

Revolutionary War Research: Tracing Patriot and Loyalist Ancestors

Class 4: Using Revolutionary War Land Grants

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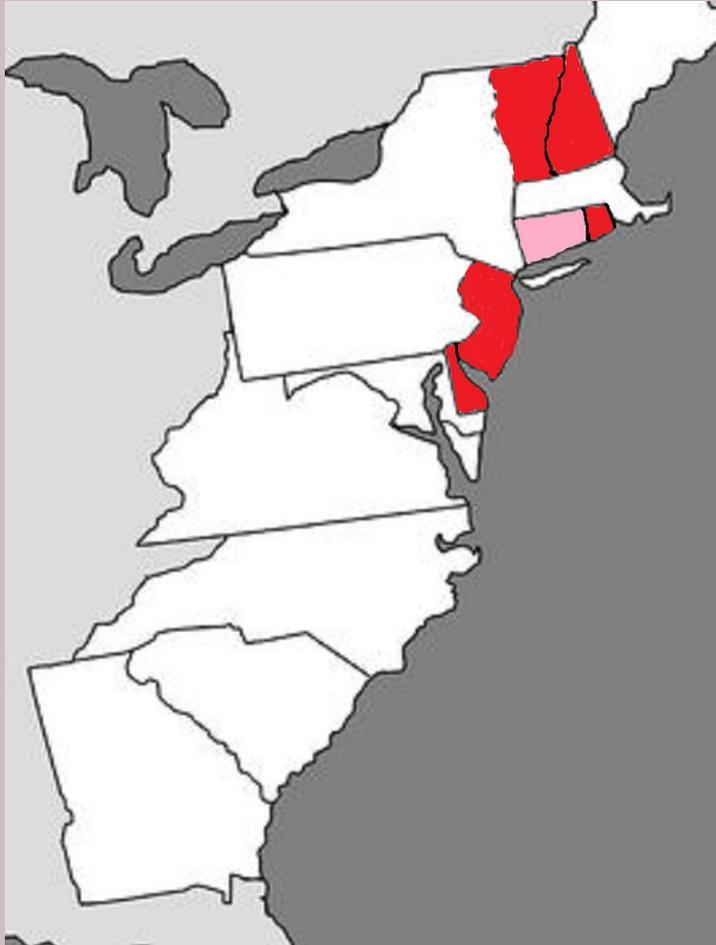
OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Introduction to Bounty Land
 - State Bounty Land
 - Crown Land in Canada
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Introduction to Bounty Land



States **WITHOUT** Bounty Land



- Colonies:
 - New Hampshire
 - Rhode Island
 - New Jersey
 - Delaware
 - Connecticut
- Independent
 - Republic of Vermont

First the Promise

To enlistees in the Continental Army:

That Congress make provision for **granting lands**, in the following proportions: to the officers and soldiers who shall so engage in the service, and continue therein to the close of the war, or until discharged by Congress, and to the representatives of such officers and soldiers as shall be slain by the enemy

Congressional Act of 16 September 1776

Introduction of Bounty Land

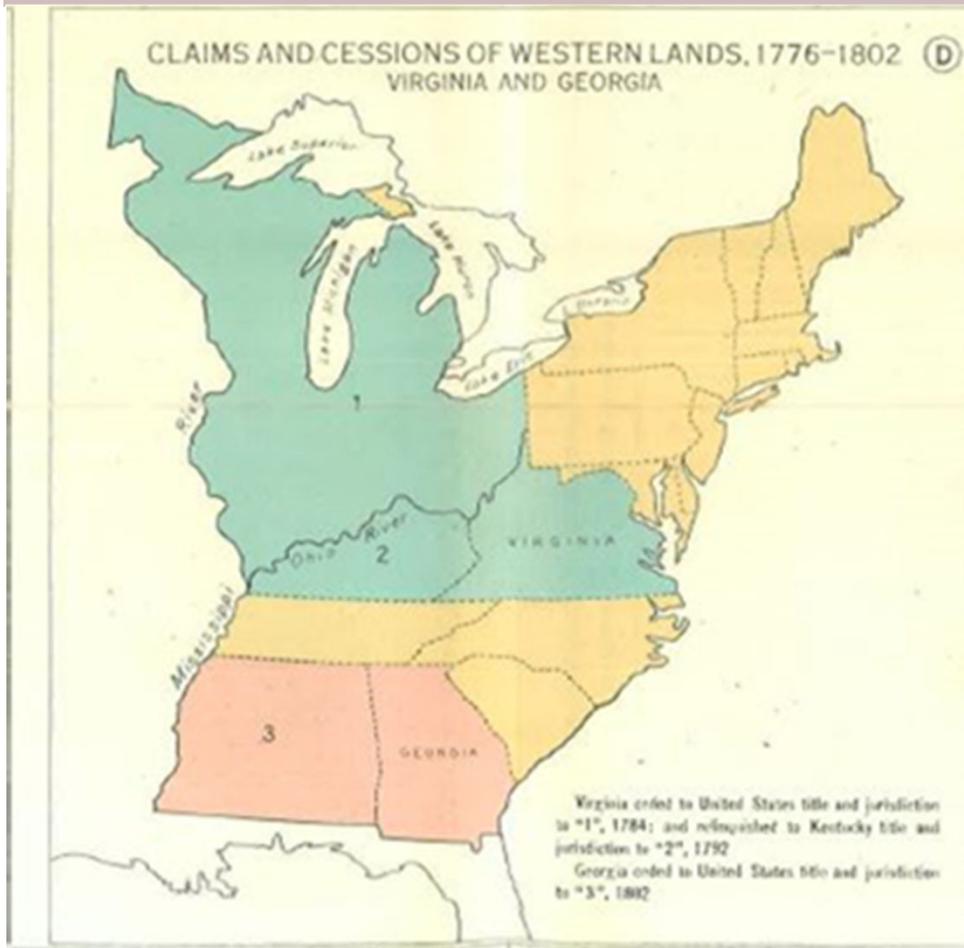
- To entice soldiers to fight, the Continental Congress in 1776 promised land in exchange for service
- After the war, states had to cede land to federal government
 - Competing land claims among states

Then the Land



LOC, Robertson,
“The thirteen
original states,
1783,” 1898

Land Claimed by Virginia



Land Claimed by New York



Charles O. Paulin, *Atlas of Historical Geography of the United States*, 1932

Key to Bounty Land: Northwest Territory

- 1780 – Continental Congress declares Northwest Territory is public land
- 1785 – Land Ordinance establishing the six mile square township
- 1787 – Plan for creating states in the NW Territory

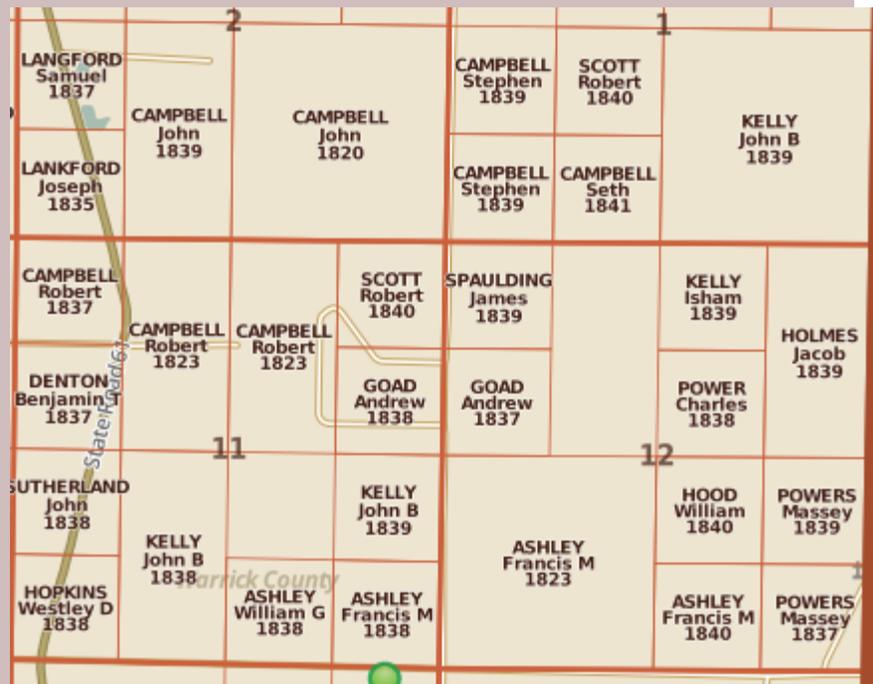


Acts Authorizing Bounty Land Warrants

- Bounty Land Acts 1788, 1803, 1806, 1850, 1855.
 - These acts awarded land for service
 - 1788 allowed soldiers to sell/assign their award to someone else
 - Information about land received under these acts often combined in Revolutionary War pension files, if applicable

Post-1796 Federal Survey System

- Based on a grid
- Township – six square miles, measured N/S from base
- Section – one sq. mile in a township
- Range – distance E/W from referenced meridian
- Quarter – NE, NW, SE, SW portion of township



Warwick County, Indiana

Eligibility and Process

Did Your Ancestor Serve?

BIRTH YEARS	BATTLE YEARS	WAR
1726-1767	1775-1783	REV WAR
1762-1799	1812-1815	WAR 1812
1796-1831	1846-1848	MEX WAR
1811-1848	1861-1865	CIVIL WAR
1848-1881	1898	SPANISH/AMERICAN

Eligibility

- **Unit:** Continental line
- **Rank:** Soldier or non-commissioned officer
- **Duration:** Minimum three years of service
- **Assignment Allowed:** No (changed in 1788)
- **State Application Allowed:** Yes

Amount by Rank

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

Process Generated Paper

- Steps
- Federal Agencies
 - Secretary of War reviewed applications and issued warrants
 - Treasury Department supervised selection of land and issued patents
- State Agencies
 - Unique to state

Application

Warrant

Survey

Patent

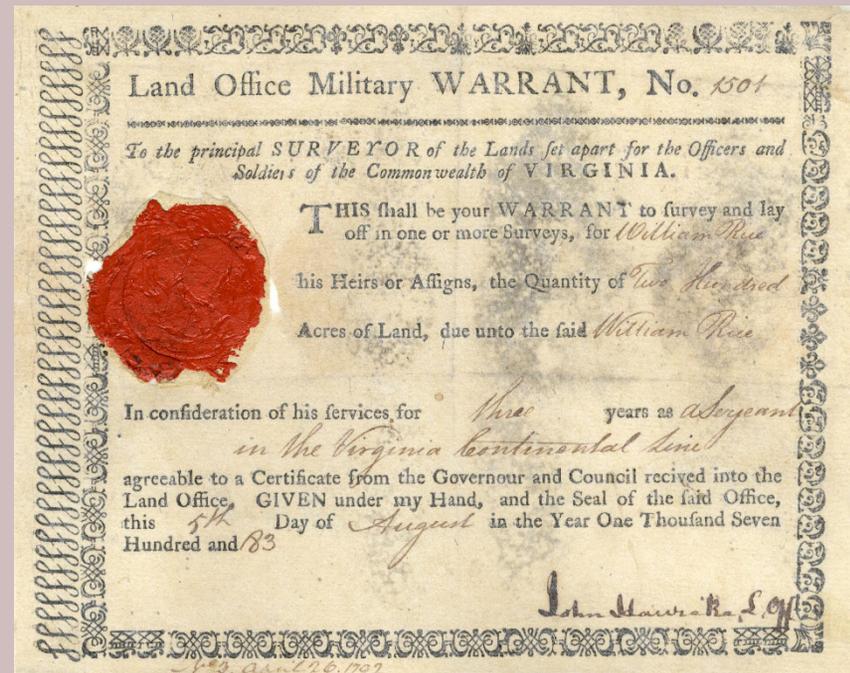
Possession

Application

- Serviceman submitted affidavits from commanding officers or fellow soldiers
- Submitted discharge papers
- If soldier died during service, heirs could file with documentation that they were legal heirs of the deceased

Warrant Authorizing a Survey

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



Virginia Warrant for William Rice
1783, land in Kentucky

Survey - 1793

Survey'd the 22nd day of Oct^r. 1793 for
William Rice 200 Acres of Land on
Military Warrant N^o. 1501 on the west
fork of Ray's Creek Beginning where the
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Survey crosses S. Creek at three Poles
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two Dogwood, pass
erly corner of his
90 poles to an Oak
to four Sweet Gum
Gum White Oak &
Black Walnut &
172 poles to two Hick
at 126 poles Thence
two Apples crossing a
86 poles to the place

Jn^o. Delany }
Jn^o. Nestler } C. C.
David Poole M



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Patent - 1803

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William Rice
200 Acres
Continental line
N^o 572
Co. 4th del. & the
Owner so apt
1803
3274

James Garrard Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to
all to whom these presents shall come greeting KNOWE that by virtue and
in consideration of a Military Warrant N^o 1501 there is granted by the
Said Commonwealth unto William Rice a certain Tract or parcel of Land
containing Two hundred Acres by survey bearing Date the twenty second day
of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety three lying and being in the
district set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line on the
West side of Bear Creek and bounded as followeth, To wit, Beginning

Assignment

- If soldier with a warrant could not take up residence, he sold the warrant for cash
- Rules varied by state and over time
- Federal warrants could be assigned beginning in 1788

Finding that Paper

Disaster – 14,000+ Records Lost



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

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

~~Smith James~~
~~B. L. W. 2, 46 300 Capt.~~
~~no date of issue~~
~~no papers.~~
~~(recorded on list of officers~~
~~to whom warrants were issued~~
~~prior to 1800.~~

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Form 740-01
10-3-61

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 B. Baufre assignee

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

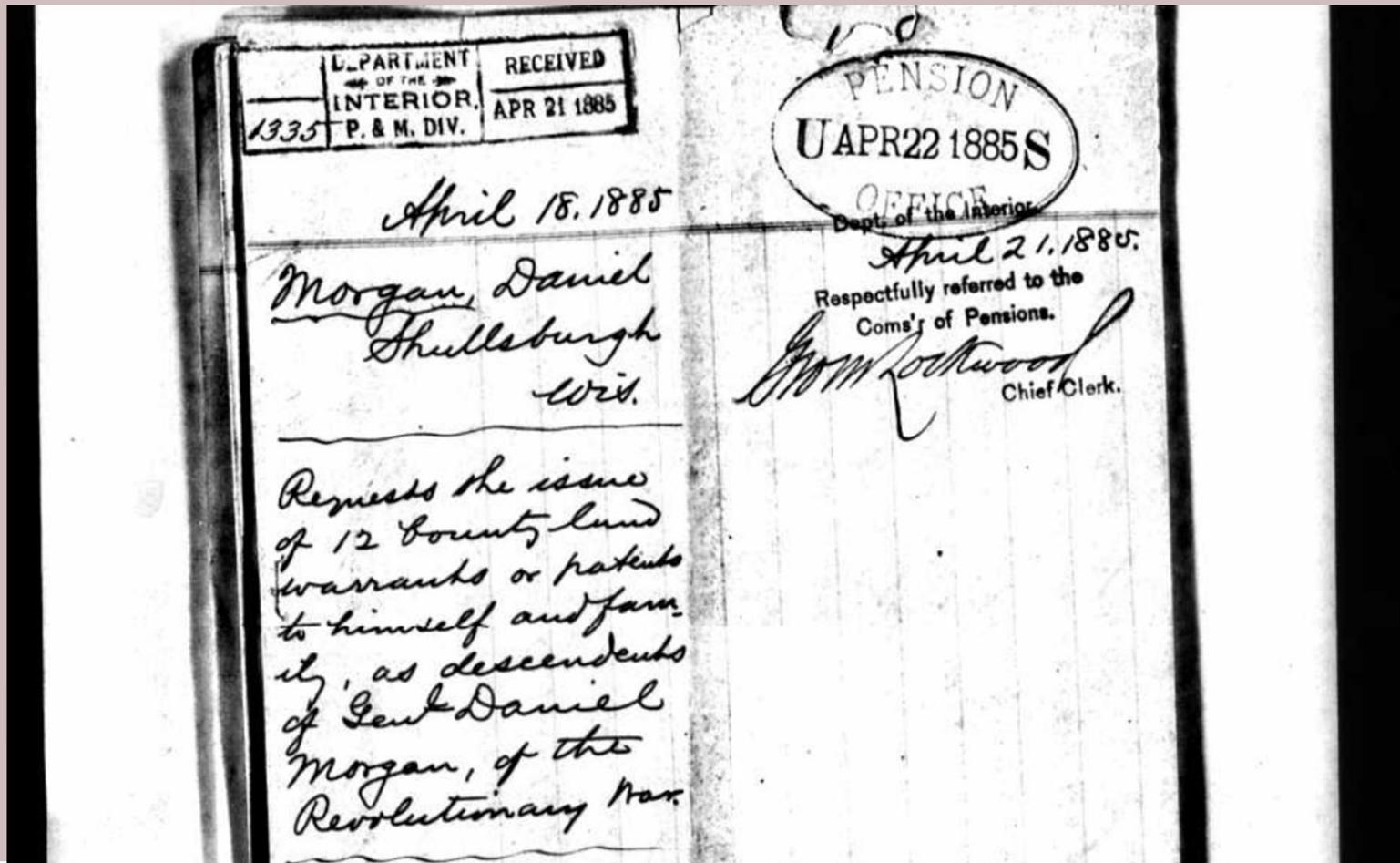
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Bounty Land Warrant Application File (Ancestry.com)



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Bounty Land Warrant Application File (Ancestry.com)

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Law of Reynaud Lafayette & Co. Wis. April 18th 1885
To Hon^{ble} Secretary of the
Interior Department Washington D C
Hon^{ble} Sir Daniel Morgan
your humble citizen may take the
privilege to address your Hon^{ble} in hopes that
through your noble qualities & sympathy
towards the rights of man you will issue
to me & my family 12 Land warrants or patents
of one section each as that is the number
of my family to be located on the same
reserve ^{in Nebraska} which is said to be open for



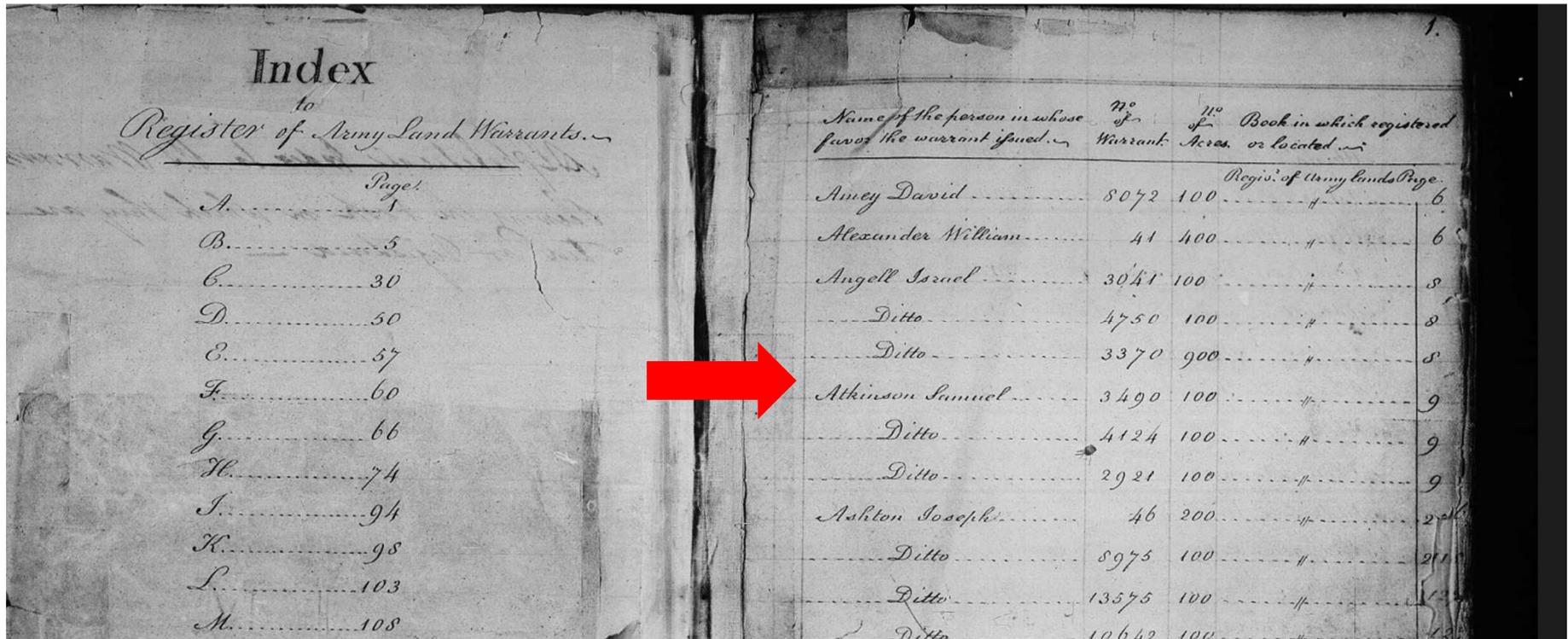
U.S. Revolutionary War bounty land warrants used in the U.S. military district of Ohio and related papers, acts of 1788, 1803, 1806

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Format	Microfilm 35mm
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Publication Date	1971
Publisher	National Archives & Records Administration
Place of Publication	Washington, D.C.
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Index to Register of Army Land Warrants, FamilySearch

Army Land Warrants,

Registered under the Acts for regulating the Grant of Land, appropriated for Military Services, passed the 1st June, 1796, and the 2d March, 1799.

WHEN REGISTERED.	BY WHOM REGISTERED.	FOR WHOM REGISTERED <small>And in whose name, Certificate or Warrant, deposited.</small>	NUMBER of the Army Land Warrants.	NAME OF THE PERSON, <small>In whose favor the Warrant issued.</small>	RANK.	DATE OF WARRANT.	NUMBER of Acres in each Warrant.	Total Number of Acres registered by each person or persons for Quarter Townships.	Quarter Town- ships, for which Certificates were issued.	NUMBER IN THE LOTTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF the Quarter Townships, located.				
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			3461	Robert Fletcher		26 April 1796	100								
			5862	Nathan Ruggles		15	100								
			1163	Robert Craddock	Lieut	15 July 1789	200								
			1773	Elip Ladd & Son	Capt	21 July 1789	400								

Army Land Warrant (1796),
FamilySearch

The Land

Finding Your Patriot

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996)

Morse, John. Mass. Sergeant. 10 Sep. 1832. 200 acres to heirs.

Bockstruck's book is on Ancestry as "Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants"

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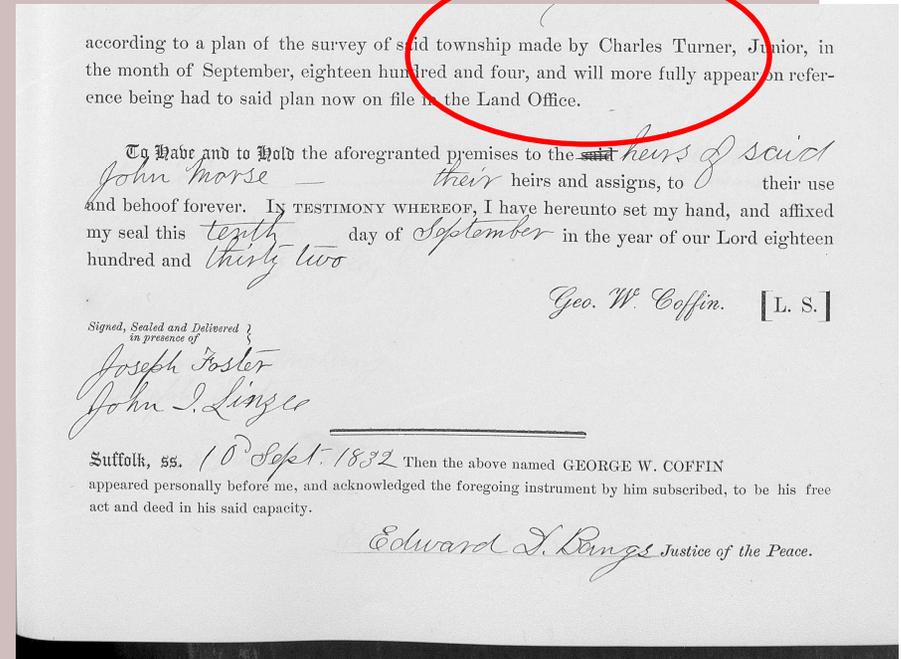
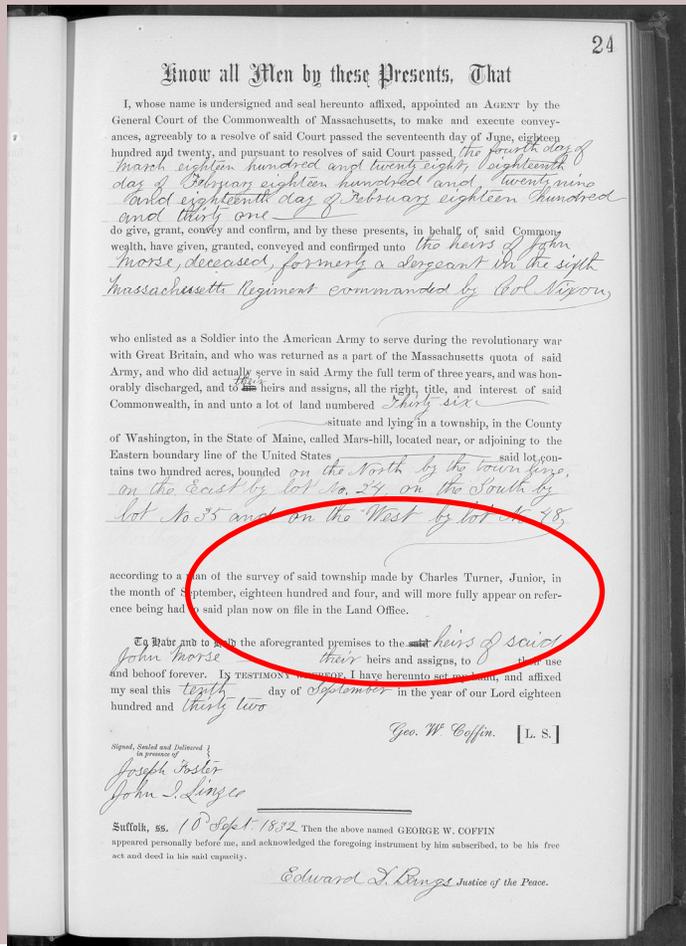
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State Bounty Land

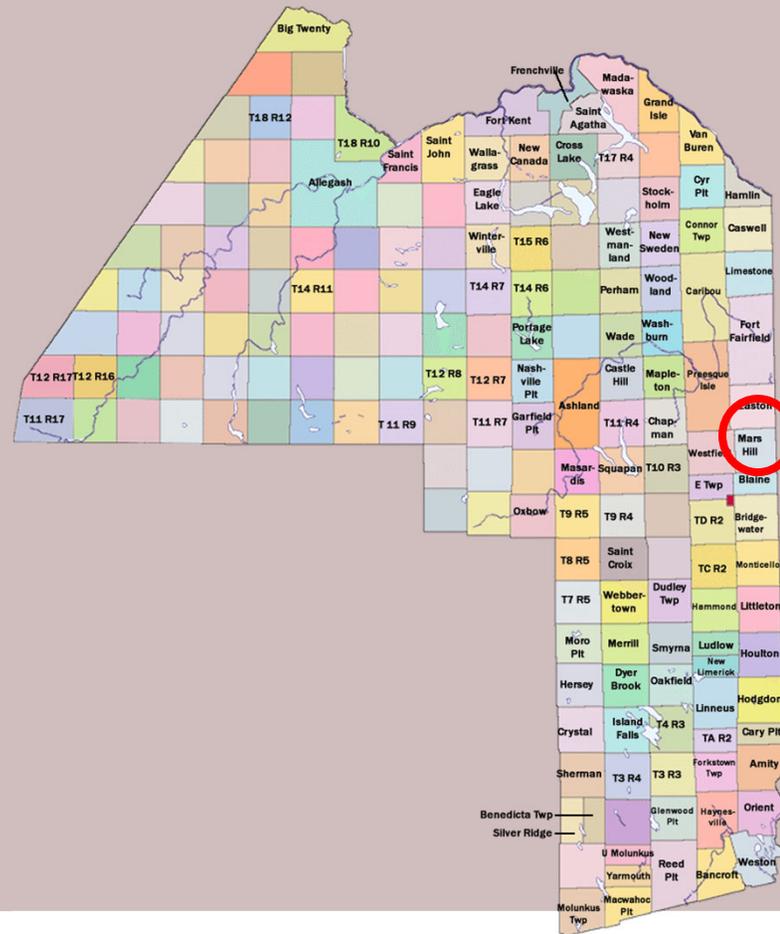
Introduction to State Bounty Land

- For **military service**: Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia
- For **neutrality (or military service)**: Georgia
- Soldiers could “double-dip,” federal and state
- See Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants*, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1996.

Massachusetts

- First authorized Bounty Land: 5 March 1801
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criterion: No Double Dipping:** could not take federal bounty land
- First warrant for Mars Hill in Aroostook County
- Second allotment of land in Maine enabled in 1833

Mars Hill



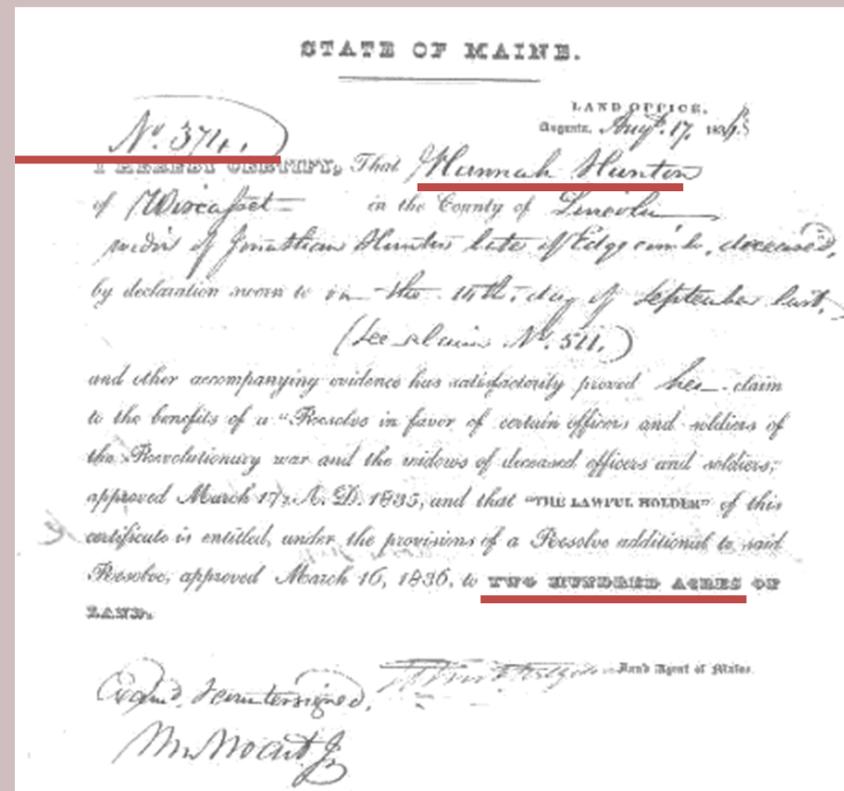
Maine

- First authorized - 17 March 1835
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criteria:** Currently living in Maine and enlisted from Massachusetts or Maine
- Land assigned by lottery

Soldier

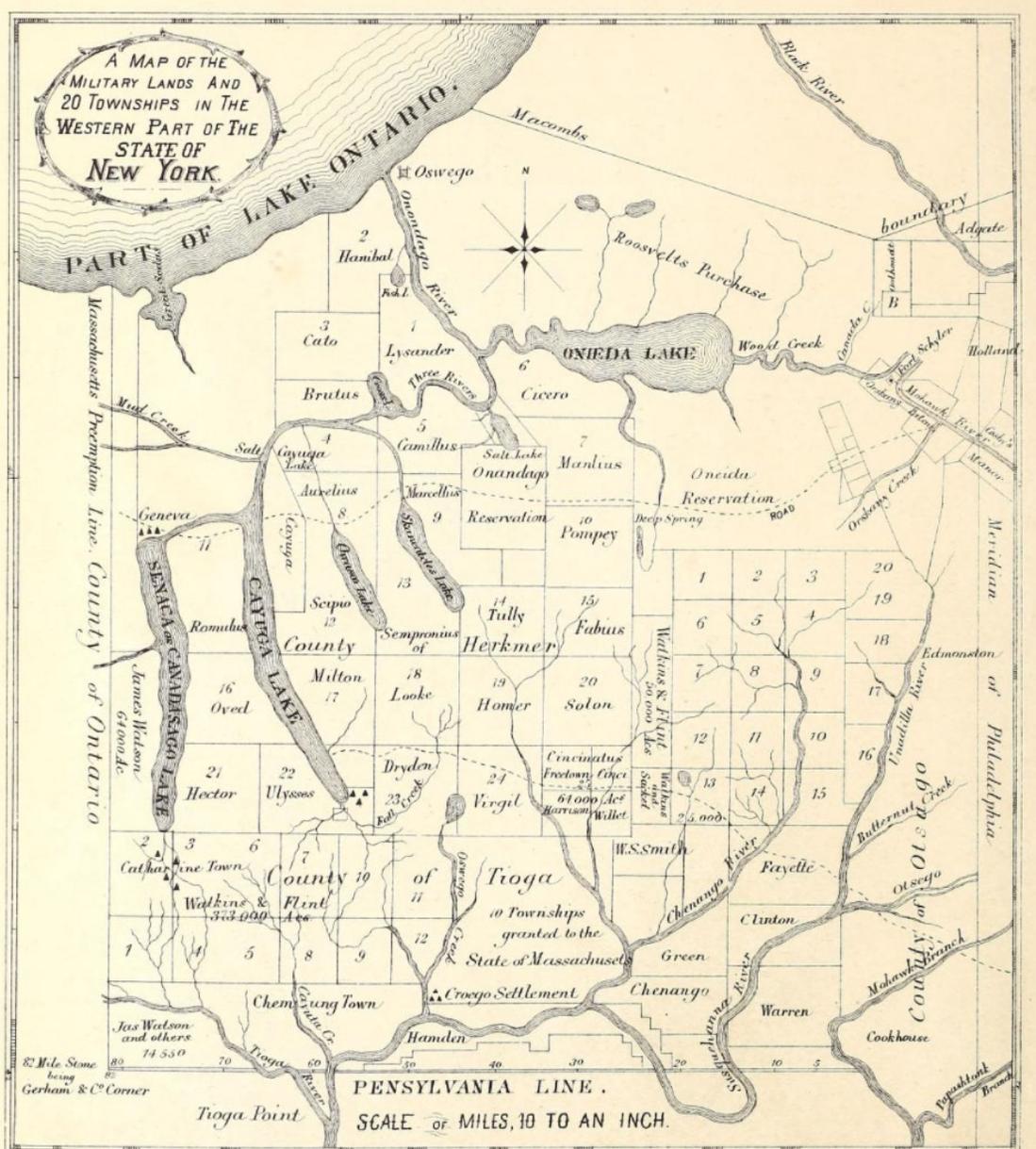
- Finding the Name
- Finding the Warrant
 - “Maine Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1835-1838,” *Family Search*

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



New York

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



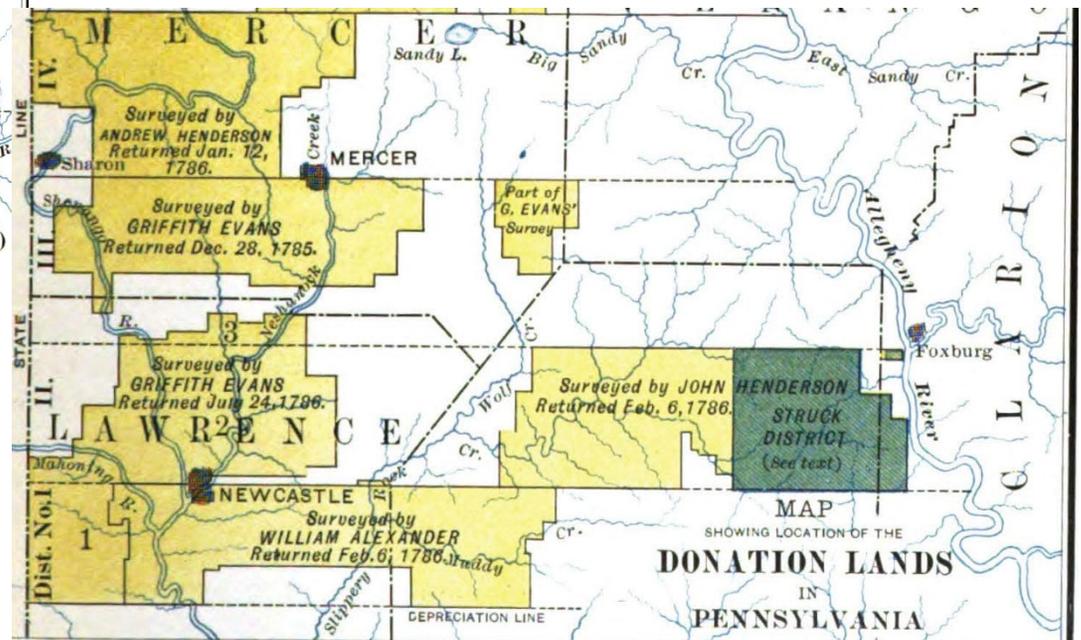
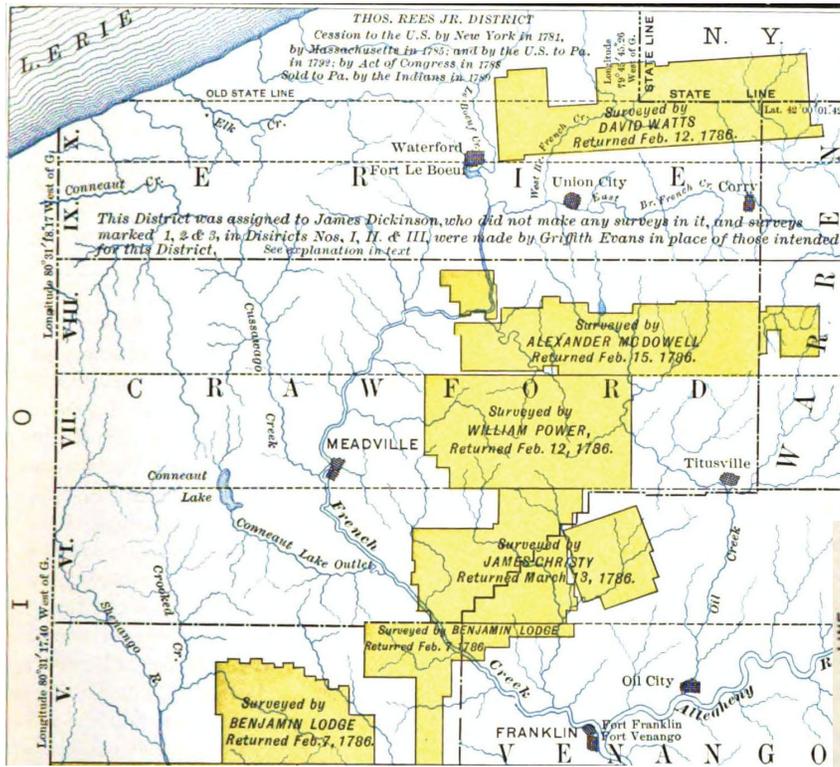
History of Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins and Schuyler counties, New York, p. 18, Archive.org

Military Tract Townships

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| 7. Manlius | 17. Milton | 27. Galen |
| 8. Aurelius | 18. Locke | 28. Sterling |
| 9. Marcellus | 19. Horace | |
| 10. Pompey | 20. Solon | |

Pennsylvania

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



A pioneer outline history of northwestern Pennsylvania: Hathitrust.org

Finding Your Pennsylvania Patriot

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Records of the Land Office
DONATION LAND REGISTER, [ca.1794]. {series #17.174}

Images of Each Register Page

The Donation Land register includes a patent index and related lists concerning the Donation Land program, bound together with information concerning the Donation Land Lottery held on December 20, 1794. This is the register currently in use for identifying records of individual land tracts. The volume contains eight distinct sections, namely:

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Alphabetical Surname List of Donation Land Register

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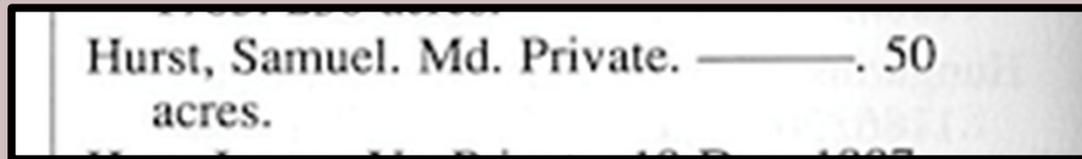
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Listing by Lot Number

Maryland

- Authorized: 31 October 1777
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Difference of note:** Minimum award was 50 acres
(Officers received four 50-acre lots)

Maryland – They Went Where?



- Maryland State Archives – Land Office Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland (now Garrett County)
- Digital Images online

Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland.	
Number.	Remarks.
<p>1051. Awarded to <i>George Belfast</i> S.W.E. Co. 2d Lin. Borneo - Sep. 22nd 1874 <i>a Soldier</i> Pat to Samuel W. Friend for Reform <i>!!!</i> Nov. 1851 -</p>	
<p>1052. To Brett Roberts ditto</p>	<p>Patented To Christopher Stewart "as Hunter" July 19 1842</p>
<p>1053. To Samuel Hurst S.W.E. H.M. Fitzhugh^{to} ditto 8th Dec 1852</p>	
<p>1054. To John Smallwood <i>Pat</i> ditto Pat to Lieut. Calmes in Calmes Summer Retreat Enlarged - 4th May 1824</p>	
<p>1055. To William Thalker S.W.E. H.M. Fitzhugh^{to} ditto 8th Dec 1852</p>	

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Virginia

- Authorized: 22 June 1779
- First award: first warrant was issued in 1782
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criterion:** State line soldiers eligible
- Process
 - Soldier applied for a certificate which verified his eligibility
 - Certificate exchanged for a warrant

Application and Certificate

Craddock, Henry. Va. Sergeant. 19 Mar.
1783. 200 acres.

Craddock, John. N.C. Captain. 20 Mar.
1784. 3840 acres.

Craddock, Robert. Va. Lieutenant.
1783. 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres.

Craddock, Henry,- Serjeant- Army.

Cert.- Lieut. Robt. Craddock. ✓

voucher 1783.

This may Certify that Sgt Henry Craddock
-th. was enlisted in the 1st Regt. Infy. on
March 1774 - & served to the 22^d of Feb^r
1781. equal to a discharge signed by
Col. Ferguson at Lumb^r. Old Court House
March 21st - 83 *Al. Craddock Lieut.*

Land in Ohio and Kentucky

- Soldier could take his certificate and apply for a survey warrant in either Kentucky or later, Ohio.
- Ohio Land not available until 1796

173	COWHERD, Francis	4000	Captain . . .	Va. Cont. Line . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 11, '83
187	CRADDOCK, Robert	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	Lieutenant .	Va. Cont. Line . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
188	CRULE, John	2666 $\frac{2}{3}$	Lieutenant .	Va. Cont. Line . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
189	CRADDOCK, Henry	200	Sergeant . . .	Va. Cont. Line . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 20, '83
193	CHIVERS, John	100	Private . . .	Va. Cont. Line . . .	3 yrs.	Mch. 24, '83

- From Samuel Wilson's Catalogue based on Kentucky State Land Office Records
- If a person appears in Bockstruck's book, but not in Wilson's book, then the land is in Ohio

North Carolina

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

NC Survey Order

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

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA—No. 3013.
The Hon James Glasgow Esq secretary of state.
To Col. Martin Armstrong Greeting:
YOU are hereby required to lay off and survey for Stephen Newton
a private
in the line of this state, Two hundred and seventy four
acres of land within the limits of the lands reserved by law for the Officers and Soldiers of the
Continental line of this state; observing the directions of the acts of Assembly in such case
made and provided—Two just and fair plans, with a certificate to each annexed, you are to
transmit to my office within the time limited by law. Given under my hand at *Fairfield*
the 20th day of *Sept* 1785. *J. Glasgow*
Thomas Hutcheson is entitled to the benefit of this warrant

South Carolina

- Authorized: 1778
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**

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

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Lands belong to Mr. A. Hill
Lands belong to the Estate of Jacob Holt Esq.
Lands belonging to Mr. William Hort
At the Request of John Don Esq. I have surveyed

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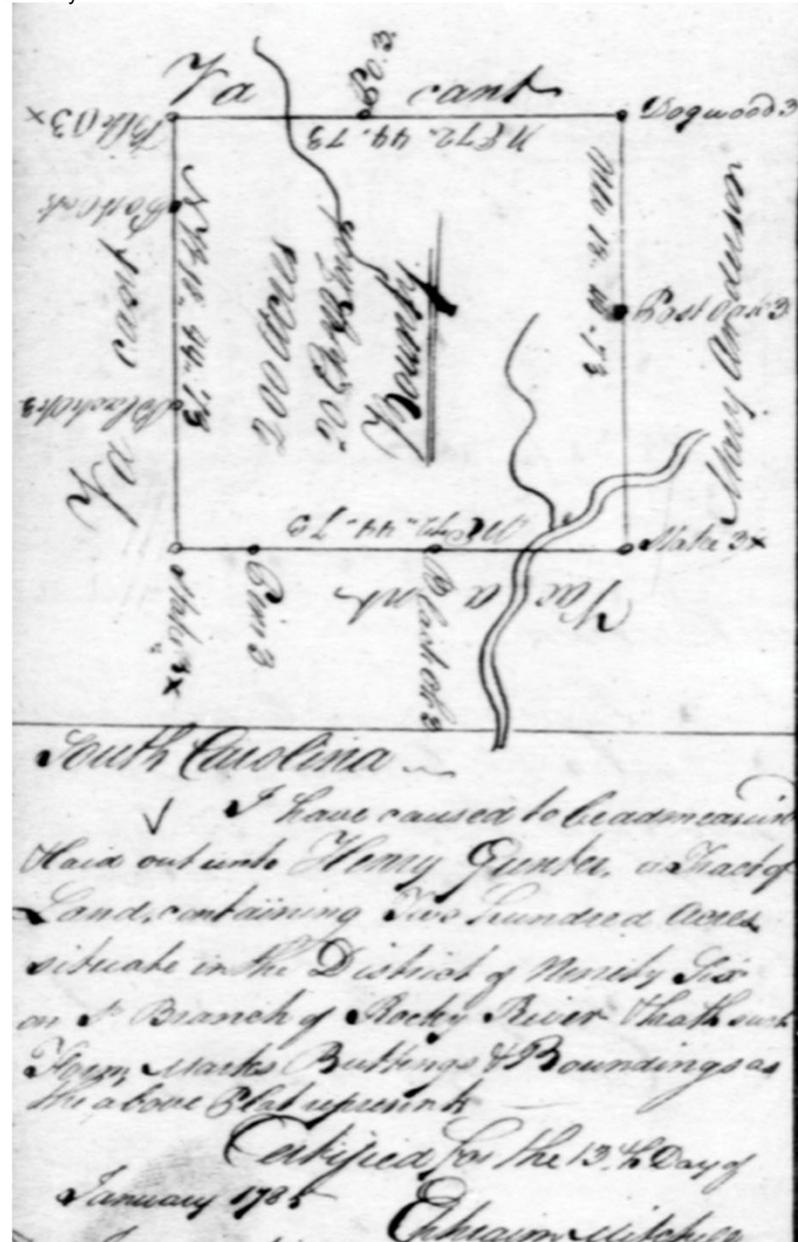
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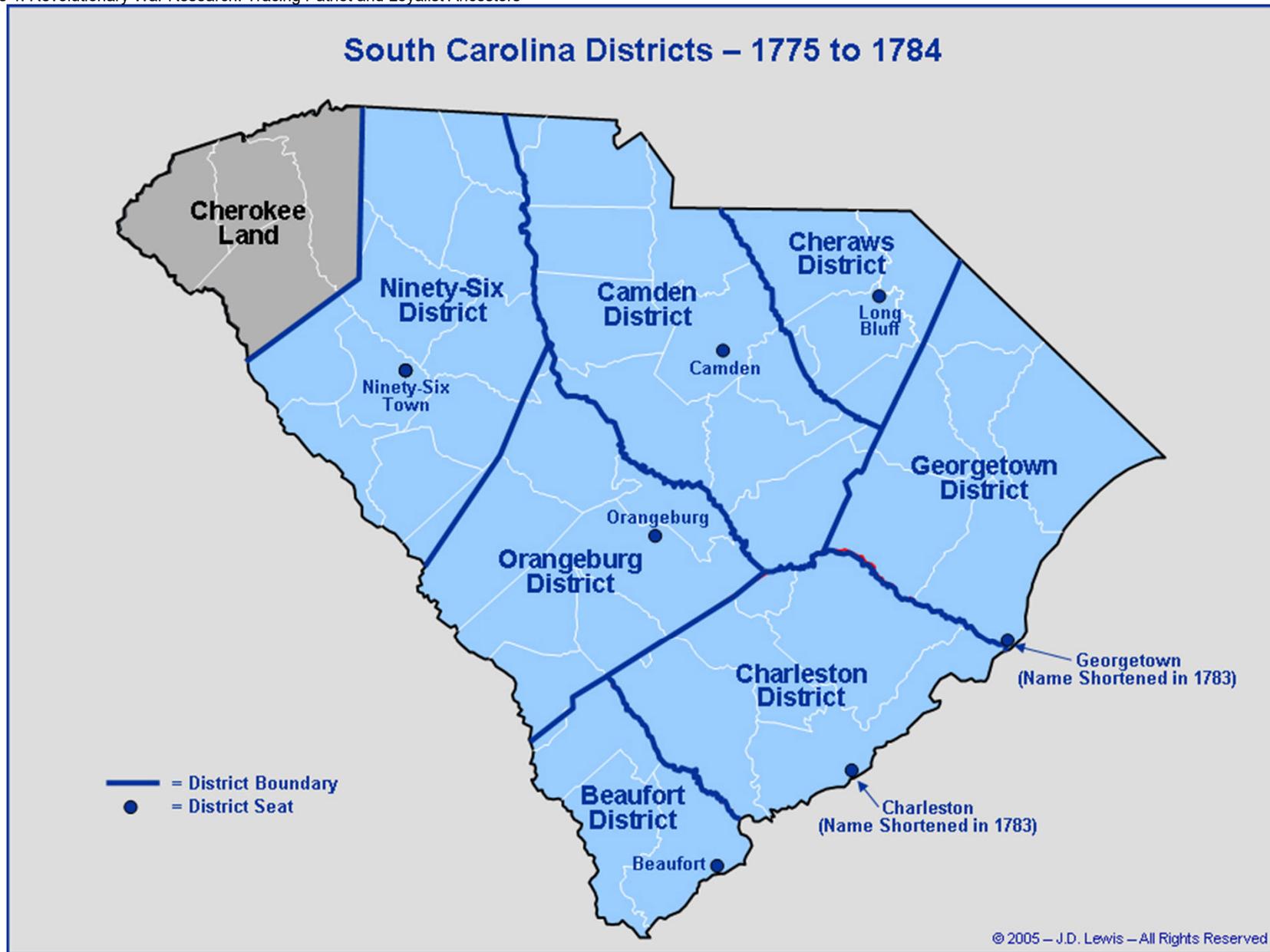
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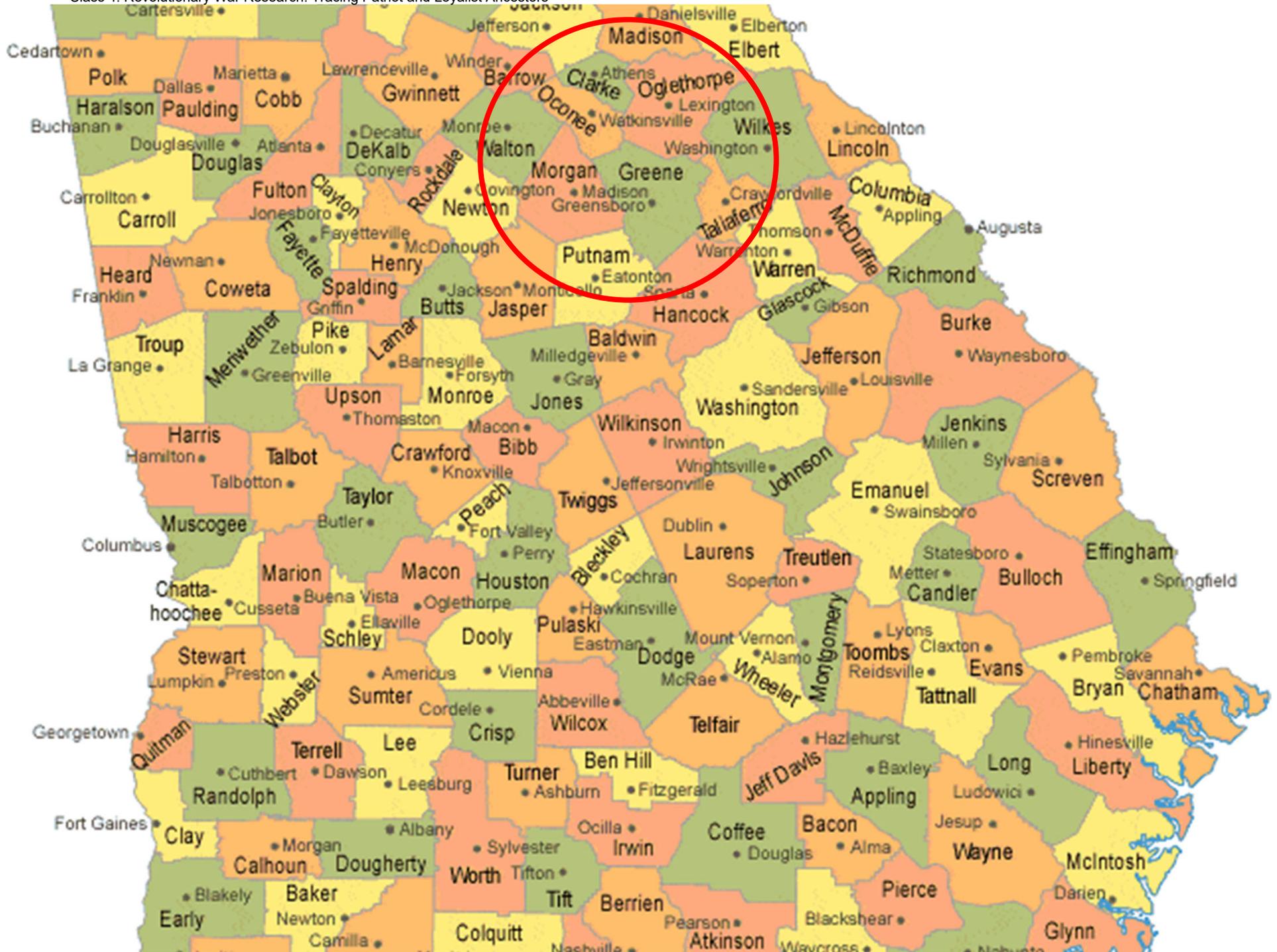
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Georgia

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



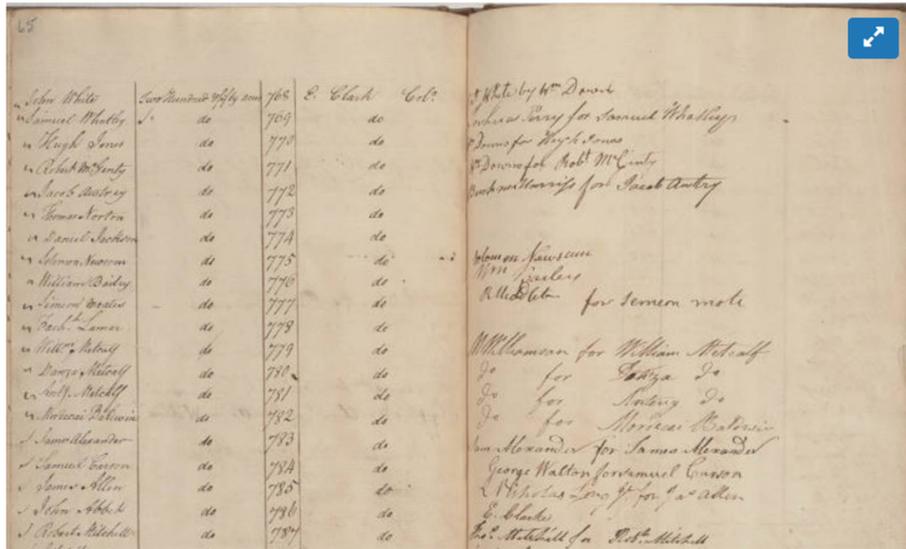
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Certificates for Land.

date	To whom	what rank	what line	State	Bounty
1783 15 August	William Jones	Lieutenant	Georgia	One hundred acres	
ditto	John Berrien	Captain	ditto	three hundred acres	
14 Septem	John McIntosh	Lt. Col. Comd.	ditto	Five hundred acres	

Issued by his Honor Governor Hall 1783, 8

Continental Bounty	Total	Signers own writing -
200	200	William Jones
600	600	John Wreat for Capt. John Berrien
1000	1000	John McIntosh Lt Col. Comd.

Georgia Vault – Bounty Land Certificates



Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records, 1783-1909

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~~the County of~~

YOU are hereby authorized and required to admeasure and
lay out, or cause to be admeasured and laid out, unto
John McIntosh Col. a Tract of Land, which
shall contain *Eleven hundred and fifty* —
Acres, in the said County of *Reserve*
Renewed — Bounty

Taking especial Care that the same has not heretofore been
laid out to any Person or Persons: And you are hereby also
directed and required to record the Plat of the same in your
Office, and transmit a Copy thereof, together with this War-
rant, to the Surveyor General, within three Months from this
Date. Given under my Hand, this *8th* Day of *March*
1785

J. White

Georgia Headright and Bounty
Land Record, FamilySearch

QUESTIONS?

Crown Land

Land Grant Petitions

- Petitions were submitted that stated whether the Loyalist was a soldier or supported the British in some other way.
- Petitions could be submitted by the children of the Loyalist.
- If petition was approved, the claimant was provided with a ticket with the township and lot # of the land they were awarded.

Land Grants – July 1783

- 200 acres allotted to non-commissioned officers of Provincial Corps and Associated Loyalists
- 100 acres to private soldiers
- 100 acres to a family head
- 50 acres to each family member or single man

Land Grants – August 1783

- 1,000 acres to Field Officers in the Loyalist Corps
- 700 acres to Captains
- 500 acres to Subaltern/Staff/Warrant Officers
- 50 acres to family members
- Officers in the Royal Highland Emigrants (84th Regiment) received significantly higher portions (5,000 for field officers, 3,000 for captains, and 2,000 acres for lesser ranks).

Land Grants – 1787

- "General refugees" were granted 200 acres, with the increase of 200 acres to each son or daughter.

Land Grants – 1788

- Land grants for the Provincial Corps officers were matched with the Royal Highland Emigrants if they were classified as "military claimants"
- A military claimant applies to a soldier in the British army and its Germanic allies, the Hessians.

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Case Study: The Parentage of Mary Loyst

Background

- Mary Loyst was b. circa 1794 in Lennox and Addington County, Ontario (then called Upper Canada)
- She married David Finley Batty about 1815 and settled in Haldimand township, Northumberland County, Ontario
- Her suspected father was Andrew Loyst, but no proof was found confirming this.

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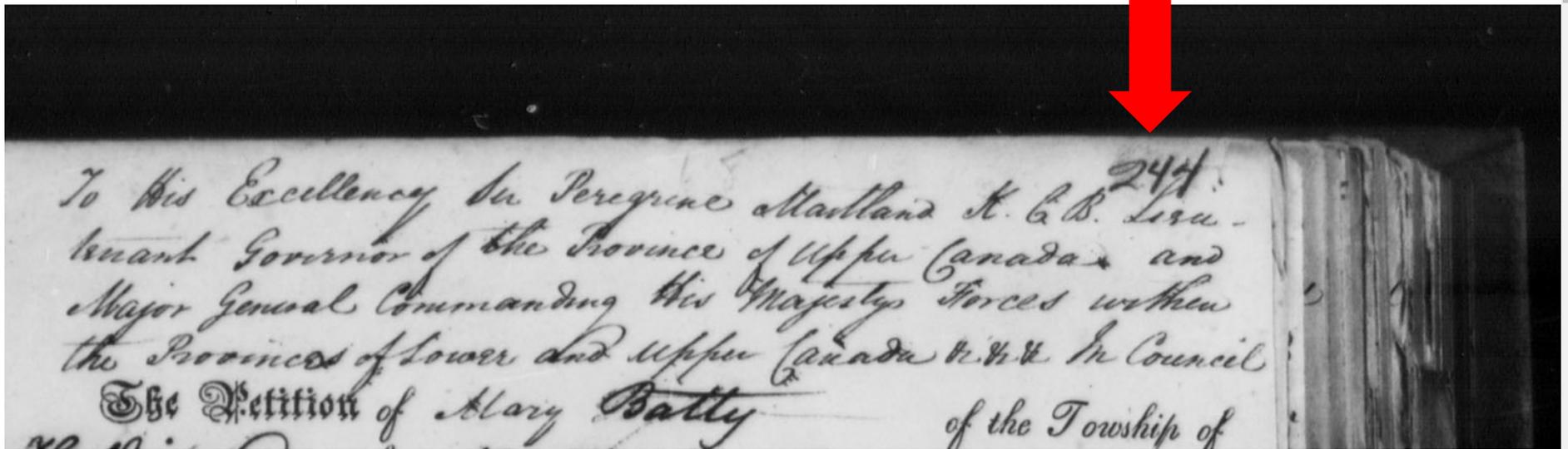


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To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Mordaunt K. G. B. ²⁴⁴ Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces within the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada &c. &c. In Council

The Petition of *Mary Batty* of the Township of *Halldimand* in the *New Castle* District, Province of Upper Canada, Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner is the *Daughter* of *Andrew Loyst* of township of *Fredricksburg* in the *Midland* District, a U. E. Loyalist; that she is married and has never received any Land or order for Land from the Crown: Your Petitioner, therefore, prays that your Excellency will be pleased to grant unto *her* two hundred acres of the waste Lands of the Crown, and permit *her* to be Agent to locate the same and receive the Patent when completed. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Land Petition of Mary Batty

General
Quarter Sessions, } *Mary Batty*

Mary Batty maketh Oath and saith, that she is the person she describes herself to be in the foregoing Petition; that she is married and has not heretofore received any Land or order for land from the Crown.

Sworn in open Sessions, before me,
this *Thirteenth* day of
July, 1725 —

General
Quarter Sessions, } *Elcis Jones*

Elcis Jones maketh Oath and saith, that he was present and saw *Mary Batty* — sign the foregoing Petition; that she is the person she therein describes herself to be; that she is married and has never received any land or order for land from the Crown, to the best of this Deponent's knowledge and belief.

Land Petition of Mary Batty (Cont'd)

Newcastle District, } We Zachary Burnham — Chairman,
TO WIT: } and Thomas Wards — Clerk of the Peace, Certify,
that Mary Batty
personally appeared before the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace this day,
and is recognized by the Magistrates to be the Daughter of Andrew
Loyst of Fredericksburg in the Midland District
who retained his Loyalty during the late war; without suspicion of aiding or as-
sisting the enemy; and that he has done his duty in defence of the Province during the late
war.
Dated at the Court-House in Hamilton in the said District, this Thirteenth
day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred and twenty five
Zachary Burnham
Ch. J. Spiers

Land Petition of Mary Batty (Cont'd)

Conclusion

- Mary Loyst is the daughter of Andrew Loyst, a U.E. Loyalist

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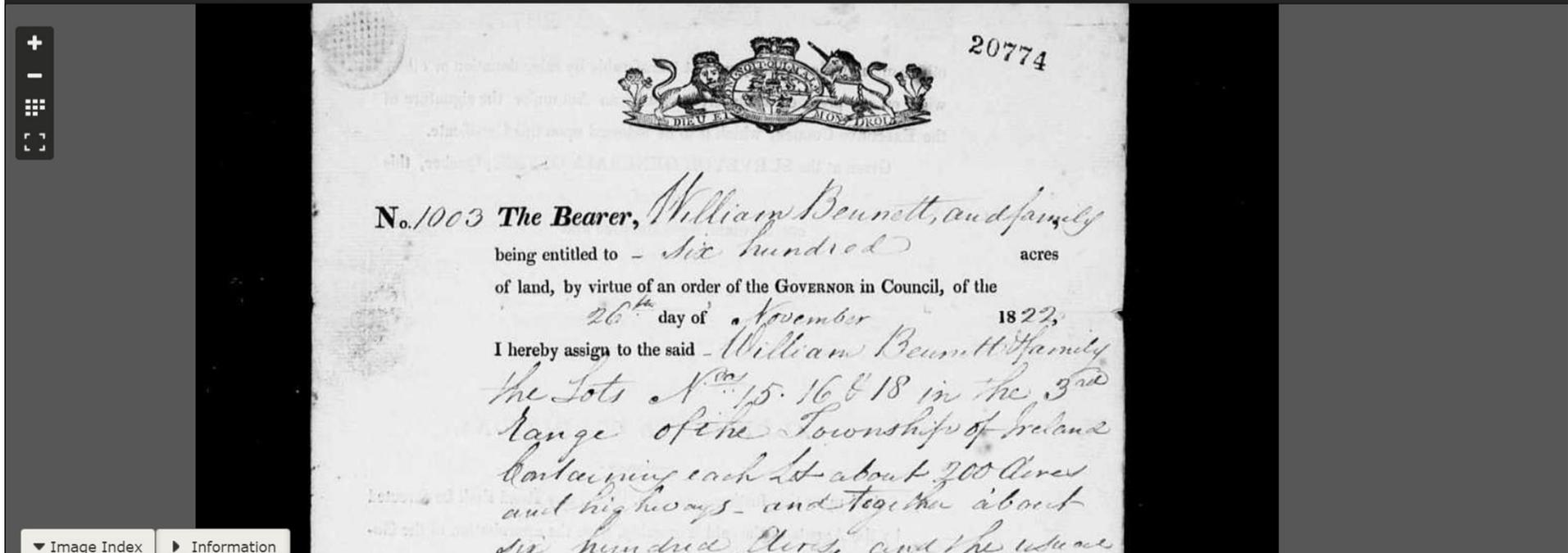
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Details	BUTLER, Benjamin	Maugerville	Sunbury	1784-07-14
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Name	CAYTON, John
Volume	NS-1
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Grant number	1
Place	Maugerville
County	Sunbury
Date	1784-07-14
Accompanying plan	Yes
Acres	100
Microfilm	F16300
Comment	Re-registered NS Grant of 1784/07/14: Plan *2/A5/Maryland Loyalists



Other names on this grant (55):

BAILEY, Zachariah 250 acres
BROCK, Nicholas 100 acres
BUTLER, Benjamin 150 acres
CARROL, Joseph 100 acres
CLEMENTS, John 200 acres
COHEE, Lemuel 0 acres

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Land Records

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Land records collectively provide a significant resource for family history research. The collection maintained at the Nova Scotia Archives is voluminous and complex; because of its size, little has been digitized, and most research must be done onsite, accessing the records via microfilm.

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- The [Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765-1800](#) database available on this website contains 11,464



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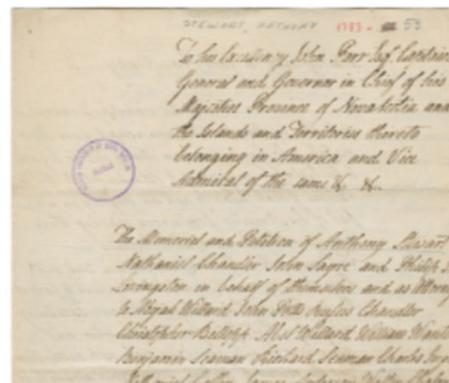
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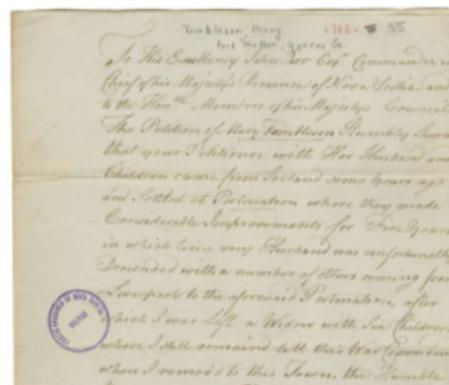


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Tombelson, Mary – 1783 – Queens County

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Names listed in the documents: Anthony Stewart, Nathaniel Chandler, John Sayre, Philip I. Livingston, Abijah Willard, John Potts, Rufus Chandler, Christopher Billopp, Abel Willard, William Wanton, Benjamin Seaman, Richard Seaman, Charles Inglis, Nathaniel Coffin, James Anderson, Walter Chaloner, Abiather Camp, Bartholomew Crannell, James Clarke, Joseph Taylor, Stephen Skinner, Thomas Knox, William Taylor, James Peters, Samuel Donaldson, Thomas Blaine, Henry Addison, Joseph Taylor, John LeChevalier Boome, George Tanton, Hugh Henderson, Samuel Goldsbury, Aaron Cortelyon, John Smith, William Taylor, Ward Chipman, Isaac Wilkins, John Bowden, James Sayre, James Fairlie, Edward G. Lutroyche, Issac Longworth, Benjamin Davis, William Campbell, Thomas Horsfield, Colin Campbell, Colbourn Barrell, Harvey Peters, John Mawdsley, John Watson, Thomas Bannister, John Moore, David Seabury, George Taylor, Andrew Bell

Joint petition of Loyalists on the continent for lands in the Bay of St. Mary's, extending on each side of the Sissibo into the vicinity of Port Roseway.

Memorial for 5000 acres with waste and marsh land as well, for each person. "Approved", 1783 (Parr).

Warrant issued, observing that they are not to interfere with any other person.

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STEWART, ANTHONY 1783 - ~~53~~ 53.

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the Islands and Territories thereto
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1. Land records can reveal more than just where the land was located. It often can help you understand relationships within a family as well as the greater community.
2. You may need to consult several databases and offline repositories to find all of the documentation related to the land grants.
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