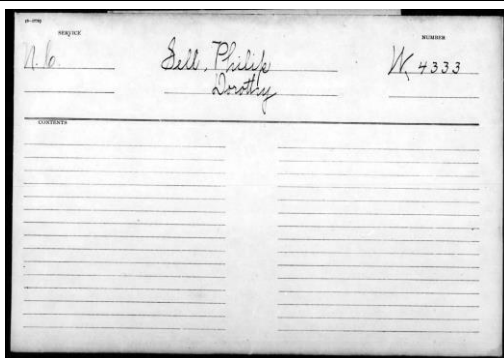
38. ORDERLY BOOK AND JOURNAL OF LEVI STEDMAN (file of Levi Stedman, W19108), 42 p., July 4, 1775-Apr. 15, 1776 (roll 2276, frames 957-979).

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 Montgomery Defeat at Oubek"; 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.

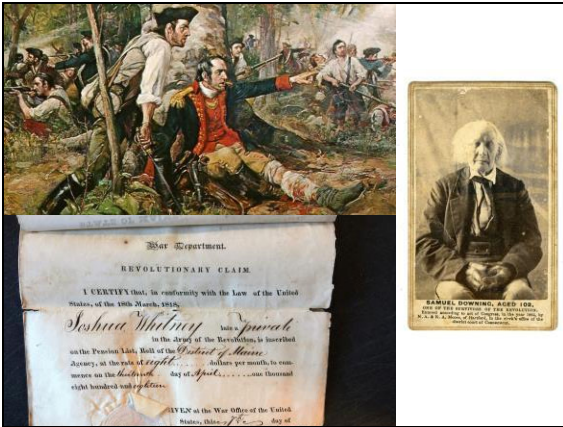


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