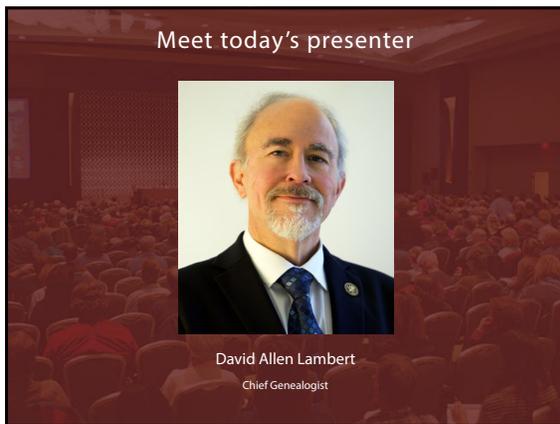




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Determining the Military Service of your Ancestor before the Revolution

- Age at enlistment
- Wars during his lifetime
- Documents & Artifacts
- Pensions?
- Genealogies and local histories

A historical cartoon titled "JOIN, or DIE." showing a segmented snake with the letters A, S, V, N, E, C, R. on its segments, coiled around a branch. The text "JOIN, or DIE." is written below the snake.

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How old was your Veteran?

- Drummer Boy
- Student Soldier
- Married with Children
- Seasoned Veteran
- Senior Soldier

A silhouette of a young boy in a military uniform, carrying a drum and a mace, walking to the right.

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What colonial wars occurred during his lifetime?



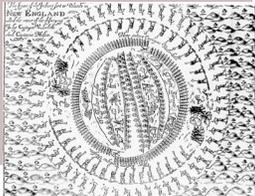
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17th Century Conflicts

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Pequot War: 1636-1638

- Expansion into Connecticut
- New England settlers and Pequot Indians
- Major battle: Fort Mystic May 26, 1637



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King Philip's War: 1675-1676

- First full-scale New England war in the 17th c.
- Metacomet (aka) King Philip and the Wampanoag Indians
- Plymouth Colony, Rhode Island, Western Mass., and beyond

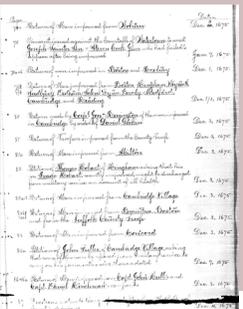


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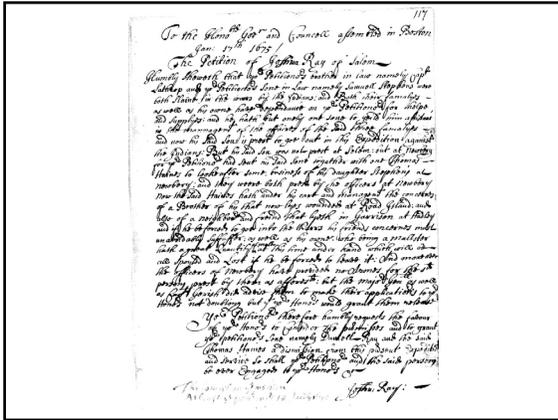
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To the Honored Governor & Council. 28a

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your Affectionate
John Brousdon

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King William's War: 1689-1697

- Glorious Revolution of 1688; England declares war on France in 1689
- Areas of New York, Maine, and New Hampshire
- Sir William Phips led attack on Port Royal, Acadia
- Failed attempt to capture Quebec

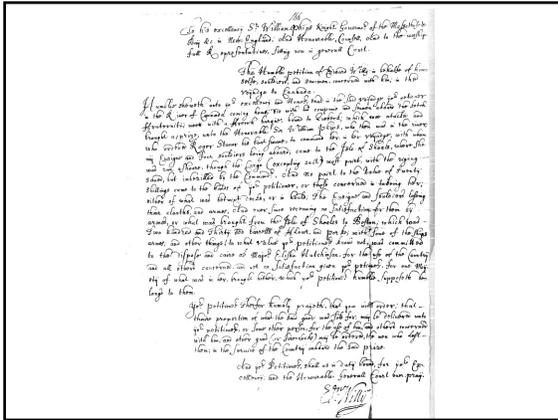
 An engraving of a coastal town, likely Port Royal, Acadia, showing buildings, a harbor with ships, and a fortification on a hill.

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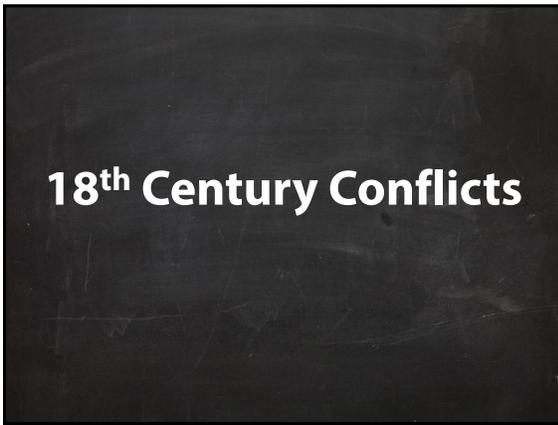
**Sir William Phips' Expedition
October 1690**

 A photograph of a diver in a red wetsuit underwater, reaching for an object on the seabed. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an underwater excavation or discovery.

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Queen Anne's War: 1702-1713

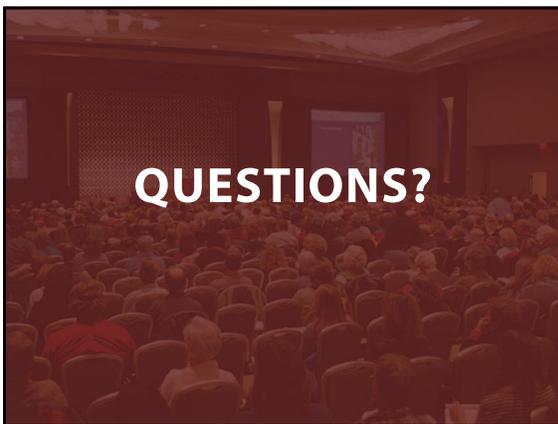
- England at war with France
- Raids by French and allied Indians from Canada into Northern New England communities. Attack on Deerfield, 1704
- St. Augustine attacked 1702 and 1704
- French naval action Charleston in 1706



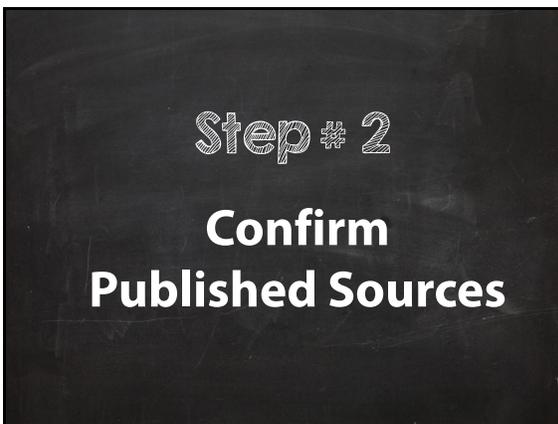
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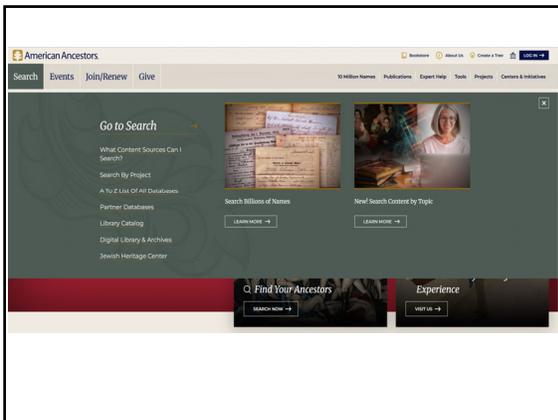
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- What has been published
- State-by-state lists
- Local histories
- Internet resources when available

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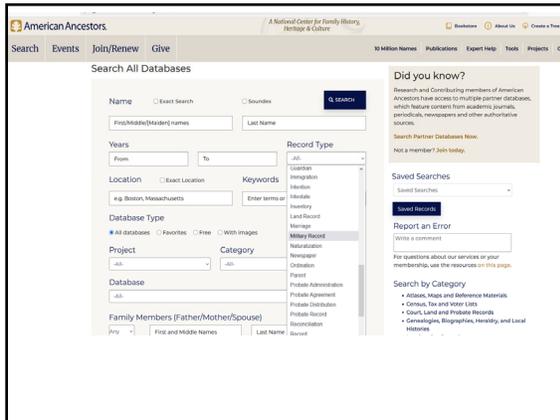
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Colonial Wars Related Databases

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Military Records

- Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775 (38,238 names).
- Newport, RI: Members of the Artillery Company of Newport (1,022 names).

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Massachusetts 1620-1775

- *Officers & Soldiers in the Seventeenth-Century Conflicts*
- *Officers & Soldiers, 1702-1722, Queen Anne's to Dummer's War*
- *Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars 1744-1755*
- *Officers in the French and Indian Wars 1748-1763*
- *Officers & Soldiers 1723-1743*
- *Officers and Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1756*

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Adopt your ancestor's Regiment

- Research each individual
- Look for additional MSS
- Who were the officers?
- Did they fight together again?

A small, vertical snippet of a handwritten manuscript, likely a muster roll, showing columns of names and numbers.

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- **List of Men Who served in British Military Organizations, 1710-1774.** Name, enlistment date, time in service, and amount of pay due; available on Massachusetts Archives Reels 91-99. They are arranged chronologically.
- **Government Responses to petitions and claims for Payment of individual military service, or for losses as a result of hostile actions against or by Indians (17th century).** Reels 67-80.
- **www.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcidx.htm**

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French and Indian War muster roll index cards, 1603-1779

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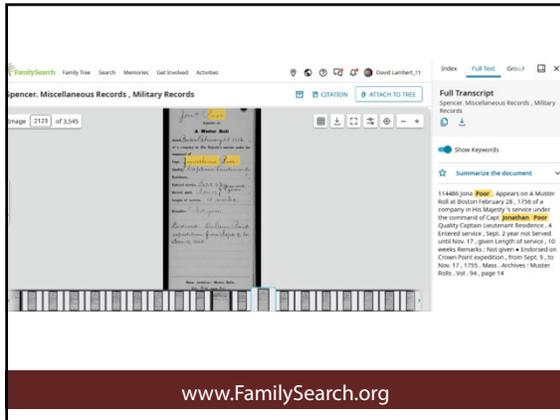
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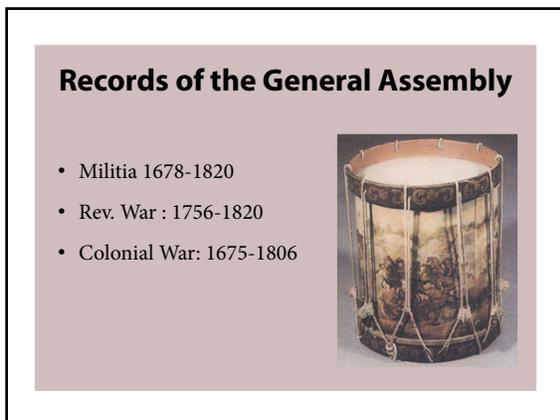
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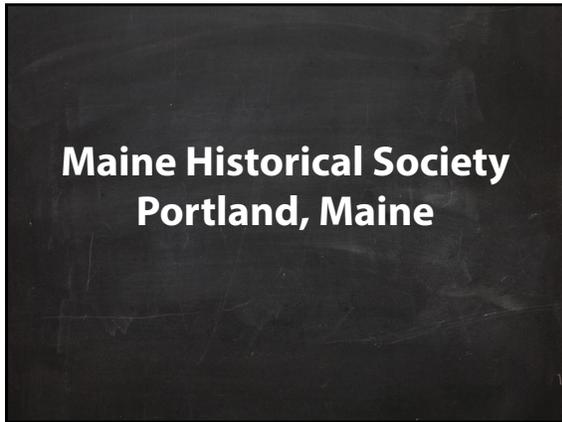
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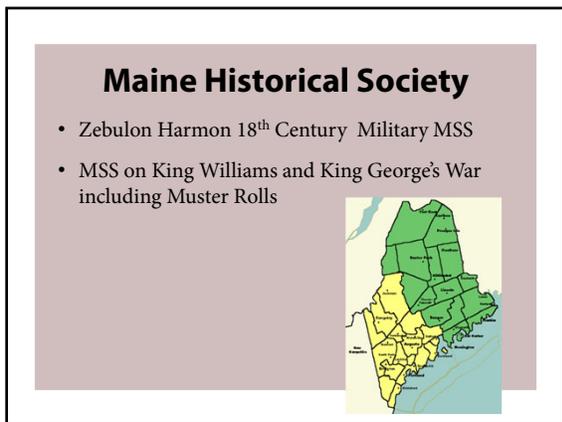
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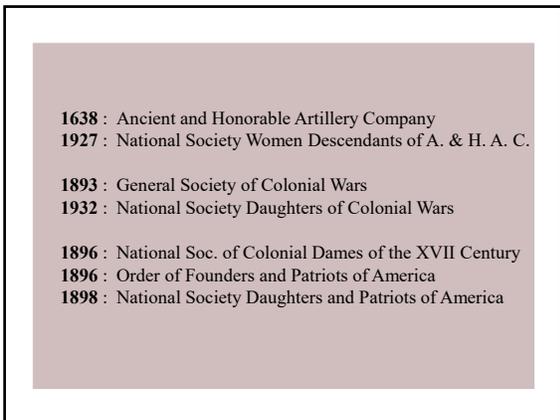
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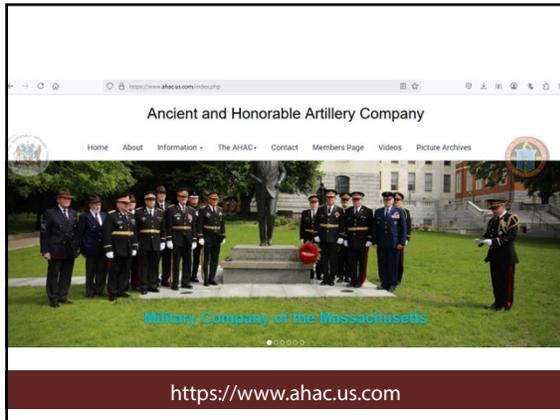
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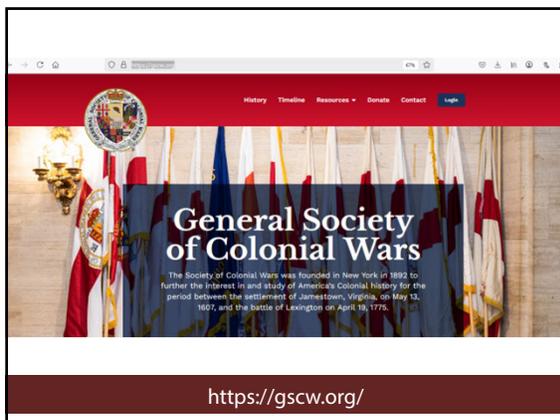
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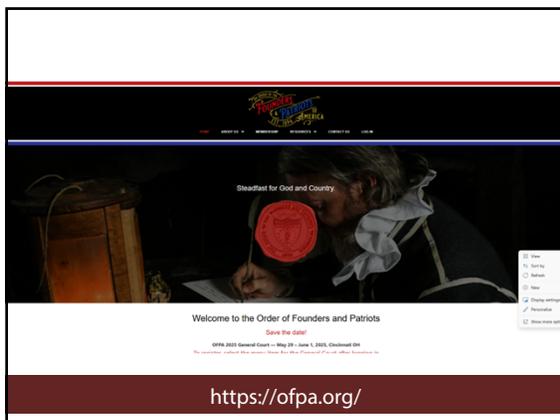
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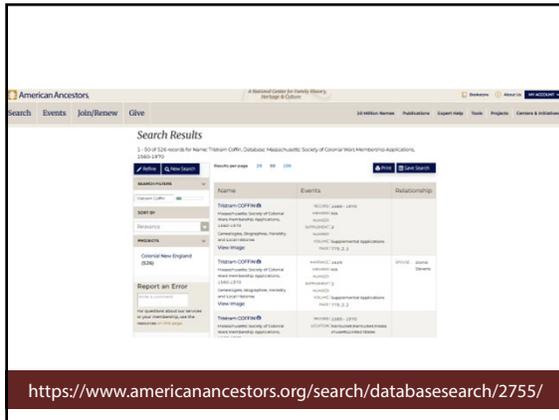
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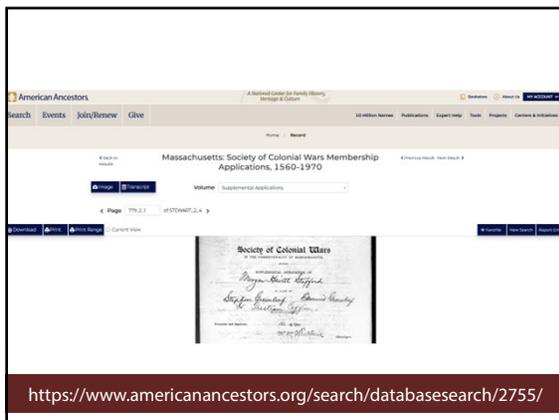
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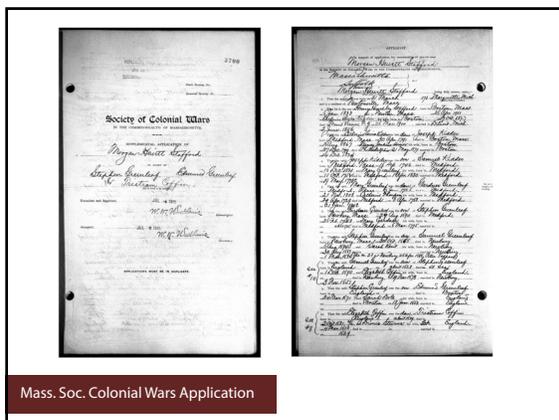
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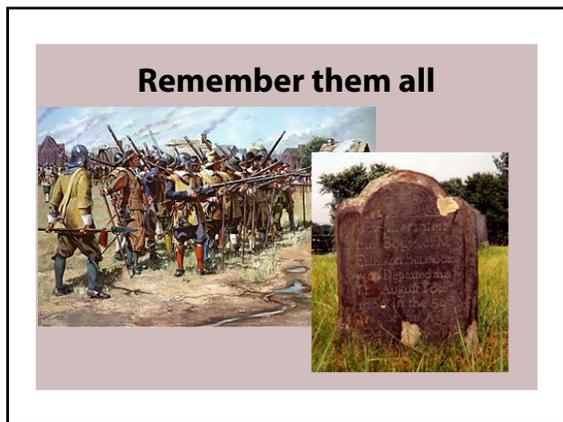
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