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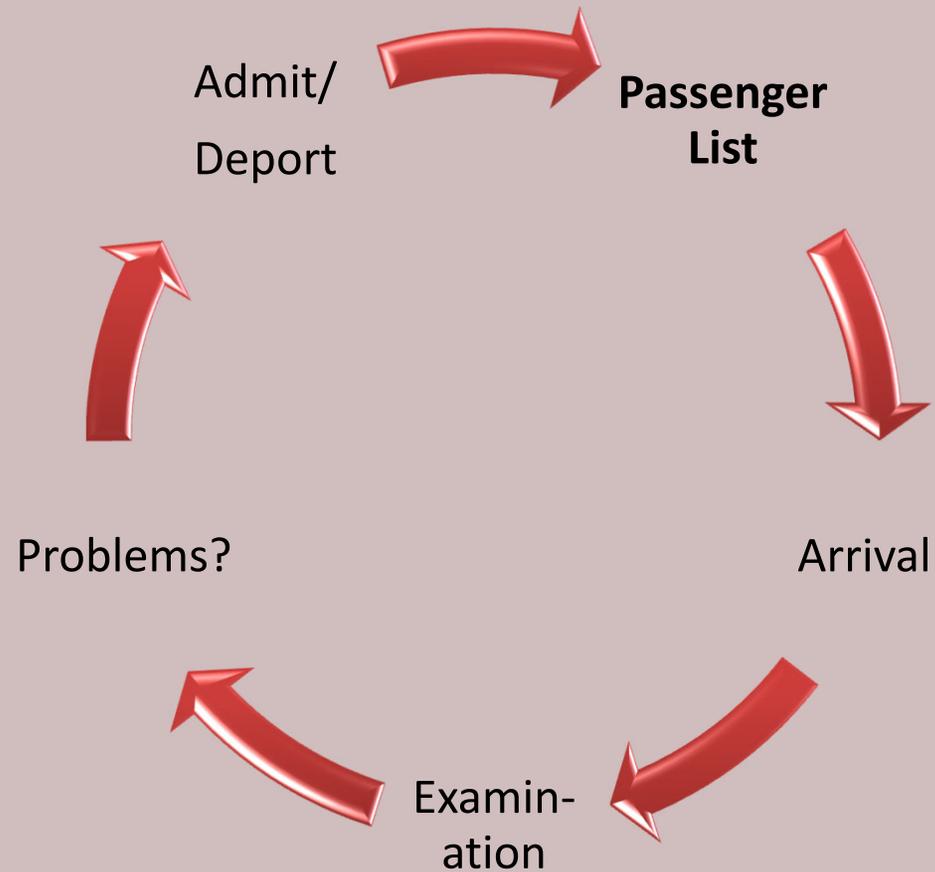
- For most genealogists this means:
 - Passenger lists
 - Traditional naturalization records
 - Declaration of Intent
 - Petition for Naturalization
 - Naturalization Certificate
- The National Archives has many other records in addition to these

Immigration & Naturalization

- RG 21 – Records of District Courts of the U.S.
- RG 36 – Records of the U.S. Customs Service
- RG 56 – General Records of the Dept. of Treasury
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1880 Census Supplemental Forms: Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes

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Passenger Lists

Military Forms

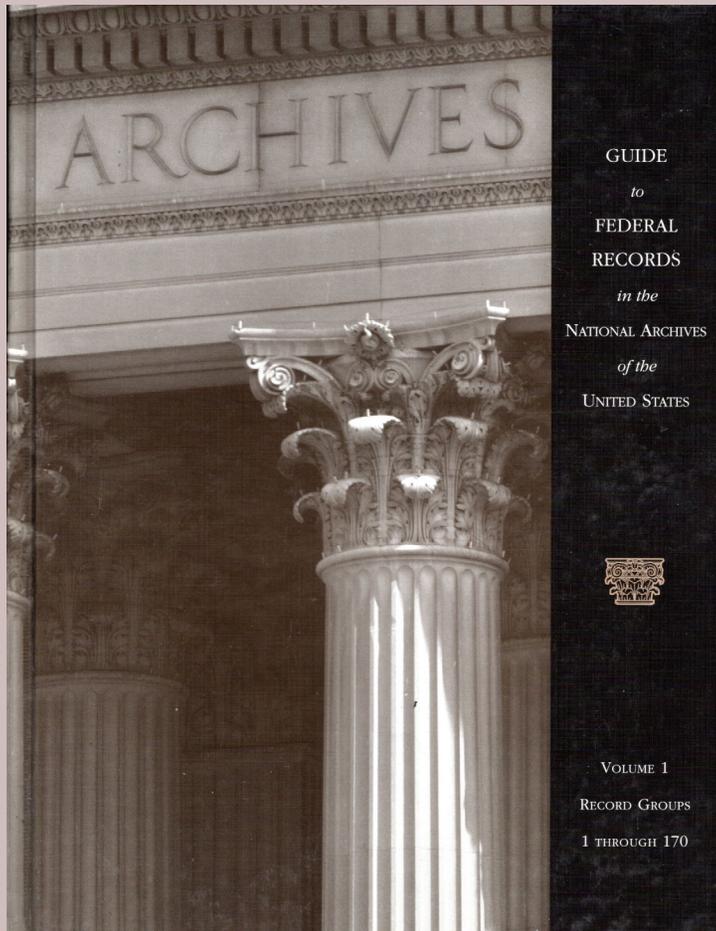
- [WWI Draft Registration](#)

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	
White	EYES	HAIR	
Negro		Blue	Blonde
Oriental	Grey	Red	
	Hazel	Brown	
Indian	Brown	Black	
	Black	Grey	
Filipino		Bald	

The World War II Draft Registration form included a description of the registrant's physical characteristics.

Immigration Forms

Guide to Federal Records



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RECORDS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE [INS]

(RECORD GROUP 85)
1787-1983 (BULK 1882-1957)
5,203 cu. ft.

85.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Established: In the Department of Labor by EO 6166, June 10, 1933.

Predecessor Agencies:

In the Department of State:
Secretary of State (1819-64)
Commissioner of Immigration (1864-68)
Secretary of State (1868-74)

In the Department of the Treasury:
Secretary of the Treasury (1869-91)
Office of the Superintendent of Immigration (1891-95)
Bureau of Immigration (1895-1903)

In the Department of Commerce and Labor:
Bureau of Immigration (1903-6)
Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (1906-13)

In the Department of Labor:
Bureau of Immigration (1913-33)
Bureau of Naturalization (1913-55)

Transfers: To the Department of Justice by President's Reorganization Plan No. V of 1940, effective June 14, 1940.

Functions: Administers laws relating to admission, exclusion, deportation, and naturalization of aliens, and investigates alleged violations of those laws. Patrols U.S. borders to prevent unlawful entry of aliens. Supervises naturalization work in designated courts. Registers and fingerprints aliens in the United States.

Finding Aids: Preliminary inventory in National Archives microfiche edition of preliminary inventories.

Related Records: Record copies of publications of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and its predecessors in RG 287, Publications of the U.S. Government.

85.2 HEADQUARTERS RECORDS OF INS AND ITS PREDECESSORS 1882-1955
1,248 lin. ft. and 5,896 rolls of microfilm

History: Secretary of State responsible under the Passenger Act (3 Stat. 488), March 2, 1819, for submitting immigration statistics to Congress. A Commissioner of Immigration, to supervise immigration and direct the work of the U.S. Emigrant Office in New York City, was established within the Department of State by the Immigration Act (13 Stat. 385), July 4, 1864. Commissioner assumed also the responsibility for preparing annual immigration statistics. This latter responsibility was resumed by the Secretary upon abolition of the position of Commissioner of Immigration by an act of March 30, 1868 (15

RECORD TYPES	RECORD LOCATIONS	QUANTITIES
Textual Records	Washington Area	931 cu. ft.
	Boston	297 cu. ft.
	Chicago	346 cu. ft.
	Fort Worth	42 cu. ft.
	Los Angeles	326 cu. ft.
	New York	866 cu. ft.
	Philadelphia	173 cu. ft.
	San Francisco	1,747 cu. ft.
	Seattle	472 cu. ft.
	College Park	1 item
	College Park	2 reels
Sound Recordings	College Park	78 items
Machine-Readable Records	College Park	58 data sets

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85.2.1 General records

Textual Records: Letters sent, 1882-1912. Letters received, 1882- 1906, with registers, 1882-1903, and indexes, 1893-1906. Subject correspondence, 1906-32 (224 ft.), with name and subject indexes (21 ft. and 31 rolls of microfilm). Subject and policy files, 1891-1957 (7,886 ft.). Security classified subject and policy files, 1906-32 (242 ft.). Administrative issuances, 1909-56. Deportation Division passport lists, 1927-37. Political refugee registration files, 1934-35. Appropriation ledgers, 1911-39. Immigration statistics, 1892- 1918. Administrative files relating to naturalization, 1906-40 (449 ft.). Central subject files, 1949-58 (224 ft.) Indexes to naturalizations of World War I soldiers, 1918; and to fraudulent naturalizations, 1906-15.

Microfilm Publications: T458.

Map (1 item): United States, showing number of aliens in each state and percentage of aliens included in each state's population, 1940.

Sound Recordings (78 items): INS- and Department of Justice- sponsored radio broadcasts of programs detailing problems facing aliens in the United States and documenting immigrant rights and responsibilities; and dramatic presentations on the work of the border patrol, 1940-45.

RG 85 Files

RG 85 Case Files

- Often referred to as Entry 9 files
- *U.S. Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1959*
 - On microfilm (publication T458)
 - On Ancestry.com
- The records generated from detention of, investigation of, or questions about immigrants.

Case Files

Search > Immigration & Travel

U.S. Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1959

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[Selected U.S. Naturalization Records - Original Documents, 1790-1974](#)

This database contains images of original U.S. naturalization records (primarily Declarations

Subject Index – T458

Hosp-Treatmt - Diseased - ELLIS ISLAND, New York -

53,406-20 INSANE prior authy Miss Yznaga from Cuba
melancholia - \$1000 bd Jan-1912

53,293-181 COMPLAINT re food - NY comments re their
ingratitude July-1911

53,370-694 ADMITTED immediately on arrival a/c urgent
nature of case hydrophobia - immoral actress
from Porto Rico; Alynna Lina Nov-1911

54,202-17 EI repts instrcts issued that all alien arri-
vals including seamen be treated at the EI
Hospital instead of outside hospitals 10-3-19

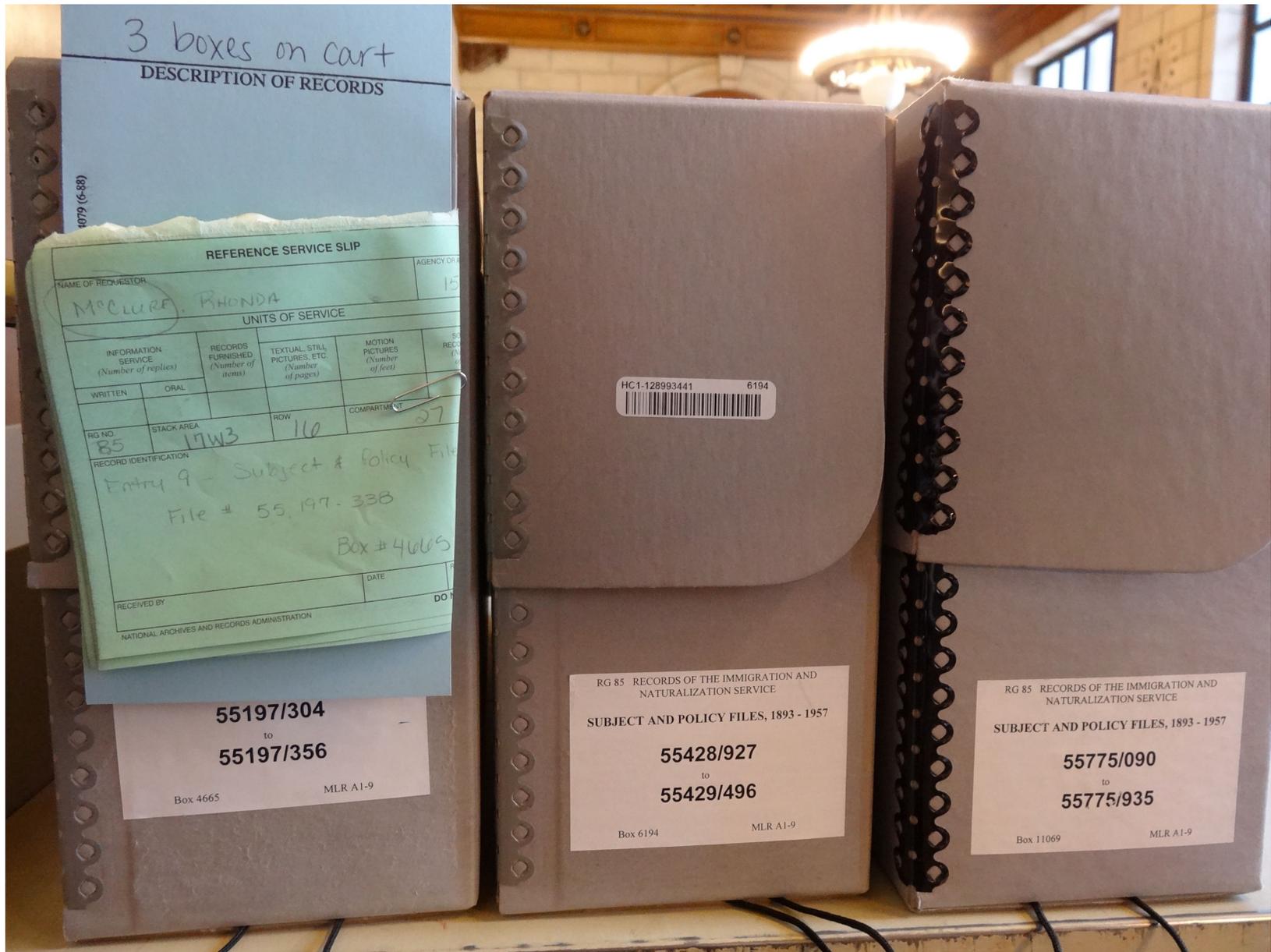
54,503-20 Bur to EI re facilities for determining prop-
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54,670-574 EI re charges vs father of alien Ellen Cotter
trtd for ringworm of scalp.

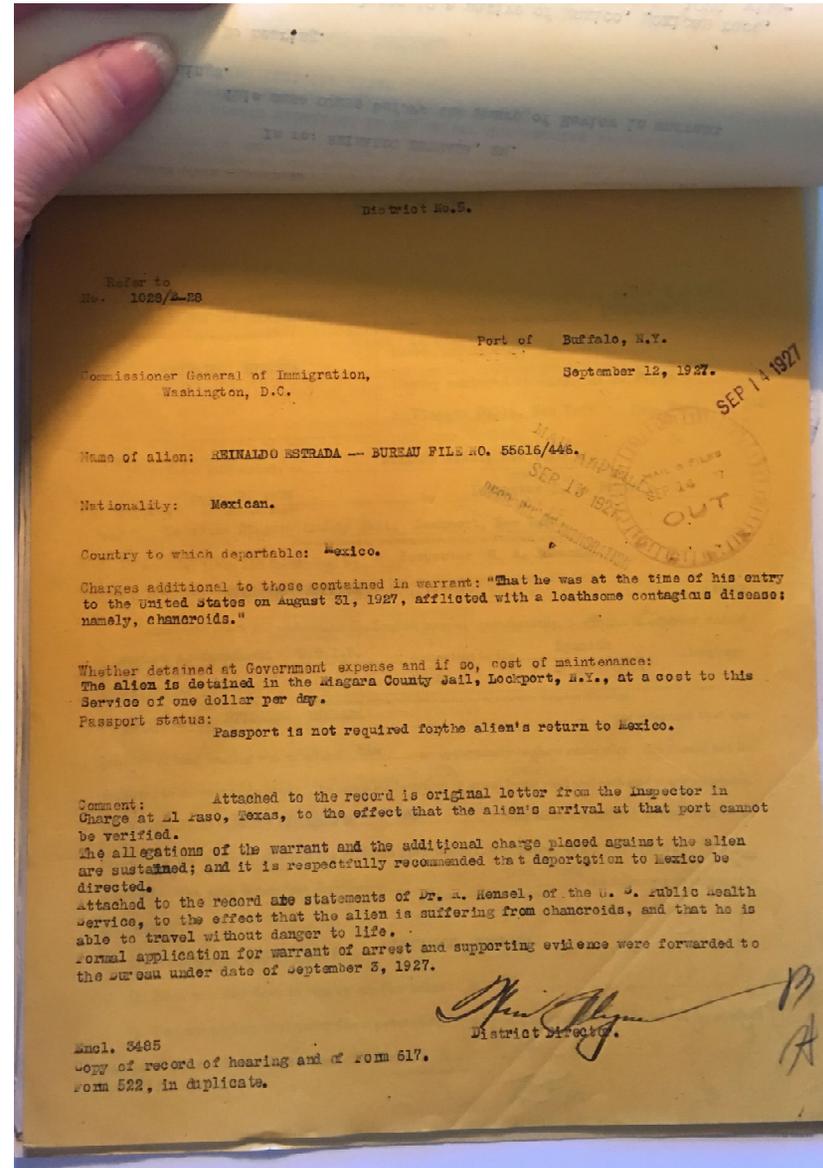
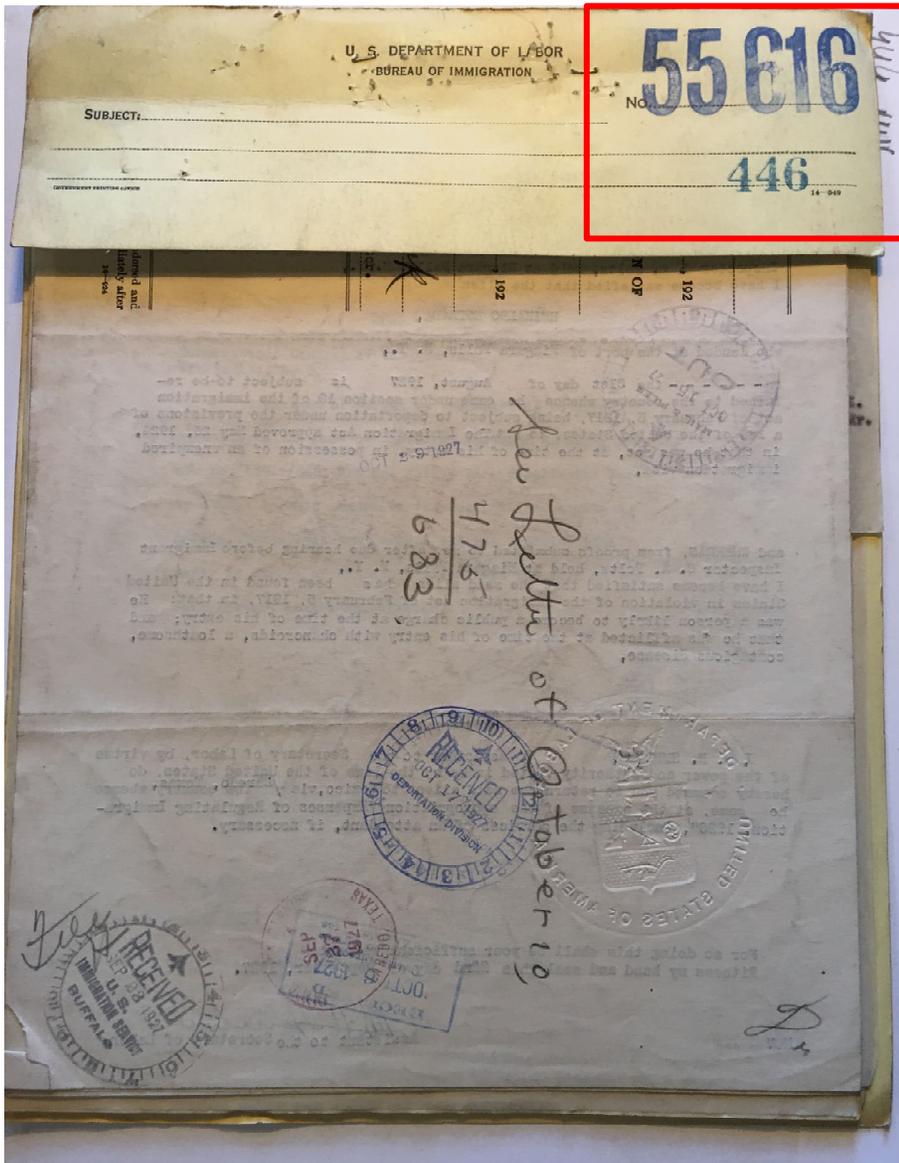
Subject Index

53,370-694 ADMITTED immediately on arrival a/c urgent
nature of case hydrophobia - immoral actres
from Porto Rico; Alyna Lina Nov-1911
54 202-12

While Alyna Lina was listed in the Subject Index because of her Ellis Island hospital admission, she was detained for an entirely different reason.



Entry 9 Case Files



Case File

Possible Records

- BSI and Detainee lists
- Detention Cards
- Medical certificates and other health records
- Board of Special Inquiry interviews
- Correspondence
- Bills for expenses
- Bonds
- Court records
- Verification of landing
- Records generated by county officials
- Arrest warrants
- Deportation warrants

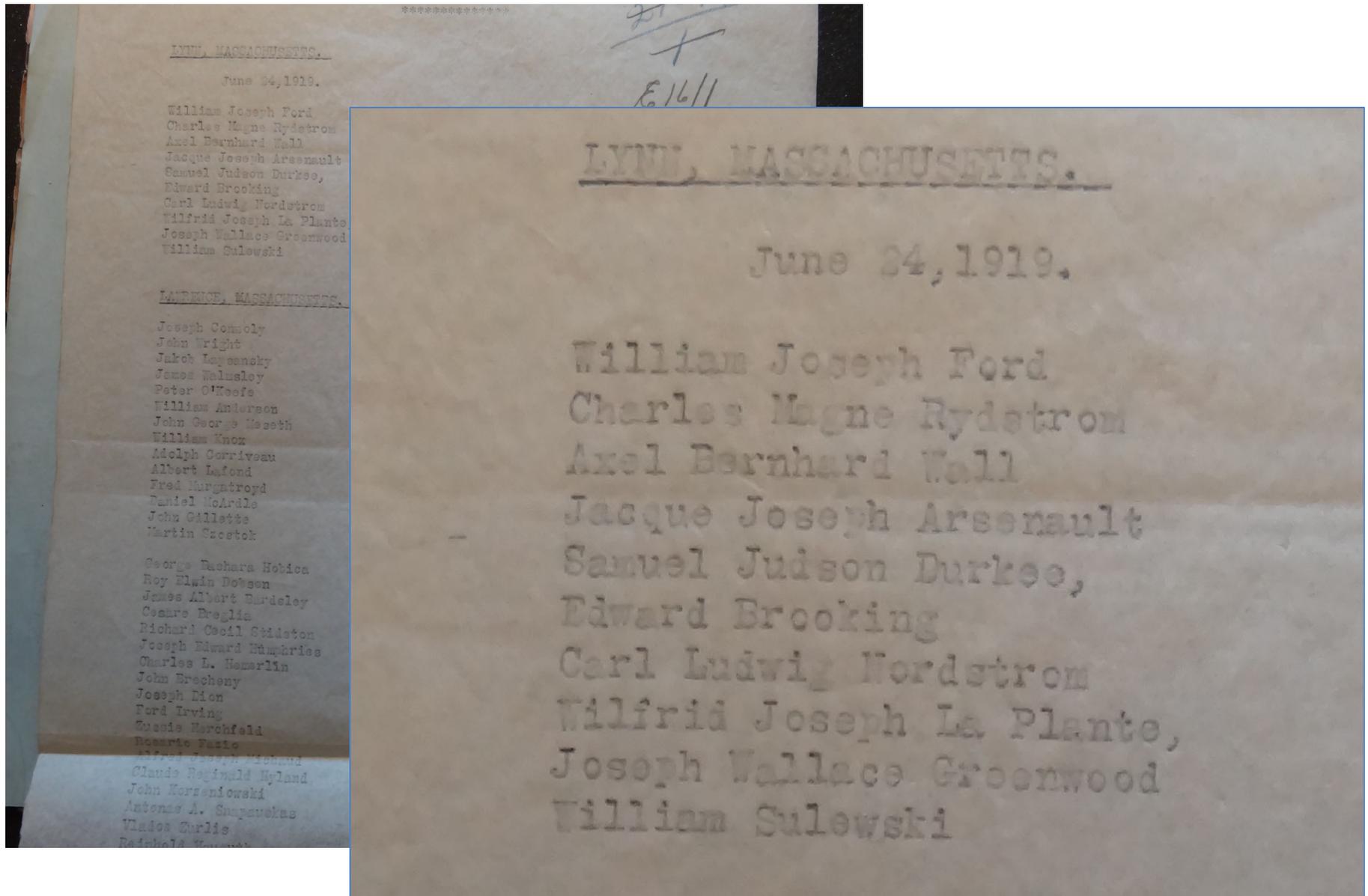
Other Immigration Files

Americanization Files

- Education and Americanization Files, 1914-1936 (Entry 30)
- Citizenship Training Textbooks, 1918-1935 (Entry 34)
- May not have information on your ancestors but offer insight into what immigrants were experiencing in becoming Americans.

Citizenship Training

- Much of the information is the business of the schools
- May luck out and find that lists of graduates have been included
- Could show an ancestor who went through such a class, but perhaps died before completing the naturalization process.



Citizenship Training (Entry 30)

E-19

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 AND THE
 BUREAU OF NATURALIZATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 HEREBY CERTIFY THAT

who on _____, 19____, in the _____ Court
 at _____ made his declaration of intention
 to become a citizen of the United States of America, has made
 preparation for citizenship as indicated by the seals affixed hereon

In recognition thereof, the Bureau of Naturalization
 United States Department of Labor, and the Public Schools present this

CERTIFICATE

A GOLD SEAL, affixed below, and the signatures of the Chief Naturalization Examiner
 and the public-school representatives under whom the final examination was given,
 show that the holder of this certificate has passed the educational test required
 of petitioners for naturalization

Seal 1
 pasted here
 shows
 40 hours
 attendance

Seal 2
 pasted here
 shows completion of
 Federal Citizenship
 Textbook
 Part I

Seal 3
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 shows completion of
 Federal Citizenship
 Textbook
 Part II

Seal 4
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 Part III

(Spaces below not to be filled out until after
 examination by Naturalization Examiner.)

 (City or Town, and State.)

 Superintendent, Principal, or Director of Americanization)

 (Instructor.)

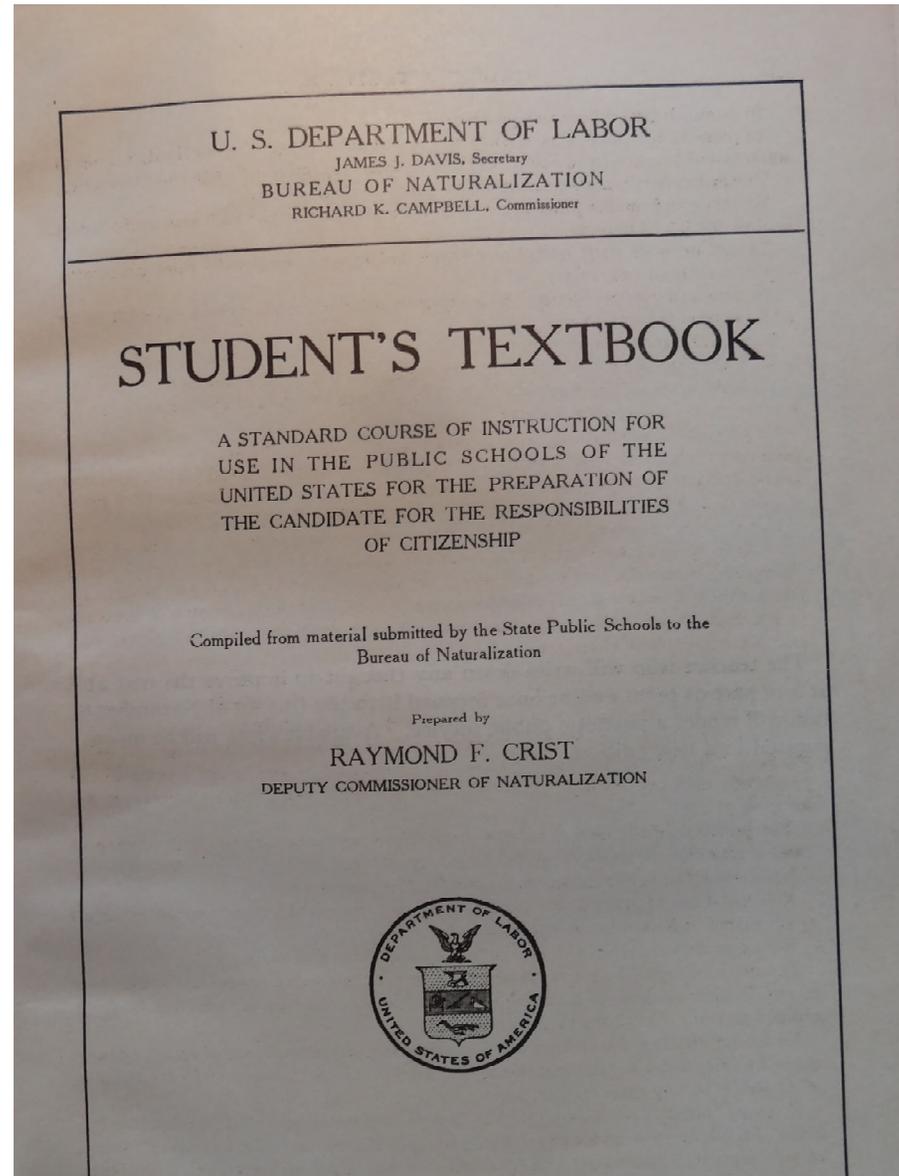


James J. Davis
 Secretary of Labor,

Raymond F. Crist
 Commissioner of Naturalization.

 Chief Naturalization Examiner.
 (Date of examination)

Copy to all CNEs, NEs in charge, Mrs. Brosnahan, Miss Hickey, Mrs. Godfrey,
 and Exm. Broche, 2/4/24, with letter.
 Certificate prepared by JHB
 Gr x JHB-MSB



Entry 34 – Training Books

Registers & Indexes

Registers of Letters Received, 07/12/1891-09/11/1903
(Entry 3)

Records of Passports Procured by the Deportation
Division, 1927-1937 (Entry 11)

Index of Fraudulent Naturalizations, 1906-1915 (Entry
28)

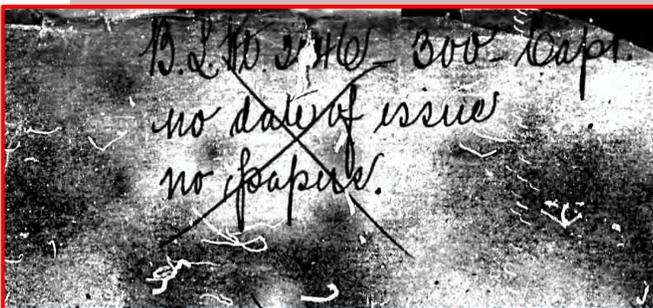
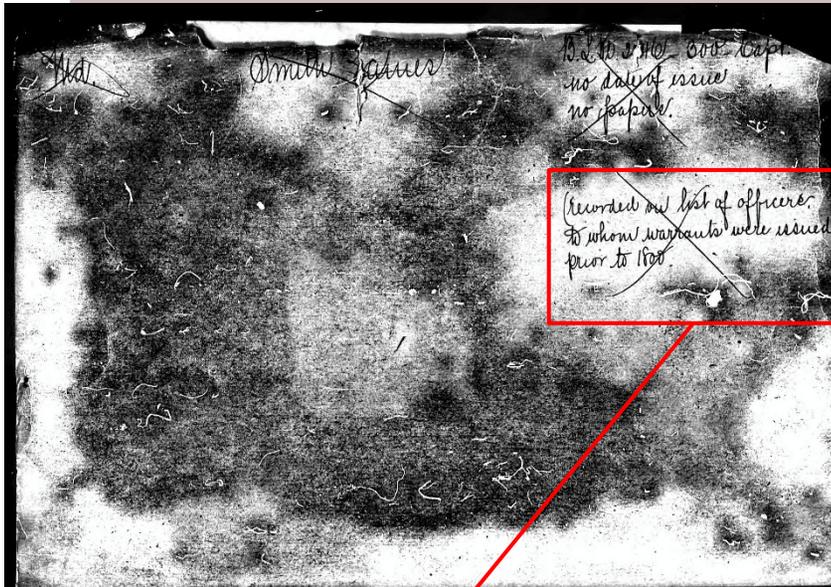
Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918
(Entry 29)

The Land

Finding Federal Applications and Warrants

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

Example



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Form VAW-01
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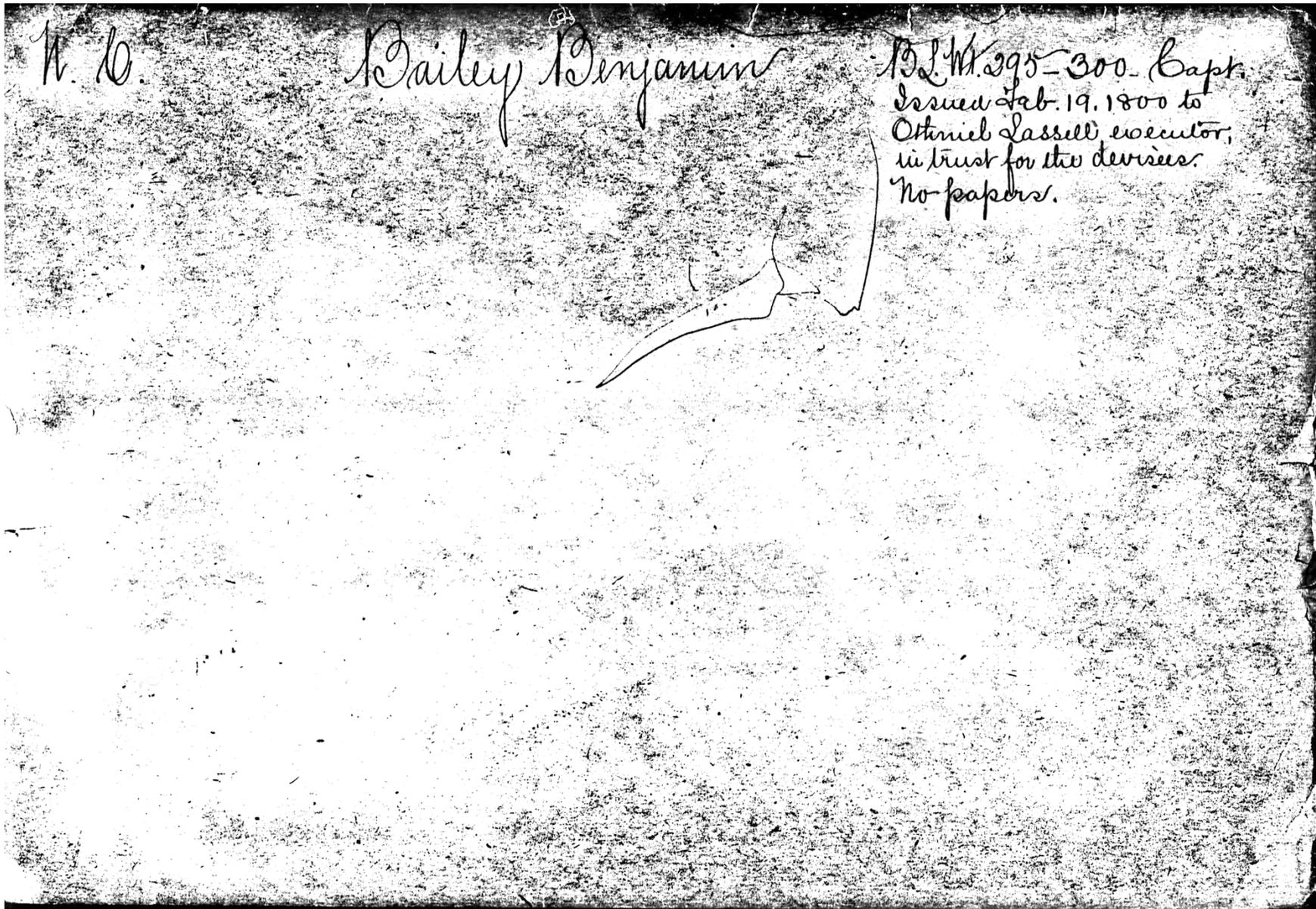
Division of Veterans' Administration Archives

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD

NAME Smith, James 2nd GRADE Private LINE Maryland

WARRANT NUMBER 11674 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED July 8, 1797
to James DePaufre, assignee

*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.



M804 – Bounty Land Entry

War of 1812 Bounty Land

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

Finding the 1812 Warrant

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

Later Bounty Land Acts

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

Land Entry Case Files

What is a land entry case file?

- These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. government to private ownership
- The National Archives holds over 10 million land entry case files that cover 30 public land states!

Which States Were Not Included as Public Land?

- Original 13 colonies
 - Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia
- Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia

What Types of Land Entry Case Files Exist?

- Military Bounty Land Warrants
- Pre-1908 General Land Entry Files
- Post-1908 General Land Entry Files

Military Bounty Land Warrants

- Filed by the year of the congressional act that authorized the warrant, number of acres granted, and warrant number

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Land Patent Details							
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Names On Document			Miscellaneous Information				
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Military Rank: ---			US Reservations:	No			
			Mineral Reservations:	No			
			Tribe:	---			
			Militia:	---			
			State In Favor Of:	---			
			Authority:	February 11, 1847: ScripWarrant Act of 1847 (9 Stat. 123)			
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Misc. Doc. Nr: ---			Survey Date:	---			
BLM Serial Nr: ---			Geographic Name:	---			
Indian Allot. Nr: ---			Metes/Bounds:	No			
Land Descriptions							
State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County	
IL	3rd PM	004S - 005E	SW ¼	35		Hamilton	

Mexican War Bounty

Records Before July 1908

- Organized by state, land office, type of entry (ex. Credit, cash, homestead, timber, and mineral), and final certificate number
- Large portions of these files are NOT organized by name
- Seven States Index (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, and Utah)
- Includes Canceled or Relinquished Land Entries

Records After July 1908

- Regardless of state or type, organized in one large series by a serial patent number
- The National Archives holds name indices that include the patent number through the mid 1950's.
- The Bureau of Land Management district office would need to be contacted for records after mid-1950's

Cash Entry Files

- Most land entries after the Cash Act of 1820 was passed and before the Homestead Act of 1862 were direct cash purchases
- The purchaser did not have to be a citizen, provide proof of residency, or improvements on the land.
- In the 1830's and 1840's, preemption laws required proof that the entryman met specific requirements

Using the Bureau of Land Management GLO web site

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Whereas Benjamin Wingo, of Dallas County, Missouri,

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of THE REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Springfield, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Benjamin Wingo, according to the provisions of the

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ACT OF FEB'Y 11, 1847

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Homestead Acts

- Southern Homestead Act of 1866
 - Included and encouraged African Americans to obtain a homestead
- Timber Culture Act of 1873
 - Claimant required to plant trees
 - No residency requirement
- Kinkaid Amendment (1904)
 - 640 acres to new homesteaders in western Nebraska
- Enlarged Homestead Act (1909)
 - Doubled acreage from 160 to 320 acres in marginal areas
- National Stock-Raising Homestead Act (1916)
 - Granted 640 acres for ranching purposes

Dawes Act

- Passed in 1887 under President Grover Cleveland
- Allowed the federal government to divide tribal lands. Native Americans who accepted the division were allowed to become U.S. citizens.
- 160 acres of farmland or 320 acres of grazing land was granted to the head of each Native American family.
- To receive allotment, enroll with the Office of Indian Affairs. Their name went on the "Dawes rolls".

What's in the Homestead File?

- Final Certificate
- Final Receiver's Receipt
- Testimony of Claimant
- Testimony of Witness
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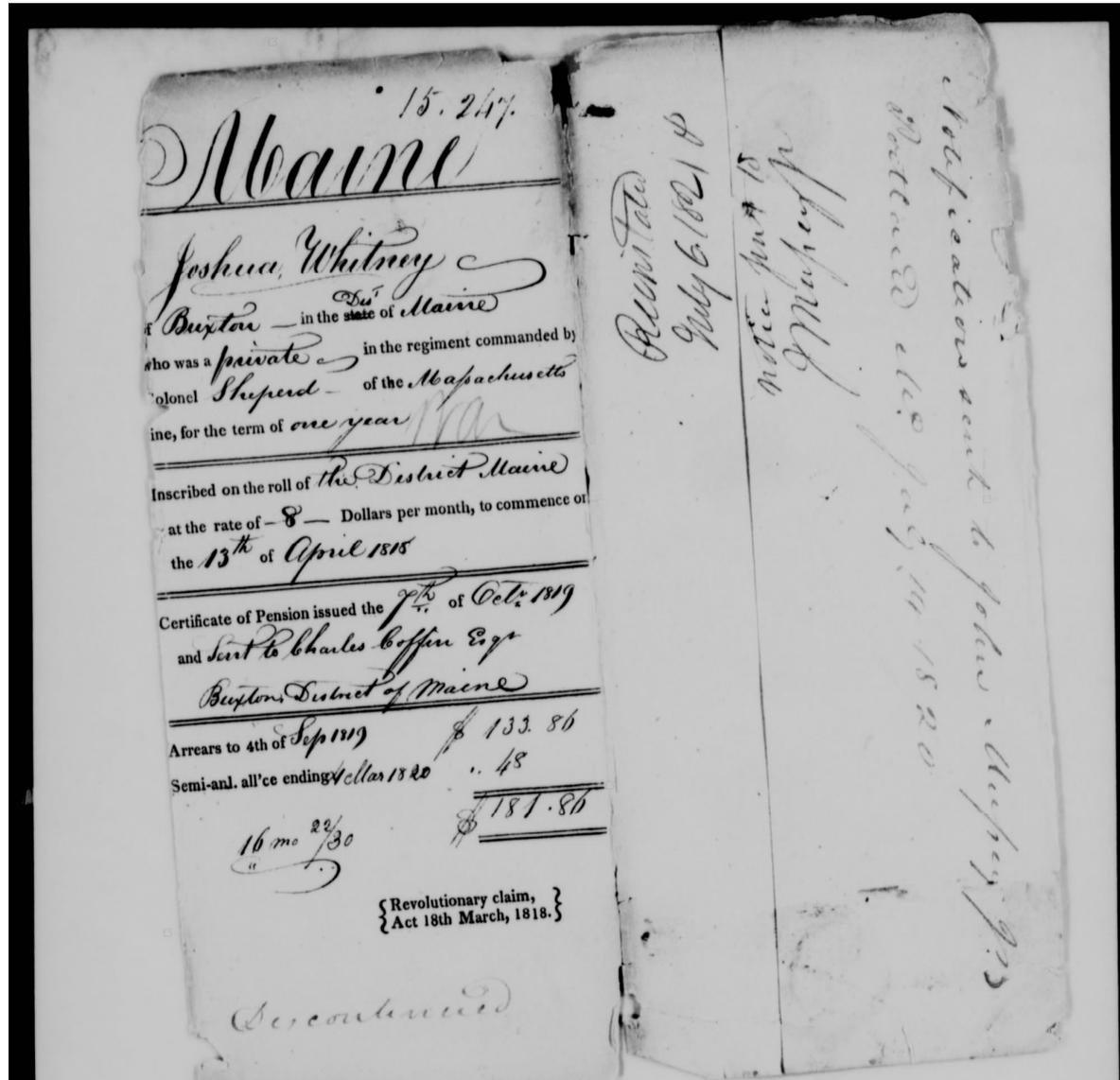
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Joshua Whitney Pension File

Joshua Whitney of Prunton 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
 seventeen 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, and the Brigade was
 commanded by General Patterson from the time I ~~entered~~
 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 ~~eighteen~~ ^{seventeen} hundred & eighty three, signed
 by Major General ~~Thomas~~ 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.

April 13. 1810
 Joshua Whitney.

Joshua Whitney Pension File

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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 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
his
In presence of Joseph Adams, John Burnell
mark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Cumberland Co. June 9. 1818 Then before me the
subscriber 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 forego-
ing affidavit by him signed & by his oath of
a copy in my presence

Joseph Adams -

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Joshua Whitney Pension File

Revolutionary War Resources

Final Payment Vouchers

- Fold3 has the index to Final Payment vouchers, and the images for the states of Georgia and Delaware.
- Revolutionary War Vouchers are being digitized at NARA and currently cannot be examined.



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Revolutionary War Final Pension Payment Vouchers

Final pension payment vouchers for Revolutionary War veterans were originally located in the voluminous series, "Settled Accounts of Pension Agents, 1813–1899," Entry A1-712 in Record Group 217, Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury (National Archives Identifier [302049](#)).

Recognizing the genealogical value of the vouchers and the difficulty in locating them in this large series, National Archives staff in the 1960s culled the records to make them more accessible to researchers. The result is the series, "**Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818–1864,**" **Entry A1-722 in Record Group 217** (National Archives Identifier [605894](#)).

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Final pension payment vouchers consist of paperwork relating to the last pension payment made to the veteran pensioner, to the surviving widow, or to the pensioner's heirs.

Payment vouchers may include any or all of the following information:

- Name of the pensioner and name of the spouse
- Pensioner's county of residence
- Military service of the veteran, including rank and organizational information
- Congressional pension act that covered the claim
- Monetary provisions of the pension
- Final pension payment amount
- Date that the last pension payment was made
- Name of the attorney or executor handling the filing of the claim
- Names of the pensioner's surviving children
- Dates of death of the veteran and/or his widow
- Name of the administrator of the pensioner's estate

Accessing the Vouchers

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AGENCY OF PAYMENT Maine

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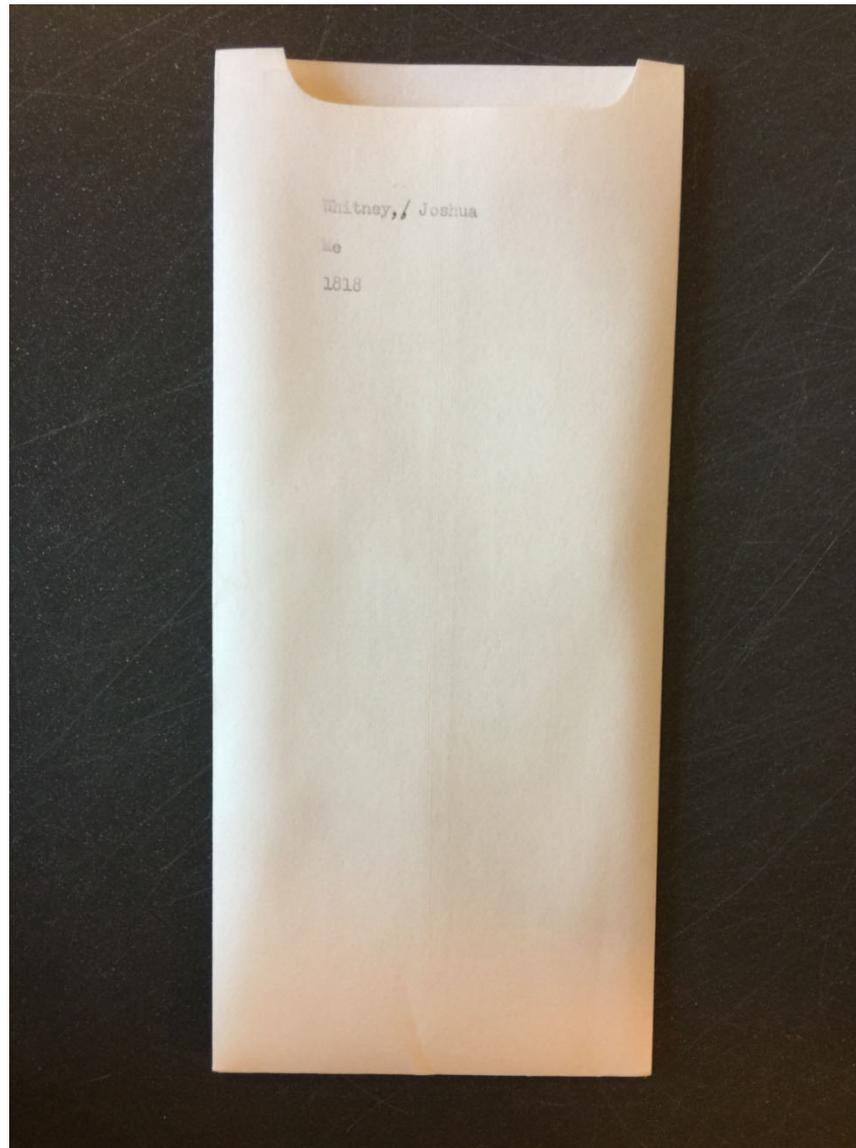
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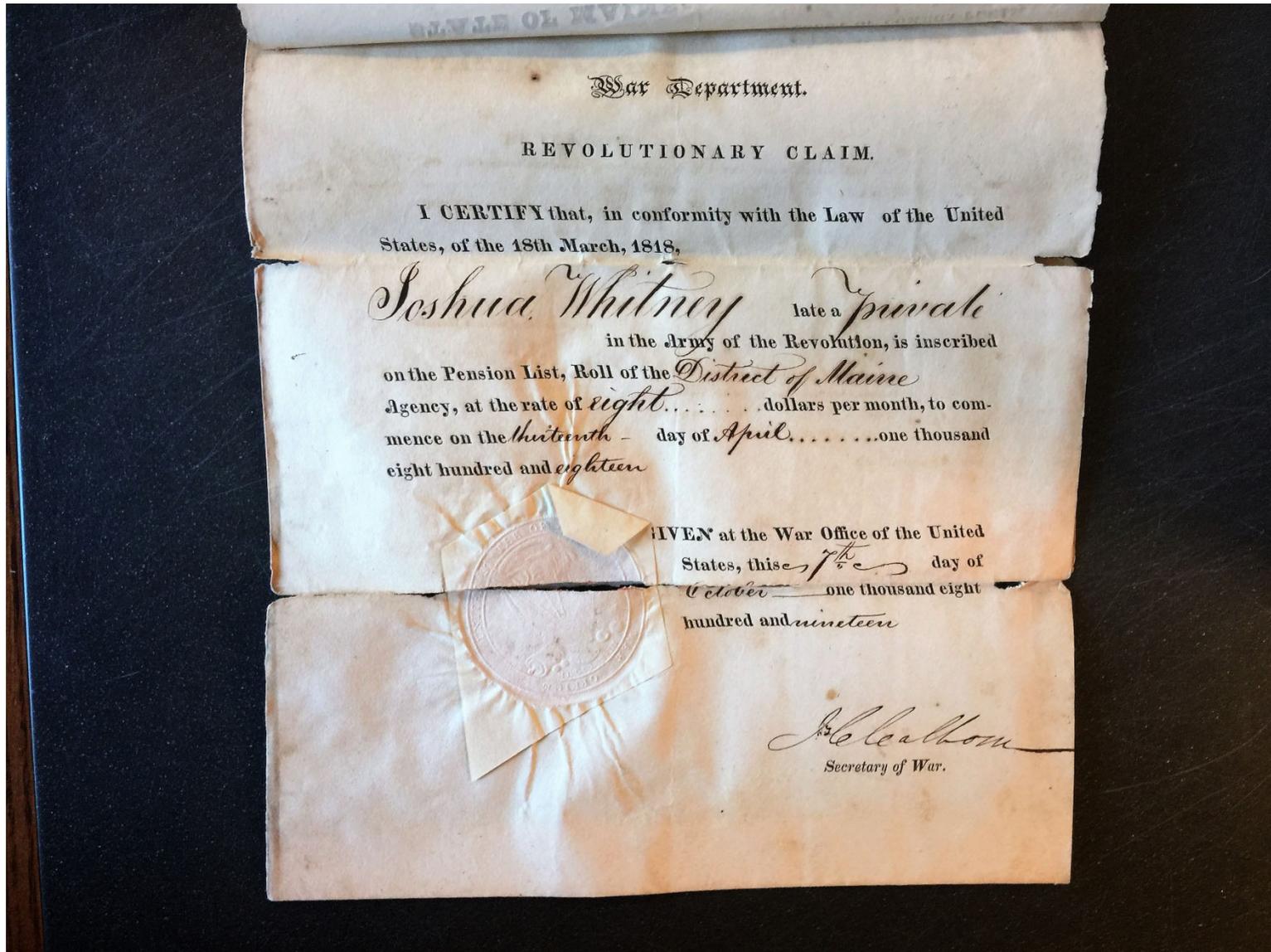
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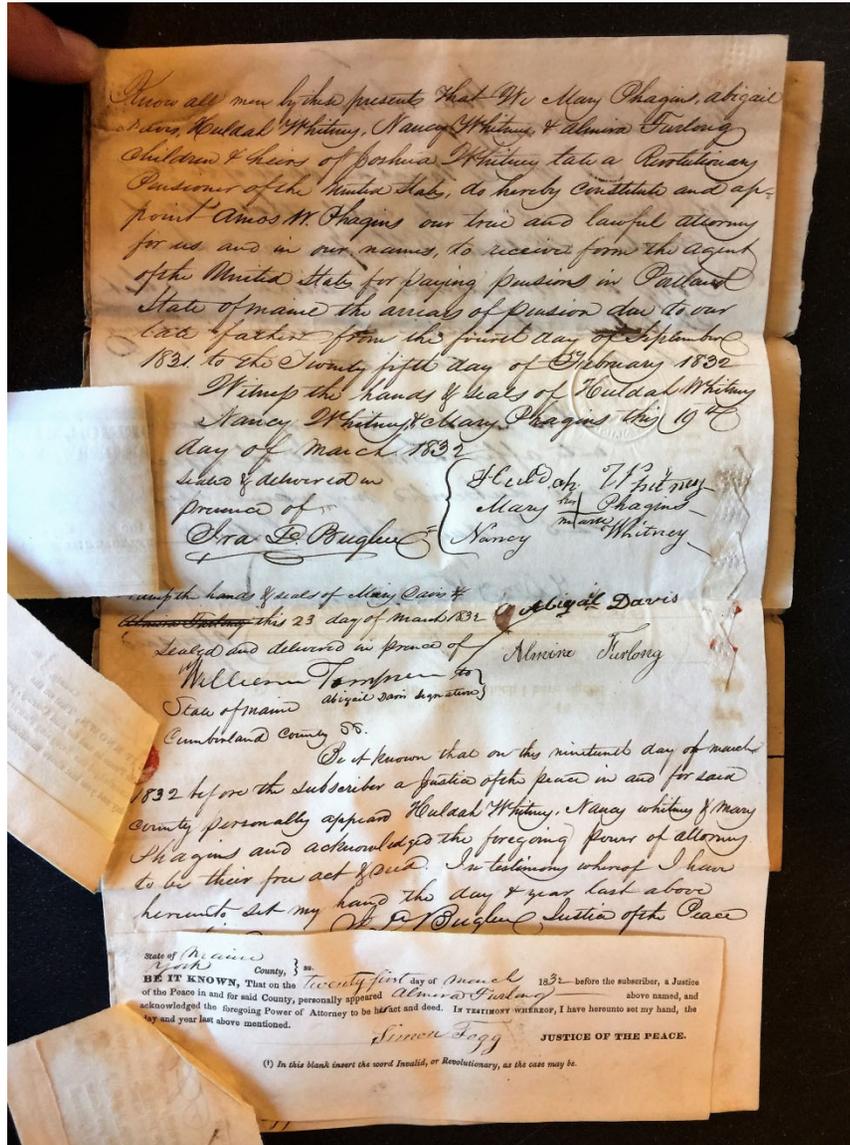
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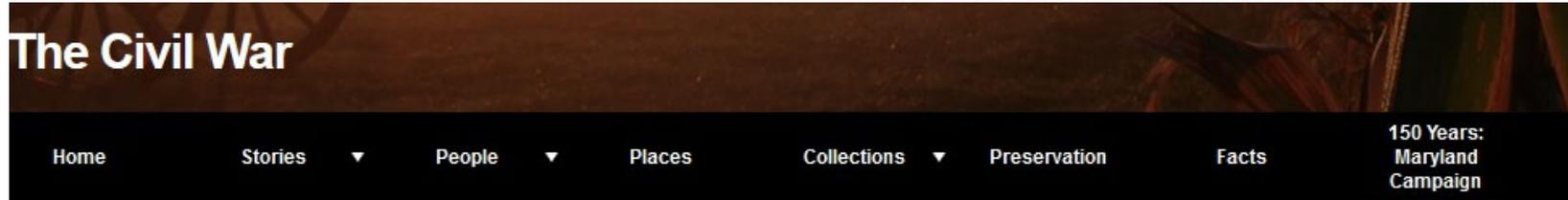
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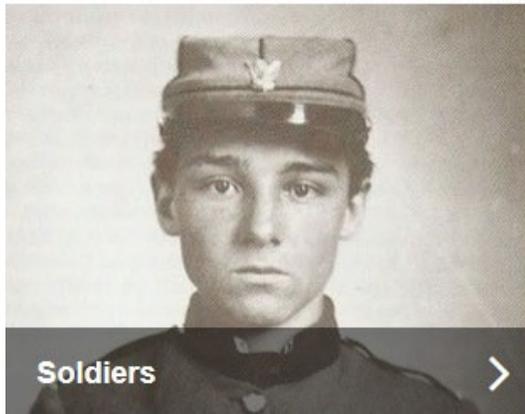


Soldiers and Sailors Database

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, which will be amended over time. The CWSS is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service and several public and private partners whose goal is to increase Americans' understanding of this decisive era in American history by making information about it widely accessible.

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Gale , Charles W.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 3rd Regiment, Massachusetts Cavalry

SIDE: Union

ALTERNATE NAME: Charles/Gale

Gale , Charles A.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 17th Unattached Company, Massachusetts Infantry

SIDE: Union

Nightingale , Charles L.

BATTLE UNIT NAME: 29th Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry

SIDE: Union

ALTERNATE NAME: Charles/Nightingale

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SOLDIER'S RANK IN: [Drummer](#)

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ALTERNATE NAME: [Charles/Gale](#)

FILM NUMBER: [M544 ROLL 15](#)

PLAQUE NUMBER: [none](#)

NOTES:

✓ 1156 Charles
Gale Charles W.
Co. **B3** Massachusetts Cav

Drummer. Private.

CARD NUMBERS.

1	16190158	26	36437892
2	16190257	27	33040421
3	16190366	28	43111213
4	16190471	29	36503664
5	16190628	30	
6	16190673	31	
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Number of personal papers herein 0

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See also

3 Cav

G | **33** | **Mass.**

Chas W. Gale
_____, Co. *A.*, 33 Reg't Massachusetts Inf.

Appears on _____

Regimental Descriptive Book

of the regiment named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age *16* years; height *5* feet *2* inches.

Complexion *Dark*

Eyes *hazel* ; hair *Brown*

Where born *Bristol N.H.*

Occupation *Clerk*

ENLISTMENT.

When *June 9* , 186 *2*.

Where *Boston*

By whom *Capt Wyman* ; term *3* yr's.

Remarks: _____
 Drummer

G. B. West

(384b) Copyist.

G | **3 Cav.** | **Mass.**

Charles W. Gale
Bugler, Co. I, 3 Reg't Mass. Cavalry.

Appears on _____

Company Muster Roll

for *Nov. & Dec.* , 186 *3*.

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for _____

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for _____

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks: *Sick in Hospital*
 New York since
 Jan'y 1/63.

Book mark: _____

C. Lucas

(358) Copyist

Pension files

- T288 Index – Alphabetical by veteran
- T289 Index – Arranged by Regiment
- Pensions for the U.S. Navy & Marines online on Fold3 and are not in this series.

DEAD				
NAME: <i>Nason, Sumner</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Infantry rank, 2nd Lt. Co. A., 23rd Regt Maine Inf</i>				
TERM: <i>Enlisted Sep. 10, 1862 Discharged July 15, 1863.</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>1863 Oct 26</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>34 938</i>		
<i>1865 Jan 13</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>78 875</i>		<i>50652</i>
<i>1872 June 17</i>	<i>Minor,</i>	<i>204026</i>		<i>162506</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

T288 – Alphabetical Index

DEAD				
NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Daniels, Edward S.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. A., 1 Regt Mass Inf</i>				
TERM OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1</i>				
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>1927 Dec 31</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>338.786</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>206.147</i>
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: <i>Co. 35, M.S.B. Inf</i>				
REMARKS:				
<i>Died Oct 2, 1919, at Somerville Mass</i>				

T289 - Invalid's Pension

Typical Pension File Papers

- Declaration for pension and pension application
- Certificate of disability
- Surgeon's certificate with disability description (form and sketch)
- Questionnaires (Form 3-447 used before 1902; Form 3-389; widow questionnaire)
- Affidavits (for and against the pensioner)
- Correspondence
- Bills and receipts

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the Application

STATE OF Massachusetts, COUNTY OF Norfolk
On this 15th day of May A. D. 1920, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the county and State aforesaid, William F. Oliver, who, being sworn according to law, declares that he is 72 years of age, and a resident of Aven county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts; and that he is identical person who was ENROLLED at Portland Maine, under the name of William F. Oliver, on the eighteenth day of October 18 as a private, in Company B. 11th Regt Maine Infantry (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.) in the service of the United States, in the Civil (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Richmond Va., on the 17th day of October 18 That he also served at no other time (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height Five feet five 1/2 inches; complexion light; color eyes blue; color of hair brown; that his occupation was Boot maker that he was born July 11 1847 at Stoughton, Mass. Heart disease induced by rheumatism totally incapacitates me from work of all kinds & requires constant attendance (State in this space the nature of the disability by reason of which the regular personal aid and attendance of another person is required)

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Stoughton Mass (State date of each change, as nearly as possible) that part formerly called East Stoughton now incorporated as Aven That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 406889 That he has applied for pension under original No. 406889

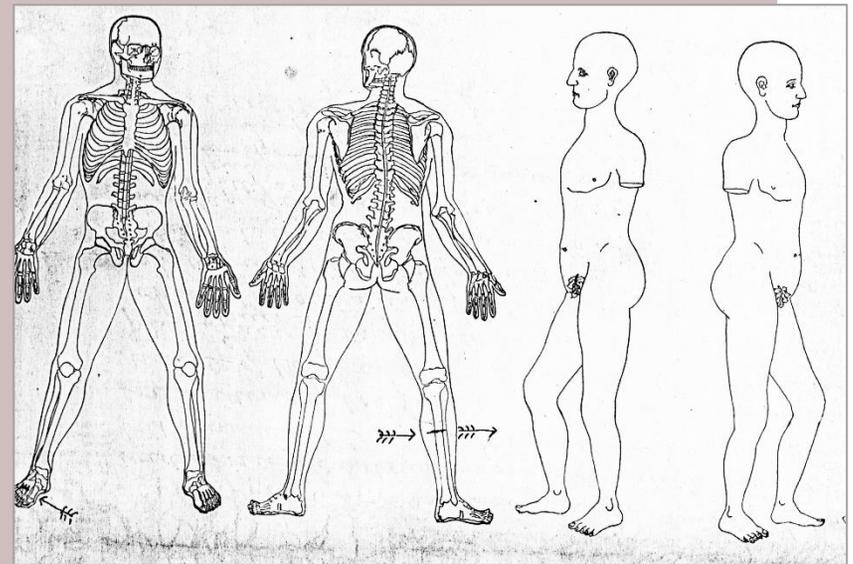
That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1920.

(1) J. Susan Smith (Signature of first witness.) Aven - Mass. (Address of first witness.) (2) Florence A. Young (Signature of second witness.) Aven Mass (Address of second witness.) William F. Oliver (Claimant's signature in full.) Aven Mass (Claimant's address in full.)

Declaration for Pension Form

Surgeon's certificate

- Includes a form and sketch describing disability
- Form provides:
 - Date of examination
 - Name and rank of claimant
 - Claimant's post office address
 - Cause of disability
 - If a pensioner, the amount of pension
 - Claimant's statement
 - Full description of disabilities



Questionnaire Form 3-447

- Used before 1902
- Genealogical goldmine of information

3-447.

EASTERN Division.

J. Y. D., Ex'r.

Claims No. 1315544 Department of the Interior,
Francis Brackett
Co. F, 1 Regt Mass. Vol. Inf.
Washington, D. C. June 7, 1904

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

SIR: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

Mr. Francis Brackett
R. F. D. No. 4
North Yarriman, Wash.

E. J. Ware
Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. August 13th 1838

2. Where were you born? Answer. Fanton Mass

3. When did you enlist? Answer. About April 15th 1861

4. Where did you enlist? Answer. Boston Mass

Questionnaire Form 3-389

- Used as of 1915

3-389
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Saenger
Commissioner.

WILLIAM F. OLIVER,
AVON, MASS.
406859 ACT MAY.
PAGE ST.

U. S. OFFICE.
MAR 22 1915

FOLD HERE.

No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer. East Stoughton (now Avon) July 11, 1847*
The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer. 11th Maine Infantry*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer. East Stoughton, Mass.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer. Sadie H. Oliver maiden Sadie E. Heiggin*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer. July 31, 1914. South Braintree, Mass. by Rev. John A. Mitchell.*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *Town Record*
If so, where? *Answer. Town Record both Avon and Braintree.*

Widow's pension

- After Sept. 8, 1916, accompanied by a questionnaire asking:
 - Widow's certificate no.
 - Name of soldier (or sailor)
 - Service of soldier (or sailor)

“Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier (or sailor) named. I was his wife during the Civil War. I am ___ years of age, having been born _____ at _____. I am entitled to the increase of pension provided by the first section of the Act of September 8, 1916.”

(3-128 a.)
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

1397
Boston

Claimant Sarah E. Weld ✓
P. O. Whitman ✓
County Essex State Mass. ✓
Rate, \$8 per month, commencing Oct. 21, 1890, and \$2 per month additional for each of the following

Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18
Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18
Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18
Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18
Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18
Born,	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen,	18	Commencing	18

DROPPED FROM ROLLS
FEB 29 1896
PENSIONER DEAD

Soldier George A. Weld ✓
Rank Private ✓
Regiment 62nd Mass. Inf. ✓

Payment for all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.
Pension to terminate date of

By R. H. ...

Affidavits & Correspondence

- Sworn statements regarding the legitimacy of the veteran's claim; expressing the need of pension or disability
- Provided by fellow soldiers, doctors, state and federal soldiers' home, or neighbors
- Guardian declaration for minor child pension
- Letters from veteran or his family regarding application for pension

Bills and receipts

- Bills and Receipts for the veteran and his widow billable to the Pension Office
- Last payment to the veteran or widower

To the Chief, Finance Division: *4, 1916*

You are hereby notified that check # *3798,566* for \$ *60.00*

dated *MAR 4-1917* in favor of
post-office
Certificate # *CATHARINE A. HOLDCRAFT,
THURMONT, MD.
593453*

Class *ACT APR. WID.* ACT APRIL
R.D.1.

Section *8* has been returned to this office by the Postmaster
with the information that the pensioner died *Feb 13-1917*
and said check has this day been canceled.

(D-3) Very respectfully,
GUY O. TAYLOR,
Disbursing Clerk



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Confederate Pension Records

The agencies listed below are repositories for Confederate pension records. **The veteran was eligible to apply for a pension to the State in which he lived, even if he served in a unit from a different State.** Generally, an applicant was eligible for a pension only if he was indigent or disabled. In your letter to the repository, state the Confederate veteran's name, his widow's name, the unit(s) in which he served, and the counties in which he and his widow lived after the Civil War. Some repositories also have records of Confederate Homes (for veterans, widows, etc.), muster rolls of State Confederate militia, and other records related to the war.

For information on procedures and fees for requesting copies of records, contact the appropriate repository.

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RG94 –Adjutant General's Office

- Carded Medical Records for Regular Army, 1821-1912

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Carded Medical Records for Soldiers in the U.S. Army, 1821-1912

In the 1890s, the War Department created various types of carded records relating to U.S. military service.

In addition to [compiled service records for Volunteers](#), the Record and Pension Office produced carded medical records for both Volunteer and Regular Army personnel using records transferred from the Office of the Surgeon General.

Carded medical records were originally intended to help with the verification and approval process for pension applications. The records provide information about soldiers' service-related:

- Wounds,
- Injuries,
- Sickesses,
- Hospitalizations, and
- Deaths.

The image shows a handwritten medical record card for "Mison, Charles E." from "Ohio". It lists his rank as "Capt." and his service period from "1842" to "1862". The card includes a table with columns for "Date", "Description", and "Remarks". The table contains several entries, including "Shot through right arm" and "Appears on list of Casualties of the Regt. Charge on Fort Mifflin, 8 C. July 16, 1842".

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Questions about **U.S. Army carded medical records**?
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Regular Army

Carded medical records for Regular Army soldiers are divided into two series based on the time period. Both series are part of **Record Group 94: Records of the Adjutant General's Office**.

⊕ Carded Medical Records for the Regular Army, 1821–1884

⊕ Carded Medical Records for the Regular Army, 1894–1912

Volunteer Soldiers

Carded medical records exist for U.S. Volunteers from the Mexican War to the Philippine Insurrection. These records are also found in Record Group 94.

⊕ Carded Medical Records for U.S. Volunteers

Note: Carded medical records for Confederate Volunteers are filed with their [compiled military service records](#).

Carded Medical Record for Charles E. Minor

M | 67 | Ohio
Chas. E. Minor
Rank 1st Sgt, Co. D, 67 Reg't Ohio Inf
Complaint, Shot through right ear.
Appears on list of Casualties of the
Regt. Charge on Fort Wagner,
S. C. July. 18. 1863.
Ret'd to duty 18 .
Deserted 18 .
Disch'd from service 18 .
Sent to G. H. 18 .
On furlough 18 .
Died 18 .
Remarks :
.....
.....
.....
Ohio. Reg'l Reg. No. 630; Hos. No.; Page 24
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M1523

Proceedings of the U.S. Army Courts-Martial and Military Commissions of Union Soldiers Executed by U.S. Military Authorities, 1861-1866

- Arranged in alphabetical order
- Includes 267 Union soldiers who were executed, mostly for desertion or murder
- Executions were carried out by firing squad or hanging

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Authors: [United States. Army. Office of the Judge Advocate General](#) (Main Author)
[United States. Adjutant General's Office](#) (Added Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Washington, D.C. : National Archives & Records Administration, 1988

Physical: 8 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Series: National Archives microfilm publications; M1523

References: (See Also) [Proceedings of U.S. Army courts-martial and military commissions of Union soldiers executed by U.S. military authorities, 1861-1866 : National Archives microfilm publications pamphlet describing M1523 / United States. National Archives and Records Administration](#)

and John W. Hartup. See their testimony
as follows.

Examination in Chief.

By the Judge Advocate.

Q. State to the Court, your name,
residence and occupation.

A. Andrew Smith.

Q. Where do you live?

A. I live between Antreus and
Londonderry, about two miles from
Antreus - not quite two from
Antreus, a little more than two
from Derry.

Court Martial Proceedings Example,
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- Honorable Discharges, 1917-1919
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RG41 – Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

- Merchant seaman lost in WWI, 1914-19
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Office of the Judge Advocate General – RG 153

- Ledgers of all A.E.F. Court Martial convictions, 1917-1919



RG 391 - U.S. Army Mobile Units

- Infantry divisions and brigades
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RG 395 - U.S. Army Overseas Operations

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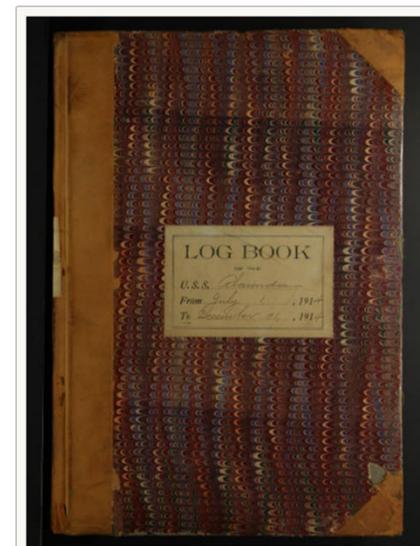
Navy Logbooks: Catalog Links to Logs Through 1940

Logbooks documenting the operations of U.S. Navy ships up to and including 1940 (National Archives Identifier 581208) are maintained at the [National Archives in Washington, DC](#). Some logbooks have been digitized from original records or microfilm and are available to view and download in the [National Archives Catalog](#). Below you can find the names of these ships and the links to the digitized volumes.

To learn more about these records, please see [Logbooks of the US Navy at the National Archives](#) and [A History of Naval Deck Logs](#). If you have questions concerning any of the logbooks through 1940, please contact the textual reference staff in Washington, DC, by emailing to archives1reference@nara.gov, or by mail to:

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Logbook Cover, U.S.S. Abarenda I, 7/1/1914-12/31/1914

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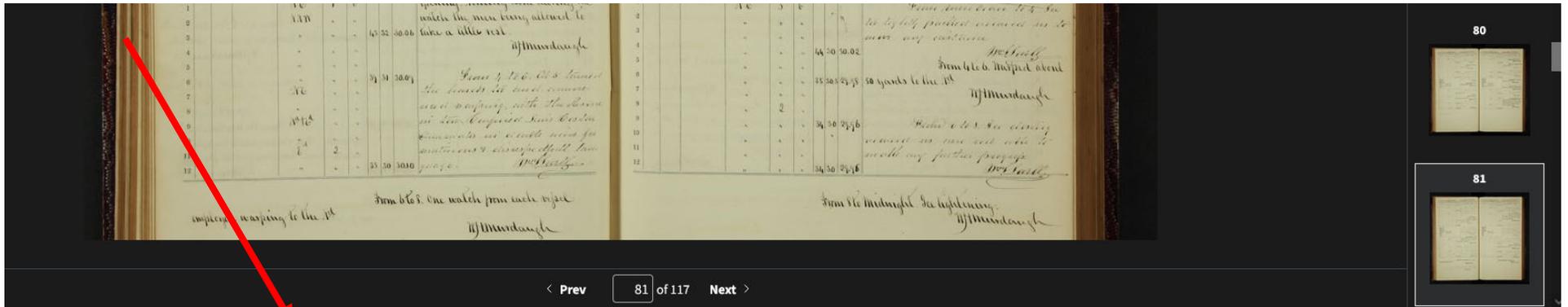
USS Advance, May 1850 – December 1850

NAID: 24342398 | Textual Records | Covers: May 23, 1850–December 31, 1850 | 116 Images | 1 File | 0 / 117 have Transcriptions

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The image shows an open logbook with two pages visible. The pages are titled "Log of United States Brig Advance" and "Commanded by Lieut. E. S. De Haven". The entries are dated July 1850. The left page has a table with columns for "Date", "Position", "Wind", "Current", and "Distance per Log". The right page has a similar table and includes a section for "Remarks on this 26th day of July 1850". The handwriting is in cursive and includes various navigational notes and observations.

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1. [Advance-1850.pdf](#)
Portable Document File (PDF), 355 MB

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A. Houghton				
A. Houghton				
Aaron Ward	(DD-132)	4/21/1919	6/17/1922	
Aaron Ward	(DD-132)	5/24/1930	4/1/1937	
Aaron Ward	(DD-132)	9/30/1939	9/9/1940	
Aaron Ward	(DD-483)	3/4/1942	3/1/1943	
Aaron Ward	(DD-483)	4/1/1943	4/7/1943	
Aaron Ward	(DM-34)	10/28/1944	9/28/1945	
Abalone	(SP-208)	9/9/1918	12/19/1918	
Abarenda	(AC-13, AG-14)	11/3/1903	10/6/1909	
Abarenda	(AC-13, AG-14)	5/27/1910	1/21/1926	

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