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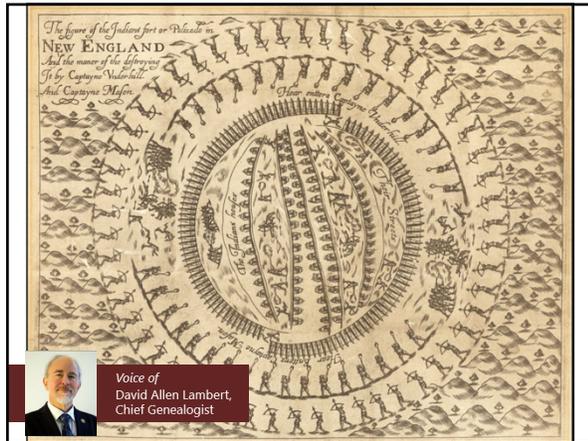
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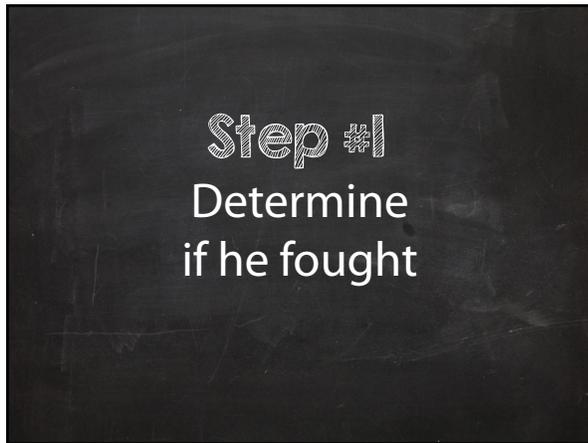
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**Determining the Military Service of your Ancestor before the Revolution**

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



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**How old was your Veteran ?**

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



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**What colonial wars occurred during his lifetime?**



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**17th-Century Conflicts**

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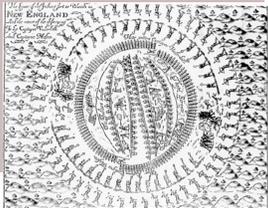
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**Pequot War: 1636-1638**

- 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 17<sup>th</sup> c.
- Metacomet (aka) King Philip and the Wampanoag Indians
- Plymouth Colony, Rhode Island, Western Mass., and beyond



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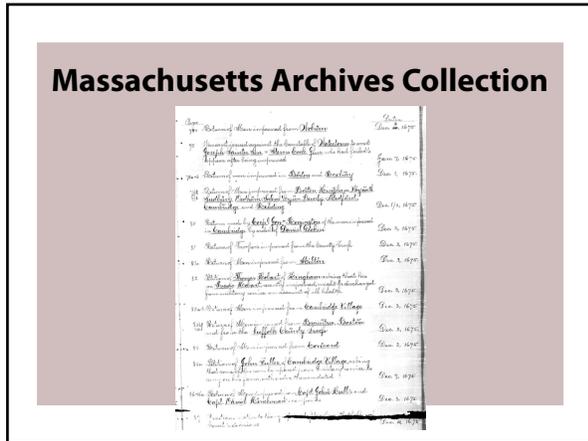
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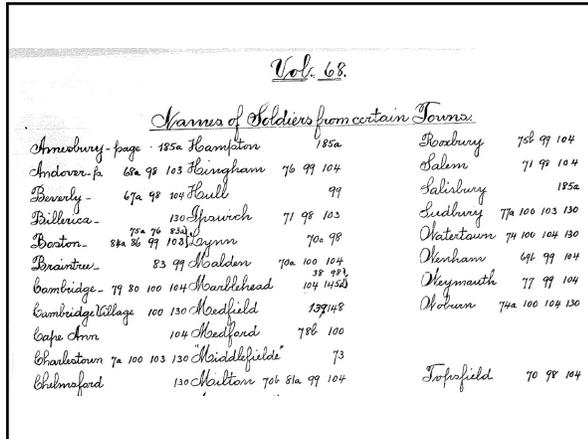
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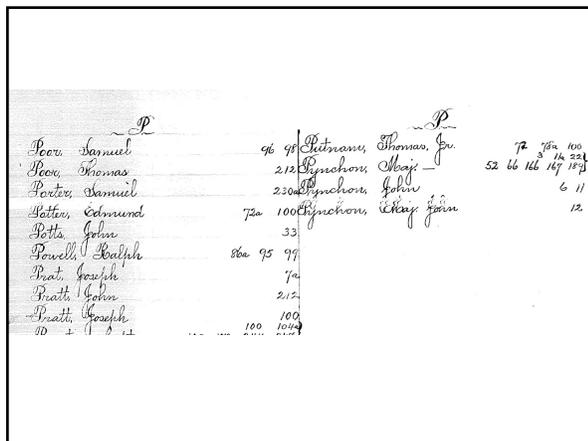
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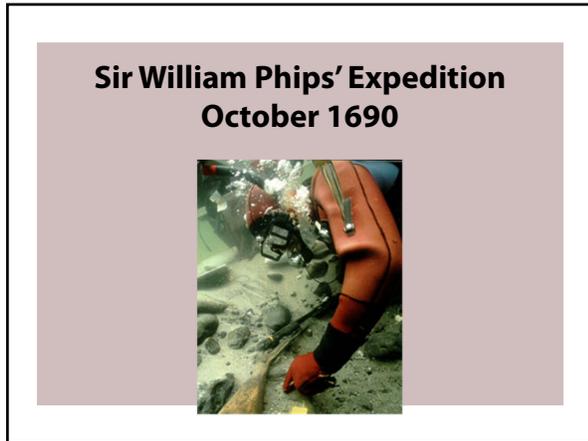
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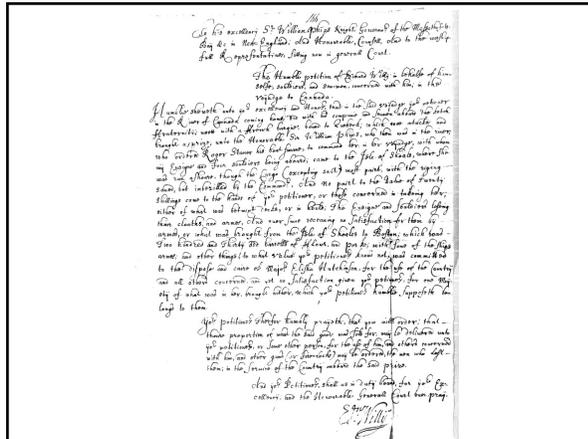
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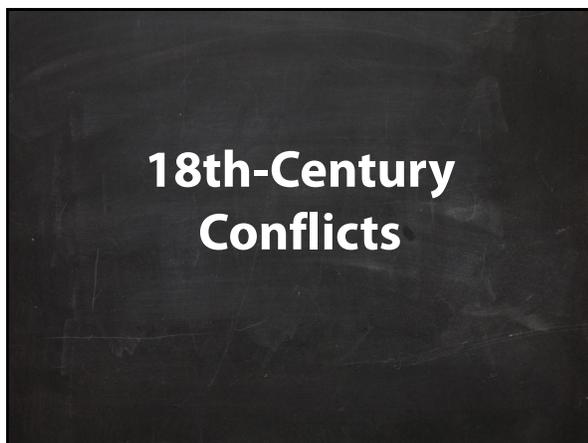
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### Queen Anne's War: 1702-1713

- 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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*The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Riley*  
 to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council & Representatives Assembled at Boston July 25<sup>th</sup> 1701  
 Humble sheweth that my Son Nicolas Walkinford served his Majesty first Weeks one week under Lord Jeffries Deputie, & about one month under Capt James Hay of Andover, about three years past & have not received his wages & will be for ever a Slave if the Council of War for my use, but hee offered Demerit of it, which the Council of War will not allowe him to receive: Here hee was ordered, that Capt Hay not get a Debenture for more: Hee is now therefore humbly to crave that the Council of War may be Complaied to Grant to my Son Capt Hay Debenture of what hee is Complaied to Grant to my Son & your Petition shall ever pray.  
 Elizabeth E. Riley  
 March  
 Deid on Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1701  
 In the House of Representatives  
 July 25<sup>th</sup> 1701 Read  
 In the City of Boston  
 Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1701  
 In witness whereof the Petition is read & approved  
 Nathaniel Jewett: speaker  
 Sent up for Considerance.

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*A List of Soldiers Names Detach by me*  
 Under named, according to the Order of the Govern<sup>or</sup>  
 order, and posted at her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Court in the  
 Town of Andover, who entered into pay the  
 25<sup>th</sup> December 1702  
 William Lyng Lieut  
 John Dobson Capt  
 Jos: Butterfield Juner  
 John Spalden  
 John Comming  
 Jos: Hapfel  
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 Jos: Galum  
 Paul Fletcher  
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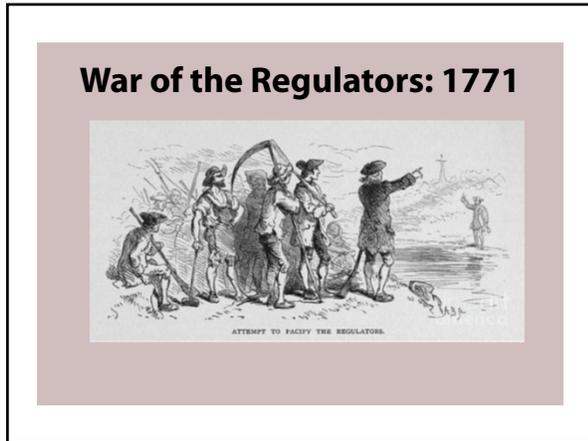
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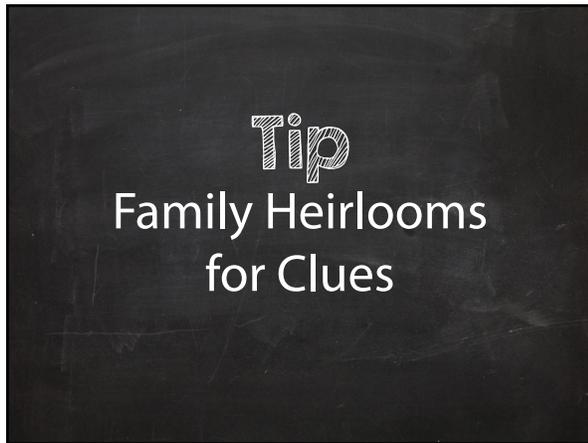
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**Family Heirlooms for Clues**

- What might be in the attic?
- Ask relatives
- Museums and archives
- Ebay or Auction catalogs



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**Confirm Published Sources**

- Don't re-invent the wheel
- What has already been published?
- State by State Lists
- Local Histories
- Internet resources when available

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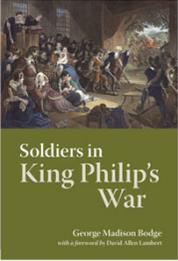
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**Published Resources:  
Muster Rolls and military histories**

- Compilations of Colonial soldiers
- Published histories of battles and wars
- Hereditary Society publications




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**Seeking the Primary Source**

- Locate source book or online
- Consult in person or digital copy
- Inquire the size of the document



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**Tip**

**Adopt your ancestor's regiment**

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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?



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**Mass. Archives Collection**

- **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 (17<sup>th</sup> century). Reels 67-80.
- [www.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcidx.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcidx.htm)

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**Records of the General Assembly**

- Militia 1678-1820
- Rev. War : 1756-1820
- Colonial War: 1675-1806




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**Maine Historical Society  
Portland, Maine**

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**Maine Historical Society**

- Zebulon Harmon 18<sup>th</sup> Century Military MSS
- MSS on King Williams and King George's War including Muster Rolls




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### Military Records

- Militia Rolls
- Payment for military service
- Patriotic service
- Can provide insight into service
  - Company, Regiment, Battles

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Billerica, MA Town Records

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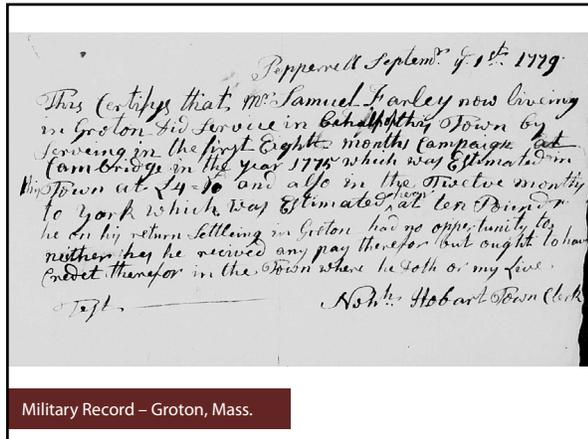
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## Massachusetts 1620-1775

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- *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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Adams, Nathaniel	Pvt.		Samuel Wells		Crown Point	4/11/55-12/11/55	87
Adams, Nathaniel	Pvt.		John Whipple	Bagley	Crown Point	4/14/55-11/20/55	83
Adams, Samuel	Sail.		Thomas Sanders		Sloop <del>WARR.</del>	10/1/54-10/29/55 (256046484)	139
Adams, Silvanus	Pvt.		Joseph Dwight	Partridge	Postoffice	4/1/55-4/25/55	128
Adams, Stephen	Ser.		Jonathan Butterfield		Crown Point	9/9/55-12/14/55	59
Adams, Thomas	Pvt.		John Spafford		Crown Point	8/15/55-12/28/55	28
Adams, William	Pvt.		Thomas Fletcher		Eastern Frontier	7/21/55-9/27/55 (41344)	16
Alkoe, Christopher	Pvt.	Sittuate	Eliab Hearsey		Crown Point	9/15/55-12/22/55	116
Alonworth, Daniel	Pvt.		Aaron Rice	Brown	Crown Point	9/15/55-10/27/55	106
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Aldrick, Abner	Sgt.	Wendon	John Jones		Crown Point	4/5/55-12/17/55	40
Aldrick, Peter	Pvt.	Wendon	Nathan Tyler	Gridley	Crown Point	5/5/56	170
Aldrick, Daniel	Pvt.		John Fay		Crown Point	9/15/55-12/13/55 (24462)	103
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Allen, Andrew	Pvt.	Boston	Samuel Clarke		Crown Point	9/15/55-12/16/55	69
Allen, Benjamin	Pvt.		Spencer Phelps		William Henry	5/21/55-11/20/55	16
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Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775

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## General Society of Colonial Wars Membership applications

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## Membership Applications Online

### General Society of Colonial Wars Membership Applications, 1893-1949

This database includes all applications and supplemental applications to the General Society of Colonial Wars starting from their founding in 1893. Material is not included for individuals listed in the applications who were born after January 1, 1950. This database is searchable for given names and surnames, and includes records for provided births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials listed for persons in the line of eligibility for membership on the application forms. Currently, the database includes applications from Member 1 through Member 2629.

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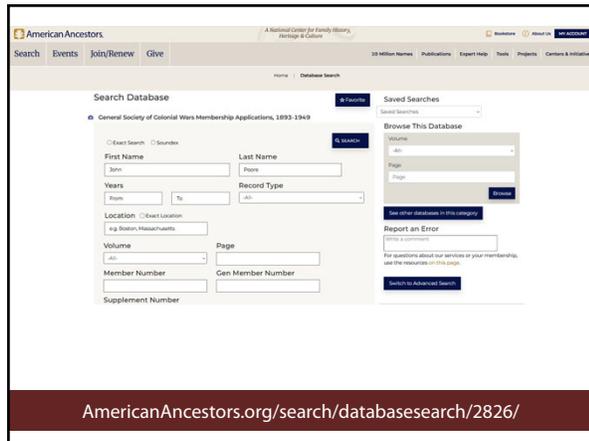
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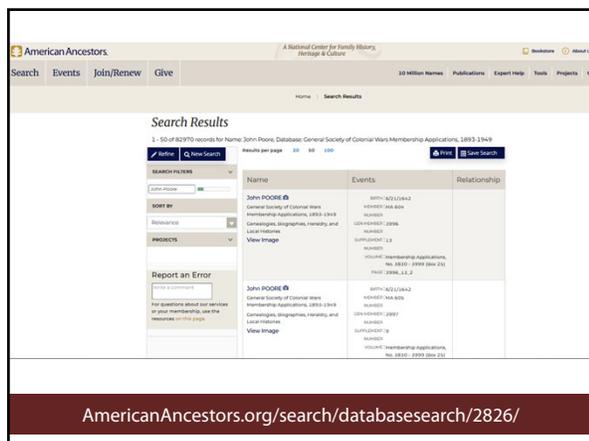
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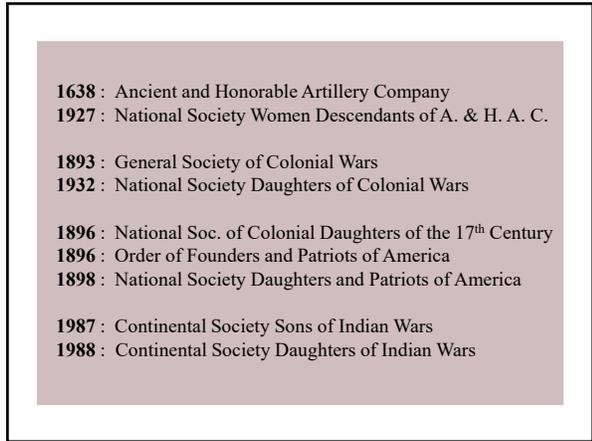
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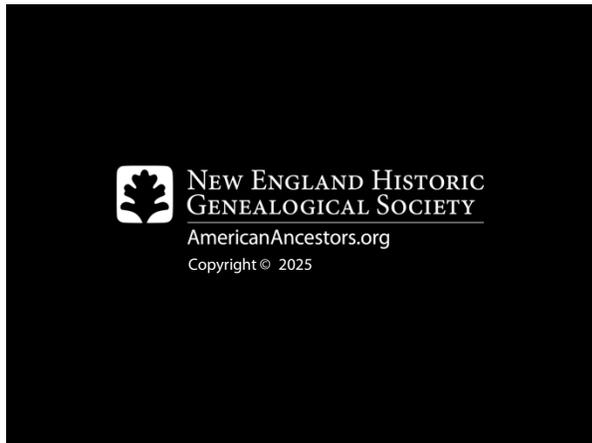
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