



SIXTH REGIMENT, "CONNECTICUT LINE."
FORMATION OF 1777-1781.

- [Regiment rolled up "Continental Line" of '77 to continue through the war. . . . Battered militia in New Haven Ct., underwent at New Haven West into camp at Putnam in August of '77. . . . In frequent detachments expeditions or sent duty on the lower Kings River. Served in Aug.-Oct. on the Hudson, in Purcots' Brigade, under Putnam, and engaged in all movements made in consequence of enemy's move from Ft. Mifflin, etc., on Oct. 10-18, '77. Wintered '77-78 at West Point, and assisted in constructing permanent works there; also, "McCook's" Co., in March-April, '78, at Fort Mifflin, Pa.; and in May-June, '78, at Fort Mifflin, Pa. On July 1st, 1878, Washington, at White Plains. Wintered '78-79 at Red Bank. In operations of '79 served with Conn. Division on east side of Hudson in Heston's wing; in Light Co., under Capt. Champion, detached to Heston's Light Boat, and engaged at storming of Stony Point July 15, 1879. Detached '79 at Montross Island, N. J., and in movements of '80 served with the Division on both sides of Hudson. On recovery of "Armistice" at Fort Mifflin, Pa., in April-May, '80, was employed as quartermaster, and saw service in several parts of the army. Wintered '80-'81 at camp "Connecticut Village," near the Robinson House, opposite West Point, and there came

A black and white photograph showing a stone building with a white window shutter. In the foreground, there is a large tree and a small wooden structure, possibly a well or a small shed, with a white wheel. The scene is set in a grassy area with trees in the background.

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Muster Rolls

- Just because a soldier is listed as part of a regiment or company, there is always more to the story
- Never Assume
- Transcribed rolls don't always include remarks

BENJAMIN HUNGERFORD

QUALIFICATION: Died in Service

MILITARY ABSTRACT: 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Connecticut Continental Regiment, 1 May 1775; Placed on Sick List, 29 Aug. 1775; Died, 4 Sept. 1775.¹

REFTS: Bristol, Hartford County, Connecticut May 1741, son of Benjamin Hungerford and Innisa Richardson; Benjamin and Innisa were first cousins.

REMARKS: Connecticut Index 1773 to **KEVIN KEVIN WALKER** who was baptized Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut 8 Nov. 1743, daughter of Peter Walker and Ann Connecticut 9 Nov. 1818 at the age of 75.²

DEATH: Woodbury 4 Sept. 1775, at the age of 34.³

CHILDREN: All born at Woodbury.⁴

1. Benjamin Hungerford, b. 1775, d. Bristol 4 March 1818, at the age of 43, in Bristol 18 Jan. 1790, Zarnett/Zarnett/Zarn Nether, in Huntington, Hartford Co., CT, 1775, dau. of David Nether and Sarah Foster, d. Bristol 3 Nov. 1847.

2. Kevin (Hungerford), b. 1775, d. 4 June 1783.

3. Francis Bernard Thomas, Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1784 (Washington, D.C.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1912), 266; David Walker, Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1784 (Washington, D.C.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1912), 266; David Walker, Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1784 (Washington, D.C.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1912), 266.

4. Philip Cook, Address and General for Thomas Hungerford of Hartford and New London, Conn. and his descendants in America (Hartford, CT: J. P. Cook, 1852), 18, 20, 21, 22.

5. Sarah Walker was child of Peter Walker (1740-1818), an original member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and his wife, Ann (Hungerford) (1743-1818), a Qualified Proprietor of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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Example Biography

Benjamin Hungerford

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: Born in May 1741, Benjamin Hungerford was the sixth child born to Benjamin Hungerford and Innisa Richardson. Of his two siblings, only Benjamin Hungerford and his brother Stephen were active in the military during the Revolution. Stephen Hungerford briefly served as a Private in Captain John's Militia Light Horse Company in Major John Skinner's State Regiment. Sometime prior to the year 1775, Benjamin Hungerford married Sarah Walker. Together they had four children.

Benjamin Hungerford was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant 1 May 1775, serving under Colonel Benjamin Heman in the 1st Company of the 4th Connecticut Continental Regiment. As one of the earliest regiments raised following the Lexington Alarm, the 4th Regiment was quickly ordered into Connecticut to defend its north coast in Fort Griswold. On 26 and 27 May 1775, Patriot troops led a successful surprise attack on Fort Griswold and captured the fort from the British. The 4th Regiment was ordered to join the Patriot forces stationed there to help secure the post against an expected British response. After receiving their ammunition in June 1775, Colonel Benjamin Heman took command of the fort until General Philip Schuyler could arrive.

The regiment continued to serve in the Northern Department until the expiration of its term of service in Dec. 1775. The 4th Regiment, like many other regiments stationed in the Northern Department, was plagued with sickness in the fall of 1775. Lieutenant Benjamin Hungerford fell ill and was placed on the sick list 28 Aug. 1775. He was immediately sent home and succumbed to his illness at his home 4 Sept. 1775.¹ Benjamin Hungerford was survived by his wife Sarah and his two young children Benjamin and Kevin. He was buried in North Cemetery at Woodbury.

His grave is located in the cemetery, under the monument of his father, Benjamin Hungerford, who died Sept. 4th, 1775 in his 34th year. In him the Patriot and the Revolutionary War soldier are united. The warrior's prowess with good sense combined. His country's wrongs provided his ready aid, his love the virtue and the public good. His noble breast undaunted courage bore. His stern command him and his friends address. — (transcribed undecipherable)



Benjamin Hungerford, 4th Connecticut Continental Regiment, 1 May 1775. (Image by Kevin Walker, 1801)

¹ Benjamin Hungerford was 1741, there is no further mention of a Kevin Hungerford in the records of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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Utilizing Context

Continued from BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: BIRTH AND YOUTH

Fifteen years after his enlistment in the French and Indian War, Orlando Mack was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 8th Connecticut Continental Regiment 1 Jan. 1777 and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 16 Feb. 1778.¹ Although both Heitman and Johnston assert that his promotion to 1st Lieutenant was 16 Feb. 1777, his 8th Regiment service file clearly shows that promotion did not occur until 16 Feb. 1778.²

After going into the field at Peekskill, New York in the spring of 1777, the regiment was ordered in Sept. 1777 to march to Pennsylvania to serve under Major General Alexander McDougall.³ On 4 Oct. 1777, Lieutenant Mack was with the regiment when it fought at the Battle of Germantown. After enduring the harsh winter at Valley Forge, he and the regiment engaged at the Battle of Monmouth 28 June 1778.⁴ Orlando Mack may have suffered at least some injury or illness during his service in the 8th Regiment. On his muster roll and for 4 Dec. 1777, he was marked "sick absent" and placed "on furlough" 3 Oct. 1778, remaining on furlough until his official discharge date of 15 Nov. 1778.⁵

Effective 15 Nov. 1778, Mack was one of the officers declared supernumerary and honorably discharged, likely due at least in part to his advanced age of 54 years as well as possibly being sick.⁶ After the war, he moved to Harpersfield where he can be found in the 1800 Federal Census and where his estate was probated starting 28 April 1803.⁷ Lieutenant Orlando Mack is a Qualified Propositus because he was declared supernumerary and was honorably discharged pursuant to an Act of Congress.

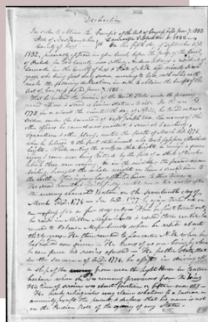
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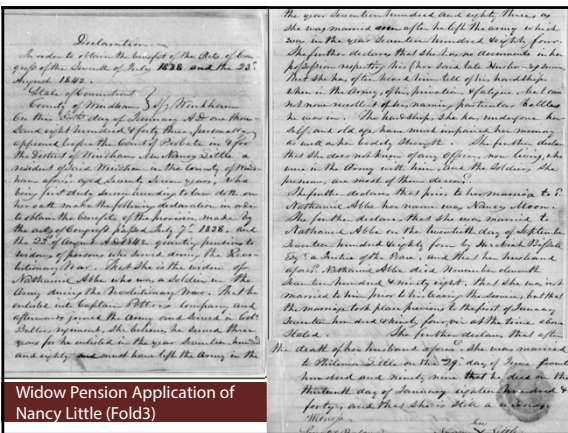
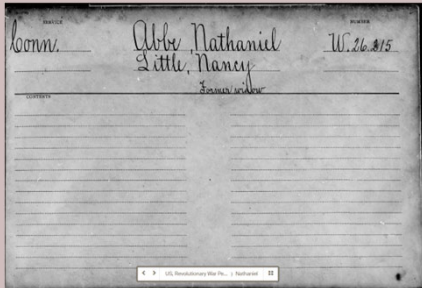
- Explains post-Revolution migrations
- Paperwork can provide details
- Rank
- Many applications have been lost or destroyed

Pension Records

- Verify the declarations
- Identify any family members
 - Include name changes, marriages, grandchildren, ages
- Look into affidavits made by fellow soldiers
- Literacy
- Add information to your timeline

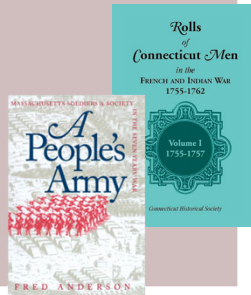


Widow's Pension Records



Prior and Future Service

- French and Indian War
- Militia/Trainband Service
- War of 1812
- United States Army or Navy



Researching the Individual

- Remember that your ancestor was more than just a soldier
- Their service would have affected their lives after the war
- Compare the military records to the vital records to ensure you have the right person

THOMAS PHELPS

QUALIFICATION: Three Campaigns

MILITARY ABSTRACT: Prior Service: Sergeant, 2nd Connecticut Continental Regiment, 4 May 1775 - 4 Nov. 1775; Qualifying Service: Ensign, 2nd Connecticut Continental Regiment, 9 Nov. 1775 - 31 Dec. 1776; Lieutenant, Captain, Indian Detachment, Auxiliary Artillery Regiment, 24 July 1777; Resigned, 1 May 1778.

MILITARY RECORD: Hartford County Connecticut 17 July 1775, son of Thomas Phelps and Margaret Watson. Margaret Watson was a daughter of John Watson and Sarah Smith. Through his mother, Lieutenant Thomas Phelps was a first cousin of Captain James Watson (1748-1808), an Original Member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, and a first cousin of Captain Titus Watson (1743-1820), a Qualified Proprietor of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati under the Rule of 1854.

MARRIAGE: Simsbury, Hartford County to DOROTHY LANE WOODBRIDGE, who was born at Simsbury 13 Nov. 1745, daughter of Haynes Woodbridge and Elizabeth Griswold, and died Simsbury 1750, at the age of 84; Dorothy

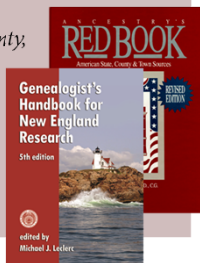
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American War (Shelton, Conn.: Connecticut Adjutant General's Office, Commission General, 1880, 45, 90 Series; Revised Edition, Historical Register of the Connecticut Adjutant General, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 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Vital Records

- Birth, marriage, and death Records
- Often provide the names of the individual's parents and/or spouse
- Depending on the state, records may be held on the state, county, and/or town/city level
- These facts will be the building stones of your research

Vital Records: Resources

- *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 5th ed. (NEHGS, 2012)
- *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*, 3rd ed. (Ancestry Publishing, 2004)
- *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. (Ancestry Publishing, 2006)

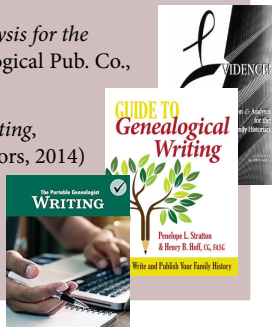


Tip

Cite as you write!

Citations and Footnotes

- *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* (Genealogical Pub. Co., 1997)
- *Guide to Genealogical Writing*, 3rd ed. (American Ancestors, 2014)
- *The Portable Genealogist: Writing* (American Ancestors, 2017)



Alternative Vital Records

Bible Records

- Rare, but helpful
- Maintained by local historical societies, archives, or genealogical society (American Ancestors)



Town/State Records

- What positions did your ancestor hold
 - Representative
 - Judge
 - Surveyor
- Declarations to the General Assembly

Upon the Petition of James Church of Hartford bearing Date the 19th Day of May 1786, against his Creditors, Shewing to this Assembly that by means of many great and Heavy Losses and misfortunes in the Course of Trade the said War* he is greatly reduced and embarrassed in his Circumstances and become unable to pay all his Just Debts that he is advanced in Years and of a weakly infirm Constitution of Body and desirous that equal Justice might take Place amongst his Creditors as far as is in his Power, and is willing to resign up into the Hands of Trustees upon Oath all his Estate both real and personal to be disposed of for the Benefit of his Creditors except his own and his Wife's wearing Apparel and their Household Furniture, and praying that thereupon he may be exonerated and discharged from all his Debts contracted before the Date of his Petition, and it appearing to this Assembly that the Facts stated in said Petition are true and more than four-fifths of his Creditors in number and value having requested the same by a Writing under their Hands and submitted to this Assembly.

Whereupon it is Enacted and Resolved by this Assembly that upon said James Church's, delivering upon Oath and assigning unto Messrs Richard Abner Daniel Pickin and William Adams who are hereby appointed Trustees to receive the same all his Property both real and Personal except his own and his Wife's wearing Apparel and their Household Furniture for the Use and Benefit of his Creditors, and obtaining from said Trustees a Certificate of his having so done said James Church his Person and Property shall be by force of this Act exonerated and discharged from all Attachments Executions and Suits in Law or Equity for and on Account of any Debt or Debts Contracted before the Date of his said Petition, and said Trustees are hereby directed and Impowered to warn a Meeting of said Creditors to be held at the House of Mr David Bull in said Hartford on the 29th of July next, by advertising the same in the several News Papers in this State three Weeks successively twenty Days before the Time of said Meeting, and said Creditors, or a Major part of them present at said Meeting may displace any or all of said Trustees and appoint others in their stead.

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Census Records (Federal and State)

- U.S. Federal Census available 1790–1940
- Before 1850, U.S. Federal Census did not name each member of household
- Online resources:
 - AmericanAncestors.org
 - familysearch.org
 - fold3.com
 - ancestry.com

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
James Church	45	M	Farmer
Richard Church	20	M	Farmer
Abner Church	15	M	Farmer
Daniel Church	10	M	Farmer
William Church	5	M	Farmer
Adams Church	2	M	Farmer

Cemetery Records and Inscriptions

- Look for clear photos
- Be careful of inscriptions without any photo
- Online resources:
 - findagrave.com
 - billiongraves.com
 - interment.net
 - locateagrave.org
- Do not rely on military markers



Mismarked Graves



Gravestone of Captain Simon Gross (Lebanon, Conn.)

SIMON GROSS

QUALIFICATION: Rule of 1854

MILITARY ABSTRACT: 2nd or 3rd Lieutenant, Continental Frigate *Boston*, 12 Oct. 1776; taken prisoner, 9 July 1777; exchanged, 24 Jan. 1778; Lieutenant, Continental Frigate *Confederacy*, by 30 Oct. 1778; taken prisoner, 14 April 1781; released, summer or fall 1781; Subsequent Service: Captain, Revenue-Marine cutter *Active*, Jan. 1791; resigned, July 1792, succeeded by Captain David Porter; 1st Lieutenant, United States Frigate *Constellation*, 30 Aug. 1797; resigned or discharged, May 1798.¹

BIRTH: His birth and parentage are unclear.²

MARRIAGE: Conjectural: (1) possibly Baltimore, Md. 14 Aug. 1787 to **MARY LEWIS**, whose birth is unknown, died before 1798; (2) possibly Baltimore 22 Jan. 1798 to **ANN JOB ALLISON**, whose birth and death are unknown.³ Given the uncertainty of his birth and parentage, these marriages are speculative.

DEATH: After 1803.⁴

Tip

Include explanation of discrepancies found in documents

- Baptisms, marriages, confirmations, burials
- To find, identify your ancestor's religion and church
- Sources:
 - Church archives
 - American Ancestors Library
 - *AmericanAncestors.org*
 - *familysearch.org*

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- May identify relationship between grantor (seller) and grantee (purchaser)
- Adds to the timeline
- Sources:
 - American Ancestors Library
 - *familysearch.org*
 - Family History Library

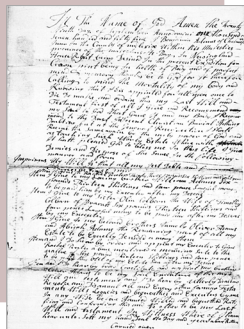
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- Be cautious and critical
- Helpful for pioneers
- Online resources:
 - *archive.org*
 - *books.google.com*
 - *books.familysearch.org*

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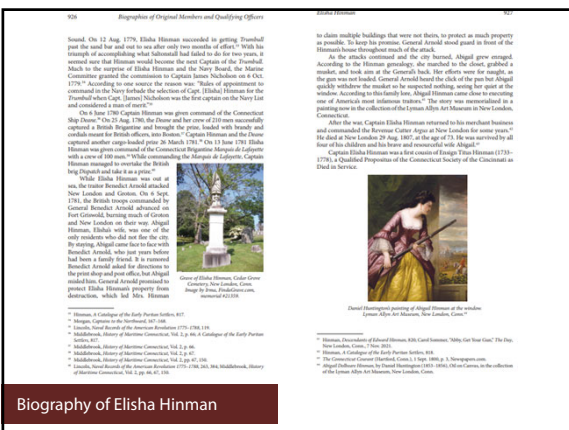
Probate Records

- Identify heirs: spouse, children, grandchildren, and siblings
- May include death information
- Sources:
 - American Ancestors Library
 - *AmericanAncestors.org*
 - *familysearch.org*
 - Family History Library



Tip

Take note of vital records for siblings and spouses



Artifacts

- Mementos left by your ancestor can add more than you might think
- Weapons, badges, original commissions, clothing, personal effects



Stitched Pocketbook and Powder Horn, Museum of the American Revolution

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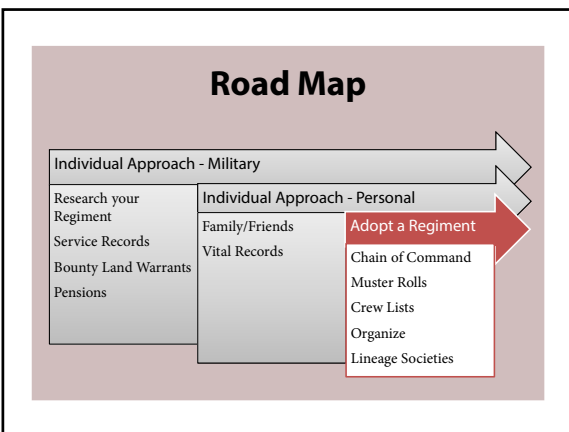
Newspapers

DESERTED from Capt. William Richards's Company in Col. Huntington's Regiment, a Soldier, who calls himself Christopher Sherman, of North Kingdon in the State of Rhode-Island; he is 5 Feet 7 Inches high, has blue Eyes, short light Hair, light Complexion, a pretty well set Man; he enlisted January the 9th 1777, and went towards New-London. Whoever will apprehend said Defector, and secure him in any Goal in the United States, and notify the Subscriber, at Say-Brook, shall receive five Dollars Reward, and all necessary Charges.

HENRY HILL, Lieut.

Connecticut Gazette, 11 April 1777





When the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati was formed in May 1783, Eberetzer joined as an Original Member, along with his elder brother General Jedediah Huntington.¹⁰ Not only were the brothers Original Members, but both were among the founding members of the Society, as Jedediah Huntington was the first to sign the Connecticut Society's copy of the Institution, and Eberetzer Huntington was the third. On 4 July 1783, Eberetzer Huntington was elected Treasurer of the Connecticut Society and his brother Jedediah was named President.

After his celebrated service in the Revolution, Eberetzer Huntington was named Adjutant General of the Connecticut Militia in 1792 by his cousin Governor Samuel Huntington and held that post until 1823.¹¹ He was also appointed Brigadier General in the United States Army 19 July 1798 and was honorably discharged two years later on 15 June 1800.¹²

On 13 Oct. 1798, Eberetzer Huntington was granted a land bounty warrant for 450 acres based on his Revolutionary War service as a Lieutenant Colonel.¹³ On 4 May 1816, he applied for a pension based on his Revolutionary War service and it was approved at the rate of \$20 per month.¹⁴ At some later point, perhaps because Lieutenant Colonel Huntington had too many assets, it appears that his pension benefits were halved because in Aug. 1824 he applied for his pension based on his Revolutionary War service.¹⁵

Outside of his military career, Eberetzer Huntington maintained an active job from his home in Norwich. He worked as a businessman and was heavily involved in public works. He was one of the driving forces supporting the development of the turnpike from Norwich to New London in 1796, as well as the establishment of the first insurance company at Norwich in 1794 and its first bank in 1796. He served as the bank president for many years.¹⁶ He also served as a Representative in Congress for the first three months in 1810 and then a full term 1817-1819.¹⁷

Eberetzer Huntington married Sarah Brown to Eberetzer Huntington could also see her on 2 June 1793, but just months later, Sarah died 3 Dec. 1793.¹⁸ Almost two years after the death of his first wife, he remarried 7 Oct. 1795. With his second wife Lucretia Mary McCulloch, he had three sons and six daughters.¹⁹ His wife Lucretia died 5 Nov. 1819 in her 47th year.²⁰ Eberetzer Huntington died 17 June 1834 at the age of 79²¹ and was survived by all of his six children.

Lieutenant Colonel Eberetzer Huntington's father Colonel Jabez Huntington (1719-1780) is a Qualified Proprietor of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati as Perpetually Incapacitated. His half-brother General Jedediah Huntington (1742-1814) was an Original Member of the Connecticut Society and his half-brother Commissioner Andrew Huntington (1745-1824) was a Qualified Proprietor of the Connecticut Society under the Rule of 1834. His sister Elizabeth Huntington (1757-1834) married Colonel John Chester (1748-1809), an Original Member of the Connecticut Society. His aunt Lydia Huntington (1727-1798) was the mother of Captain Graham Bell (1757-1813), an Original Member of the Connecticut Society, and Lieutenant Ephraim Bell (1759-1780), a Qualified Proprietor of the Connecticut Society as Died in Service.

¹⁰ Herman, *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army*, 318; *Biography, Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, 106; *Johnson, Life and War Honor Roll*, 318; *Caulkins, History of Norwich*, 418; *Gilman, A Historical Dictionary*, 43-44.

¹¹ *Connecticut Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College*, Vol. 32, p. 346; John Trumbull's painting is on display in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C.; "Survivors of Land Comrades," Wikipedia.org.

¹² *Johnson, Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, 318; *Herman, Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army*, 318.

¹³ *Johnson, Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, 318.

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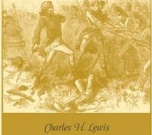
Adopt the Regiment

What Makes This Different

- Adopting the Regiment allows a researcher to learn more about the regiment itself and possibly more about your ancestor
- Your ancestor is just a small piece of the puzzle, and widening your lens will allow you to understand more

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Colonel Jedediah Huntington's
17th Continental (Conn.) Regiment
at the Battle of Long Island
August 27, 1776



Where to Begin

- Start with what you know
 - State, Regiment, Company, Ship, etc.



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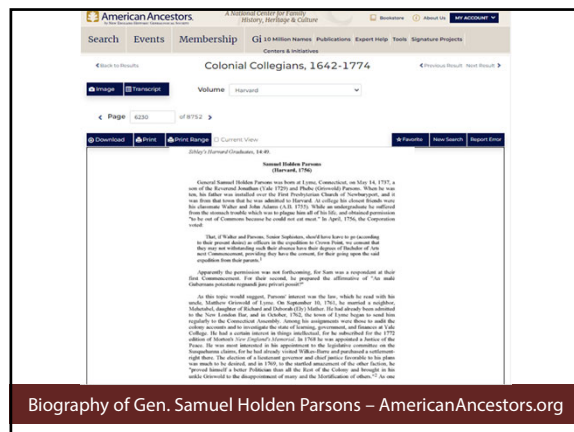


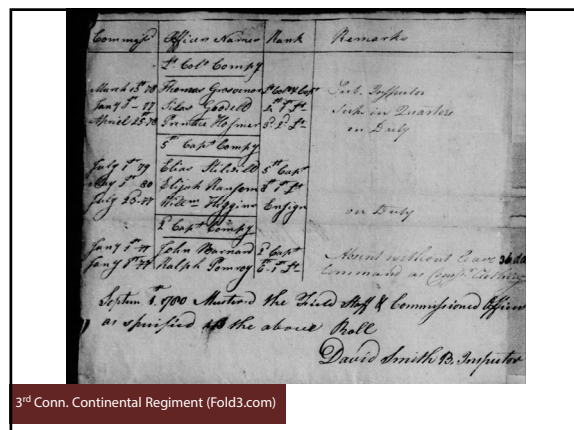
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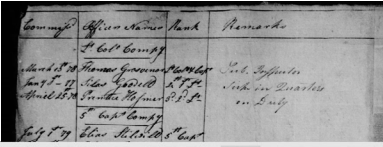
Research The Officers

- Written Records
 - Journals
 - Official Correspondence
- Biographies, Military Histories
- The bigger the name, the more written works that likely exist

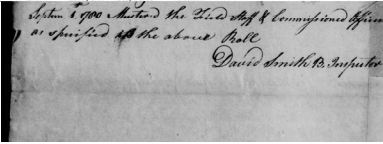










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Goodell, Stan	1st Lt.	4 Jan. 1777	1 Sept. 1780	fold3.com	Punnett	16 Aug. 1747	20 March 1825	Yes	24 June 1784	Sally Sarah Marshall	
Hansen, Praelice	2nd Lt.	25 April 1778	1 Sept. 1780	fold3.com	W. Hartford	1752	7 Jan. 1797	No	10 May 1783	Elizabeth Steel	
Smith Company											
Stewart, Eliza	Capt.	1 July 1778	1 Sept. 1780	fold3.com							
Ransom, Elijah	1st Lt.	1 May 1780	1 Sept. 1780	fold3.com							
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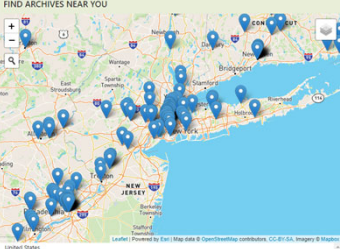
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- Write a book on a regiment
- Start a social media group/Connect with your fellow enthusiasts
- Apply to a lineage society

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By Penny Stratton

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Popular Lineage Societies for Patriot Ancestors



Lineage Societies

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Daughters of the American Revolution



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Conclusion

- What you do with your research is up to you; Find a style or template that works for you!
- By establishing a timeline for your research, you can adequately organize your research and begin piecing together the puzzle of your ancestor's life
- Explore records *outside* of the military
 - Vital records establish the beginning and end of your ancestor's story, plus details throughout their life
 - Explore records not directly related to your ancestor
 - By searching throughout the regiment and personal connections, you may uncover more than you could have imagined

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