

Discover Your Revolutionary Roots

Researching Your Patriot Ancestors

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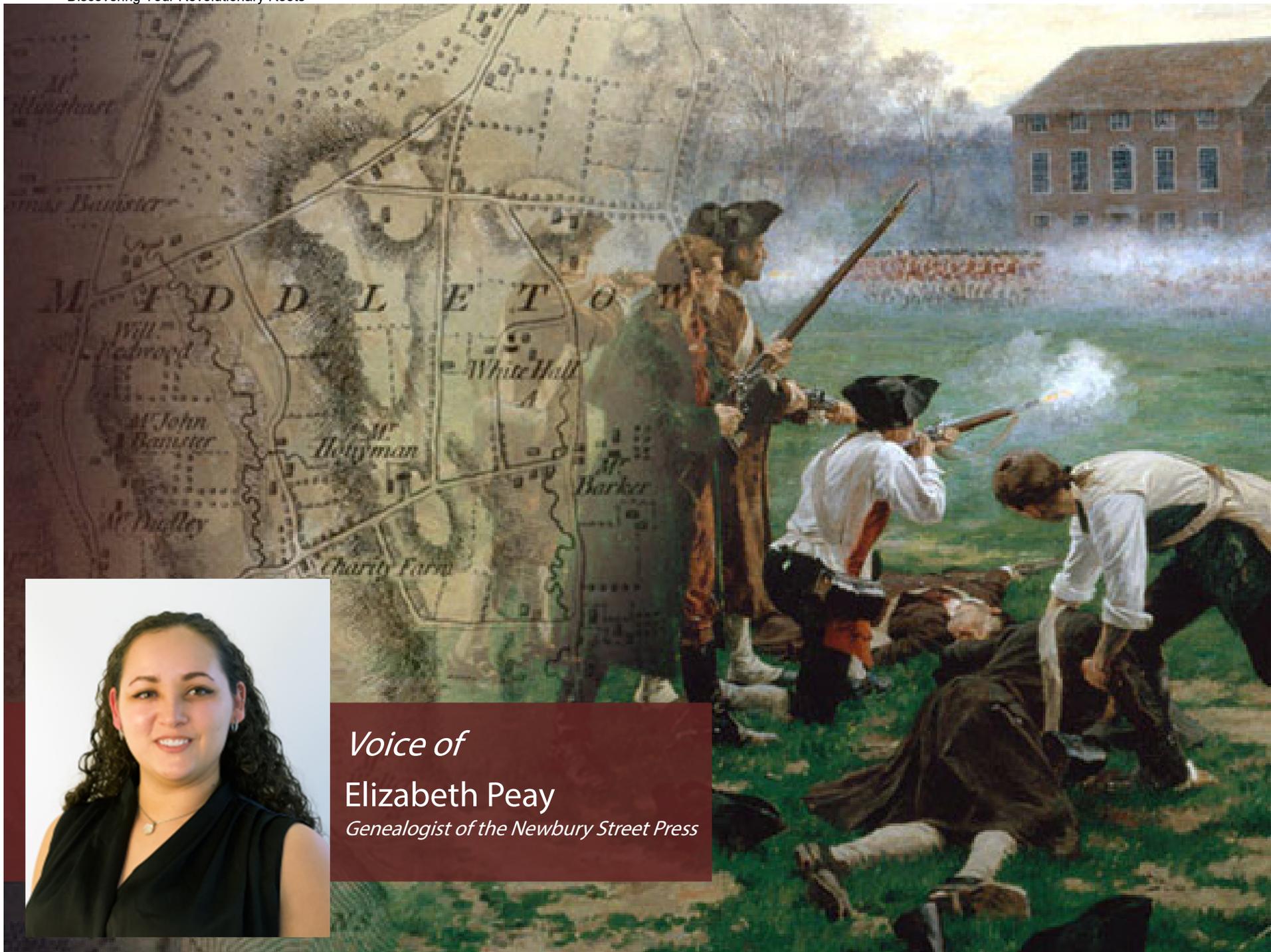


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (50 mins.)**
 - Historical context
 - Step-by-step approach
 - Hereditary societies
- **Q&A (10-15 mins.)**



Voice of
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Events Leading to Revolution

Taxation

- British Crown in debt after Seven Years' War and French and Indian War
 - Wars ended in 1763
- Needed to raise revenue from thirteen colonies
 - Revenue or Sugar Act of 1764
 - Stamp Act of 1765
 - Townshend Acts of 1767

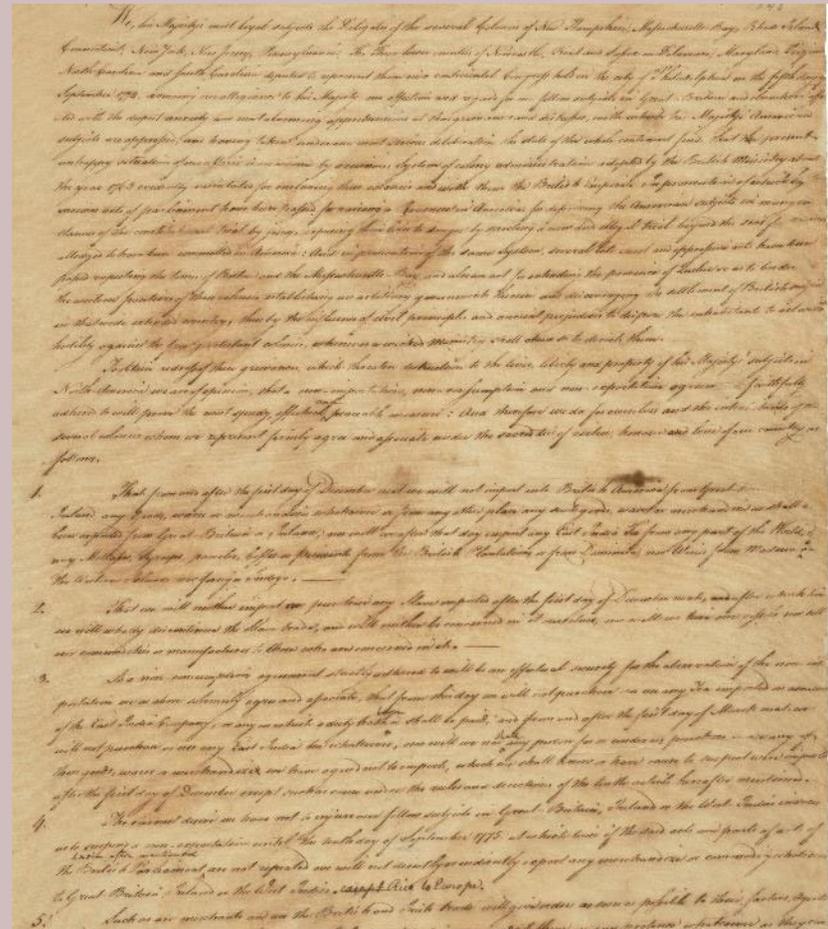
Escalation

- Boston Massacre - 1770
- British Crown sought to subdue Colonies
 - Tea Act of 1773
 - Coercive Acts of 1774
- Bolstered Patriot cause



Articles of Association

- Those found guilty of subverting the Association were publicly renounced
- Names published in newspapers
- Publicly slandered



Emergence of Loyalists

- The Articles of Association were seen as catalyst
- Forced colonists to take a side
- Two groups emerged
 - **Whigs:** Supporters of Patriot cause
 - **Tories:** Supporters of British Crown

Battles of Lexington and Concord

- April 19, 1775
- Outbreak of war



Statistics

- About 231,000 soldiers served in the Continental Army
- About 145,000 soldiers served in the Colonial Militia
- Over 22,000 British soldiers were dispatched to North America for use in the British War Effort
- About 25,000 Loyalists Soldiers served in the conflict
- Roughly 12,000 French soldiers and sailors fought alongside the colonial army
- Nearly 30,000 Hessian soldiers fought alongside the British Army

Colonial Militia

- Militias were the main colonial military organization for defense
- Militias were only part-time and non-standardized



How were colonial militias organized?

- Each town would primarily raise a militia consisting of local men
- In Massachusetts every town was expected to maintain at least one company (approx. 60 men) commanded by a captain
- Many local militia laws required nearly all men between the ages of 16 and 60 to serve, keep arms, and train

What did training look like for the men of the militia

- Training was required by law 6 days each year: two days in April, one day each in May and June, and two days in October
- Regimental training days, called a “muster” were only held once every few years

Minutemen vs. Militia

- Serving in your town's militia company was required by law
- Minuteman companies were raised by volunteer
- Militia companies trained 6 days each year, minuteman companies trained two days each week
- Minutemen were also paid for training days, on average 1 shilling for each half day

Continental Army

- Founded on June 14, 1775 by the Second Continental Congress
- Forces were better trained and organized than the local militias



Colonial Navy

- 13 October 1775 - Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Navy
- By 1776 - colonies had 27 warships
- Relied heavily on commissioning Privateering vessels
- A Privateer Commission was issued to vessels, called privateers or cruisers, whose primary objective was to disrupt enemy shipping

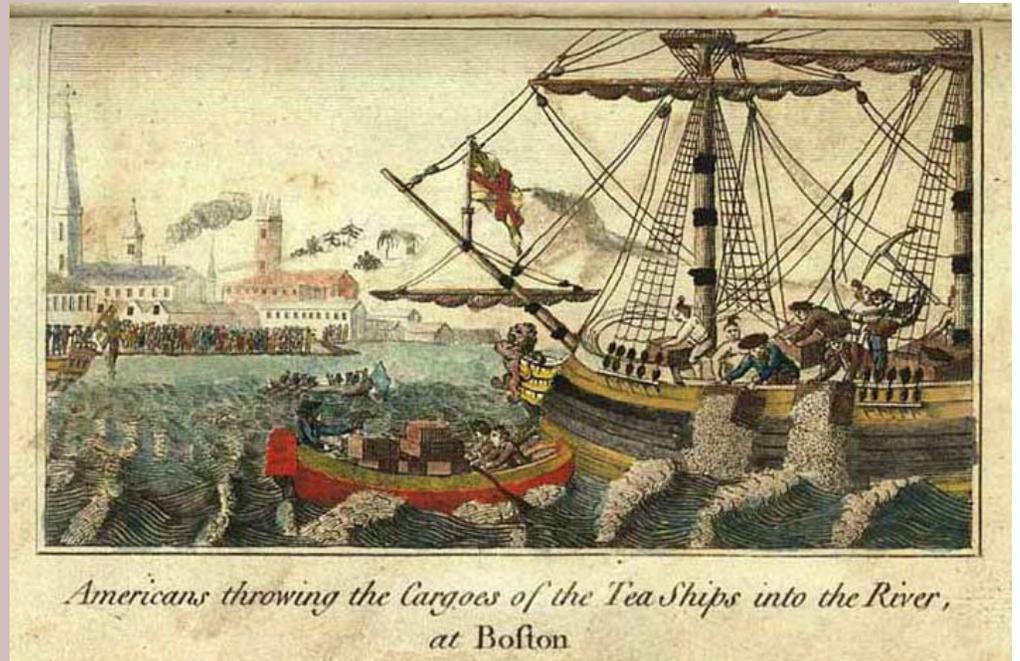
What if you
Determine
if he fought

Too young or Too Old ?

- Ages not listed, no town given
- Age range of typical soldier, 18-35
- Average birth year 1735-1760
- Extremes: early 1700s & late 1760s

How Did They Serve?

- Military Service
- Loyalists
- Naval
- Provisions
- Boston Tea Party



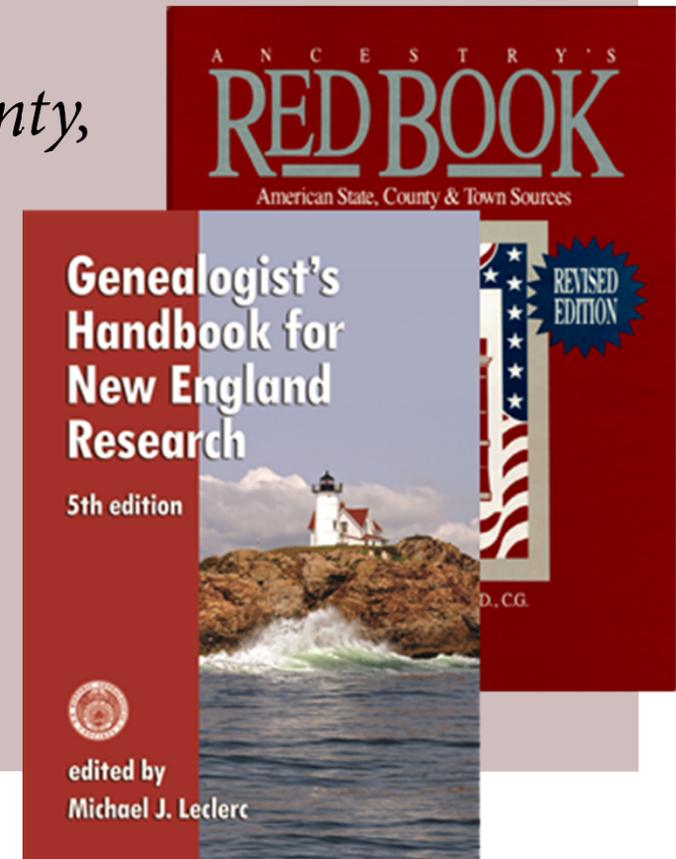
Vital Records

Vital Records

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

Vital Records: Resources

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

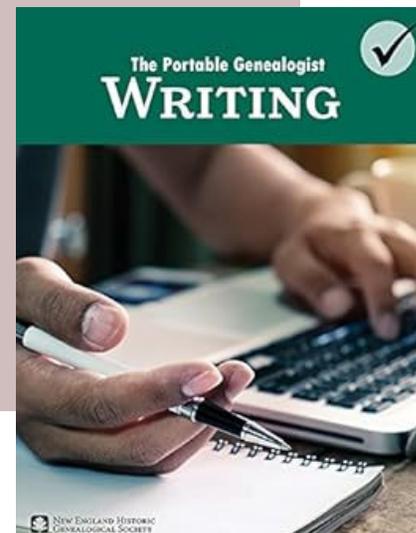


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Citations and Footnotes

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



GUIDE TO
*Genealogical
Writing*



Alternative Vital Records

Town/State Records

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

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

Whereupon it is Enacted and Resolved by this Assembly that upon said James Church*, delivering upon Oath and assigning unto Mess^{rs} Richard Alsop Daniel Pitkin and William Adams who are hereby appointed Trustees to receive the same all his Property both real and Personal except his own and his Wifes wearing Apparel and their Household Furniture for the Use and Benefit of his Creditors, and obtaining from said Trustees a Certificate of his having so done said James Church his Person and Property shall be by force of this Act exonerated and discharged from all Attachments Executions and Suits in Law or Equity for and on Account of any Debt or Debts Contracted before the Date of his said Petition, and said Trustees are hereby directed and Impowered to warn a Meeting of said Creditors to be held at the House of M^r David Ball in said Hartford on the 20th of July next, by advertising the same in the several News Papers in this State three Weeks successively twenty Days before the Time of said Meeting, and said Creditors, or a Major part of them present at said Meeting may displace any or all of said Trustees and appoint others in their stead,

Public Records of Connecticut, Vol. XI, p. 320

Census Records (*Federal and State*)

- U.S. Federal Census available 1790–1940
- Before 1850, U.S. Federal Census did not name each member of household

- Online resources:

- *AmericanAncestors.org*
- *familysearch.org*
- *fold3.com*
- *ancestry.com*

Page No. *64* Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880. Received August 26, 1880.

Supervisor's Dist. No. *60* Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Enumeration Dist. No. *247* Note C.—Questions Nos. 10, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

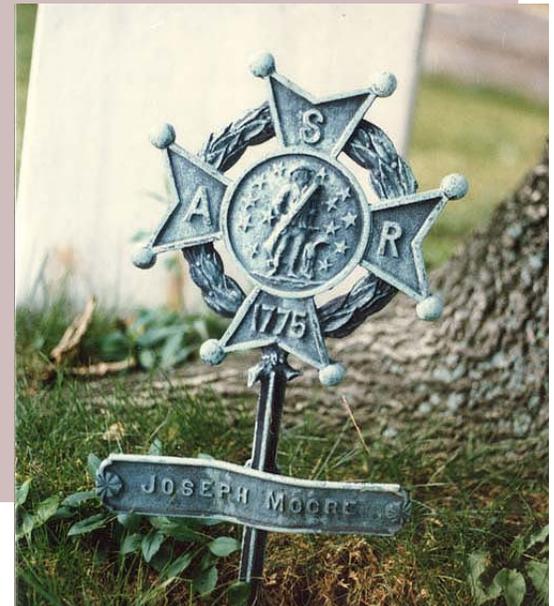
SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in *Windsor 10th 12th*, in the County of *Marshall*, State of *Mass.* 211

enumerated by me on the *10th 12th* day of *June*, 1880. *J. J. Russell* Enumerator.

Inhabitant	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation or Trade	Place of Birth	Place of Birth of the Parents		
						Father	Mother	Place
<i>Wright, John A.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Blacksmith</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, W. A.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, B.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, C.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, D.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, E.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, F.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, G.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, H.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, I.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	
<i>Carroll, J.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Mass.</i>	

Cemetery Clues and Pitfalls

- Is there a gravestone for your vet?
- Cemetery and burial records
- Transcribed gravestones
- Is there a flag marker? Is it correct?
- Where to look:
 - findagrave.com
 - billiongraves.com
 - interment.net
 - locateagrave.org



Mismarked Graves



Gravestone of Captain Simon Gross (Lebanon, Conn.)

SIMON GROSS

QUALIFICATION: Rule of 1854

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

BIRTH: His birth and parentage are unclear.²

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

DEATH: After 1803.⁴

Family Relics in the Attic

- Letters
- Diaries
- Paintings
- Guns & Swords
- Discharge Papers
- Oral Traditions

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq;
General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United
States of America.

THESE are to CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof
Christopher Walker Soldier
in the *1st Connecticut* Regiment, having faithfully
served the United States *from April 8th 1777 to*
June 4th 1780 — and being inlisted for the War only, is
hereby DISCHARGED from the American Army.

GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS the *8 June 1783*
G. Washington

By HIS EXCELLENCY'S
Command,
A. M. Bull

I do Hearby Certify that Moses Jackson a Soldier
in the Deer County hath served his tower of duty
under Major Welch in Colo Edmonds Bridgement and
General Stephens Brigade given under my Hand
This 5th day of October 1781
J. Mansfield

Artifacts

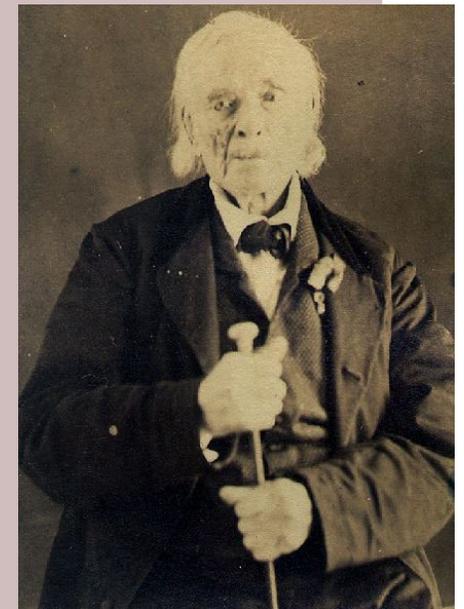
- Mementos left by your ancestor can add more than you might think
- Weapons, badges, original commissions, clothing, personal effects
- Photos and Images



Sword of Col. Fisher Gay. Courtesy of the Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, Conn.



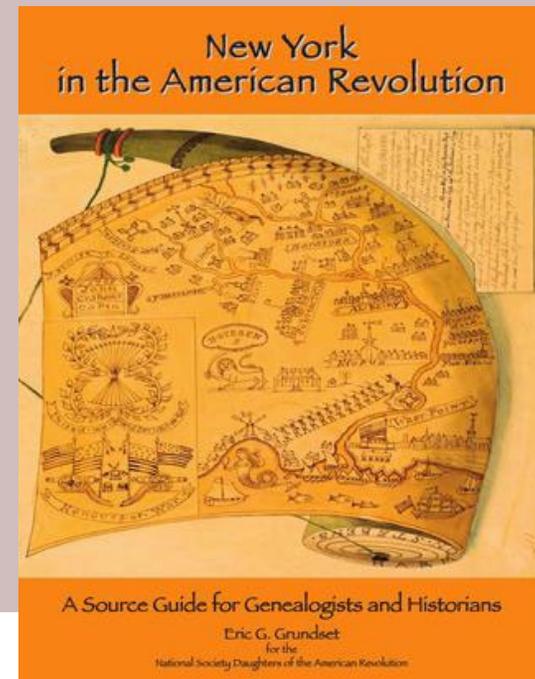
Fisher Gay's commission to Colonel.



U I ' Z Research

Where to Start?

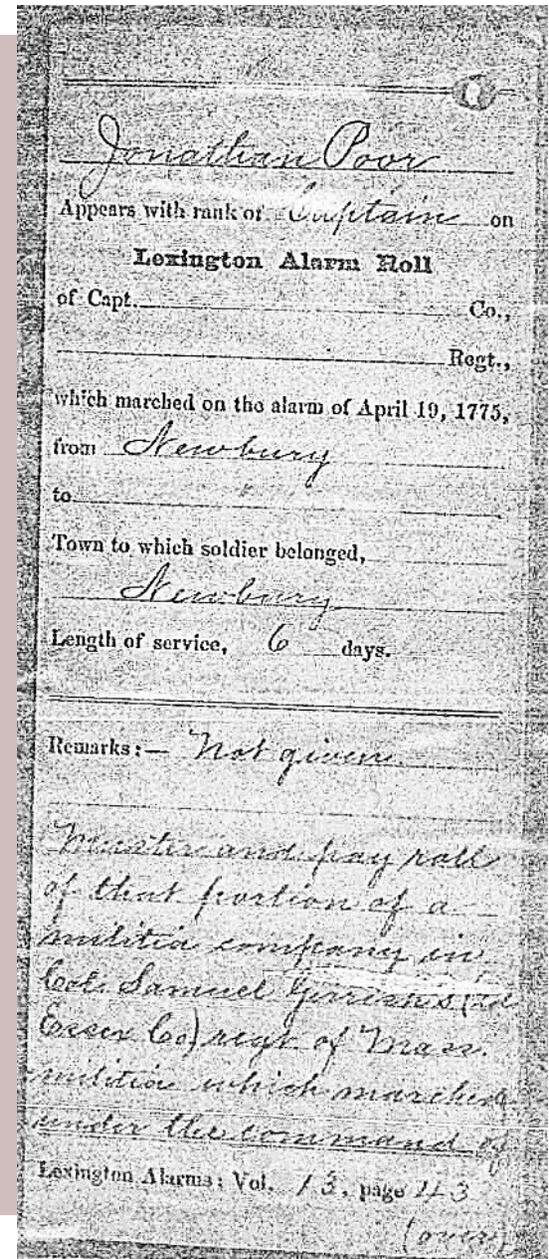
- Eric Grundset's state-by-state source guide compilations
- Connecticut, Maine & Mass., New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Virginia, etc.



[eI Make a Timeline

Useful Resources

- Muster rolls
- Pension files
- Quartermaster rolls
- Journals and diaries
- Published genealogies
- 1840 Census
- Maps
- Correspondence from officers
- *TIP: Adopt the regiment!*
- Town histories



Going from Published Accounts to Muster Rolls

Mass. Soldiers & Sailors

The following is his Revolutionary War sketch from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* (12:559).

Poor, Jonathan, Newbury. Captain of a company of militia, Col. Samuel Gerrish's (2d Essex Co.) Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days; also, Captain; return of militia officers who joined Col. Jedediah Huntington's Regt., dated Roxbury Camp, Dec. 22, 1775; ordered in Council Feb. 3, 1776, that said officers be commissioned; also, Captain; list of officers of companies under command of Col. Huntington which reinforced the army; commissioned Feb. 3, 1776; also, copy of a return of said Poor's co. [year not given]; copy of a receipt dated Newbury, march 18, 1777, signed by men belonging to said Poor's co., for wages for 6 weeks service, appears on reverse of return; also, Captain, 1st co., Col. Daniel Spafford's (7th Essex Co.) regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers to be commissioned in said regiment; ordered in Council June 26, 1777, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned June 26, 1777.

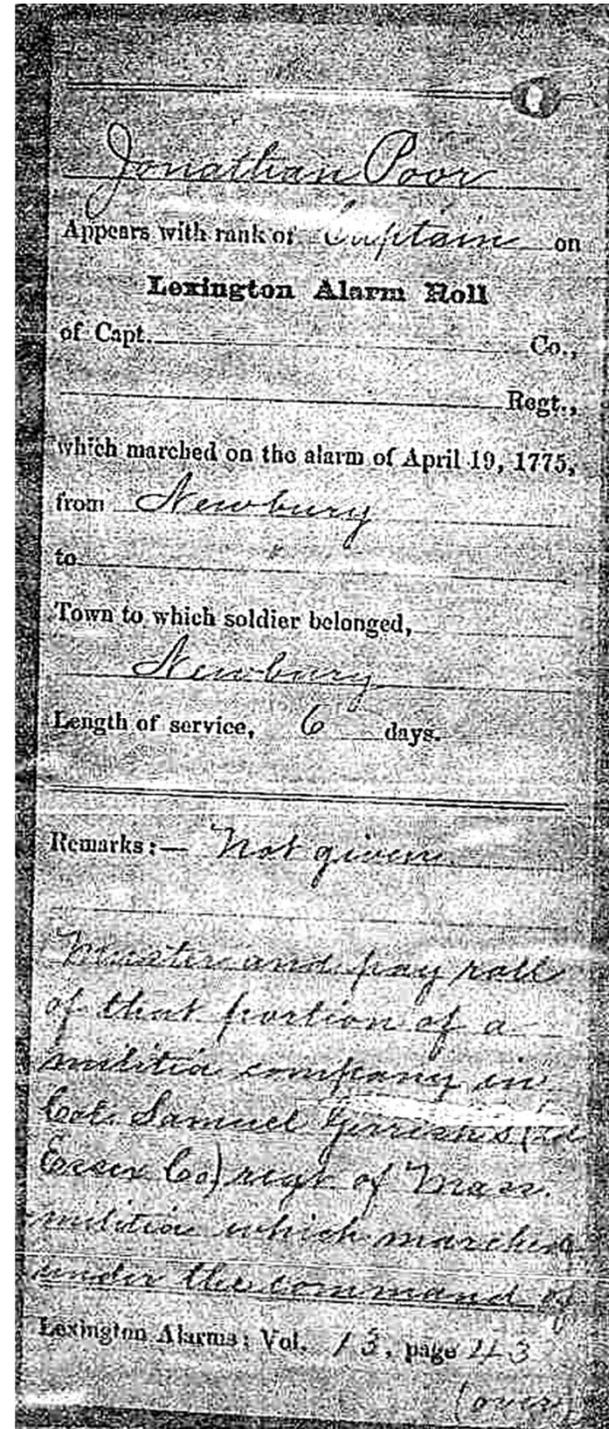
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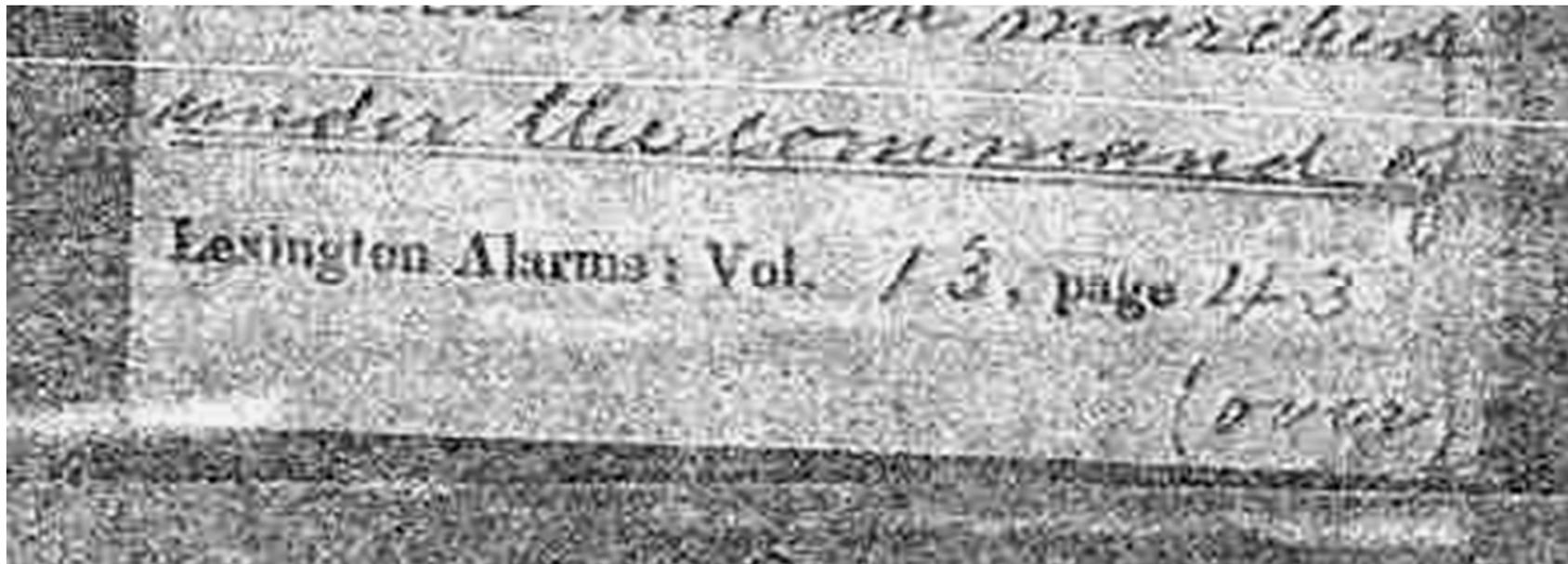
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Muster Roll Index Microfilm

- Massachusetts Muster Rolls
- (index file cards) of the Revolutionary War, 1767-1833
- 259 Microfilms

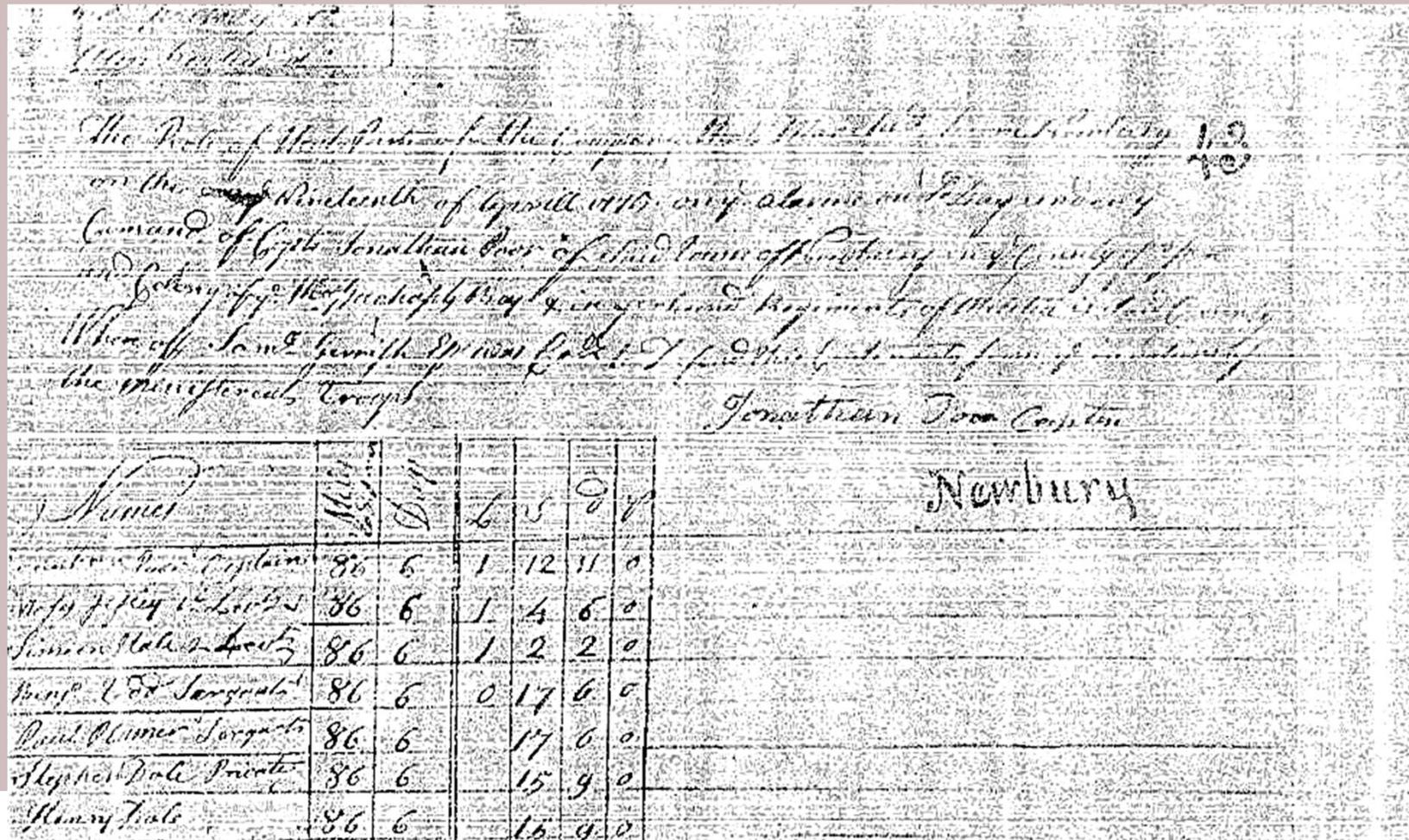
Capt. Jonathan Poor





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Capt. Jonathan Poor



Citing the Primary Source

- Jonathan Poor “Newbury. Captain of a company of militia, Col. Samuel Gerrish’s (2d Essex Co.) Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 6 days”[1]
- Muster/payrolls, and various papers (1763-1808) of the Revolutionary War - Lexington Alarm rolls 1775, 13:43. [FHL US/CAN Film # 1906243].
Repository: Massachusetts State Archives.

Research the Regiment

- Once you determine the regiments and companies your ancestor served in, it is vital to compile any information you can about said regiment.
- Many books and websites detail the service of the different regiments.
- Specialized Regiments
- General Orders
- Public Records

SIXTH REGIMENT, "CONNECTICUT LINE."

FORMATION OF 1777-1781.

[Regiment raised for "Continental Line" of '77 to continue through the war. Recruited mainly in New Haven Co.; rendezvous at New Haven. Went into camp at Peekskill in summer of '77, but frequently detached on expeditions or outpost duty on the lines above King's Bridge. Served in Aug.-Oct. on the Hudson, in Parsons' Brigade, under Putnam, and engaged in all movements made in consequence of enemy's move against Ft. Montgomery, etc. Wintered '77-'78 at West Point, and assisted in constructing permanent fortifications, "Meigs' redoubt," etc.; also redoubts opposite on east side. In summer of '78 encamped with the main army under Washington, at White Plains. Wintered '78-'79 at Redding. In operations of '79 served with Conn. Division on east side of Hudson in Heath's wing; its Light Co., under Capt. Champion, detached to Meigs' Light Regt. and engaged at storming of Stony Point July 15, '79. Wintered '79-'80 at Morristown huts, N. J., and in movements of '80 served with the Division on both sides of Hudson. On discovery of Arnold's treason, Meigs' Regt. was ordered, with other troops, to repair forthwith to West Point, in anticipation of advance of the enemy. Wintered '80-'81 at camp "Connecticut Village," near the Robinson House, opposite West Point, and there consolidated for formation of '81-'83. [See text, heading C.]

Multiple Regiments

11th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Benjamin Hinman	Raised on the first call for troops in April/May 1775. Recruited mainly in Litchfield County. Upon the surprise of Ft. Ticonderoga, 10 May Gov. Trumbull ordered this regiment to march as soon as possible to secure that post and Crown Point against recapture. A request to this effect was also made by the Continental Congress. The regiment reached Ticonderoga in June and Col. Hinman assumed command until the arrival of General Schuyler. It took part in the operations of the Northern Department until expiration of term of service Dec. 1775. Regiment suffered much from sickness and many men were mustered out in Oct./Nov. 1775.	pg. 59
15th Regiment	1775	Col. David Waterbury	Regiment raised on first call for troops by act of Legislature April-May, 1775. Recruited mainly in Fairfield County. Its record is identical with that of General Wooster's, or the 1st Regiment, up to the siege of St. John in October, it having marched first, to New York under Wooster and then to the Northern Department. Term of service expired December 1775; but on account of sickness, many men returned home in October/November 1775.	pg. 64
15th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Samuel Holden Parsons	Raised on the first call for troops in April/May 1775. Recruited from New London, Hartford, and present Middlesex Counties. Two companies, including Captain Coit's, marched at once to Boston and Captain Mott's was ordered to the Northern Department. The other companies remained on duty at New London until June 17, when they were ordered by the Governor's Council to the Boston Camps. There the regiment took post at Roxbury in General Spencer's Brigade, and remained until expiration of term of service, 10 Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Regiment re-organized under Col. Parsons for service in 1776.	pg. 72
17th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Charles Webb	Raised by order of the Assembly at the July session 1775. Recruited in Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties. Its companies were stationed at various points along the Sound until 14 Sept., when on requisition from Washington, the regiment was ordered to the Boston Camps. There it was assigned to Gen. Sullivan's Brigade on Winter Hill at the left of the besieging line, and remained until expiration of term of service in Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Reorganized under Col. Webb for service in 1776.	pg. 79
18th Regiment CT Line	1775	Col. Jedidiah Huntington	Raised by order of the Assembly at the July session, 1775. Recruited mainly in New London, Hartford, and Windham Counties. The regiment was stationed on the Sound until 14 Sept., when on requisition from Washington, it was ordered to the Boston Camps and took post at Roxbury in General Spencer's Brigade. Remained until expiration of term of service in Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Re-organized under Col. Huntington for service in Parson's Regiment of 1775, as re-organized for service in the Continental Army for the year 1776. After the siege of Boston, it marched under Washington to New York by way of New London and the sound in vessels, and continued in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered 24 Aug. to the lines around Brooklyn; engaged in Battle of Long Island, 27 Aug. and in retreat from Long Island on night of 29 Aug.; caught in the panic in retreat from New York, 15 Sept.; present with the army at White Plains, 28 Oct.; remained on the Hudson, in vicinity of Peekskill, under Gen. Heath, until term of service expired, 31 Dec. 1776	pg. 85
10th Continental	1776	Col. Samuel Holden Parsons	Huntington's regiment of 1775, as reorganized for service in the Continental army for the year 1776. After the siege of Boston, it marched under Washington to NY (by way of New London and the Sound in schooners), and remained in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered 24 Aug. to Brooklyn front; engaged in the Battle of Long Island Aug. 27, in and Near Greenwood Cemetery; was surrounded by the enemy and lost heavily in prisoners; moved with the main army until after Battle of White Plains; disbanded under General Heath, near Peekskill, 31 Dec. 1776. Roll incomplete.	pg. 99
17th Continental	1776	Col. Jedidiah Huntington	Col. Webb's regiment of 1775, as reorganized for service in the Continental army for the year 1776. From Boston it marched under Washington to New York (by way of New London and vessels through the Sound) and served in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered to the Brooklyn Front 27 Aug., but not engaged in the Battle of Long Island; closely engaged at the Battle of White Plains 28 Oct.; engaged at the Battles of Trenton 25 Dec. 1775, and in part at Princeton, 3 Jan. 1777, a portion of the regiment continuing in serve with other troops, at urgent request of Washington, about six weeks after expiration of their term. Rolls incomplete.	pg. 101
19th Continental	1776	Col. Charles Webb	This regiment, known generally as Durkee's in the campaign of 1776, was General Putnam's Regiment of 1775 as reorganized for service in the Continental Army for the year 1776. Benedict Arnold was its first appointed colonel, but as stated below, he never assumed command. The regiment marched from Boston to New York in April 1776, and was stationed until 15 September at Bergen Heights and Pualus Hook, now Jersey City. Later it was ordered to Fort Lee, opposite Fort Washington and then accompanied Washington on the retreat through New Jersey. Engaged at Battle of Trenton, 25 December 1776, and in part at Princeton, 3 January 1777, a portion of the regiment, at urgent request of Washington, continuing in service with other troops, about 5 weeks after expiration of their term. Rolls incomplete.	pg. 104
20th Continental	1776	Col. John Durkee/Benedict Arnold (Arnold never w/ the regiment)	Wyllys' regiment of 1775, previously General Spencer's, as reorganized for service in the continental army for the year 1776. after the evacuation of Boston by the British, it marched under Washington to NY by way of New London and the sound, and remained in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered to the Brooklyn front 24 Aug.; engaged in Battle of long Island 27 Aug.; in retreat from NY 1 Sept.; present with the army at White Plains 28 Oct. ; remained under General Heath in vicinity of Peekskill until expiration of term of service, 31 Dec. 1776	pg. 106
22nd Continental	1776	Col. Samuel Wyllys		pg. 107

Muster Rolls

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

1 | **R. I.**

Benedict Aaron
for { Capt. Oliver Clarke's Co., 1st Rhode
Island Batt'n, commanded by Col.
Christopher Greene.*
(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above for the month
of *Dec*, 1778.

Roll dated *Jan 4*, 1778.

Appointed _____, 17 ____ .
Commissioned _____, 17 ____ .
Enlisted _____, 17 ____ .
Term of enlistment *3 yrs*
Time since last muster or enlistment _____

Alterations since last muster _____

Casualties _____

Remarks: *Sugabans*

*This company was designated at various times as Capt. Oliver Clarke's and 3d Company.

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Island Batt'n, commanded by Col.
Christopher Greene.*
(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above for the month
of *Feb*, 1778.

Roll dated *March 2*, 1778.

Appointed _____, 17 ____ .
Commissioned _____, 17 ____ .
Enlisted _____, 17 ____ .
Term of enlistment *3 yrs*
Time since last muster or enlistment _____

Alterations since last muster _____

Casualties _____

Remarks: *On command*

*This company was designated at various times as Capt. Oliver Clarke's and 3d Company.

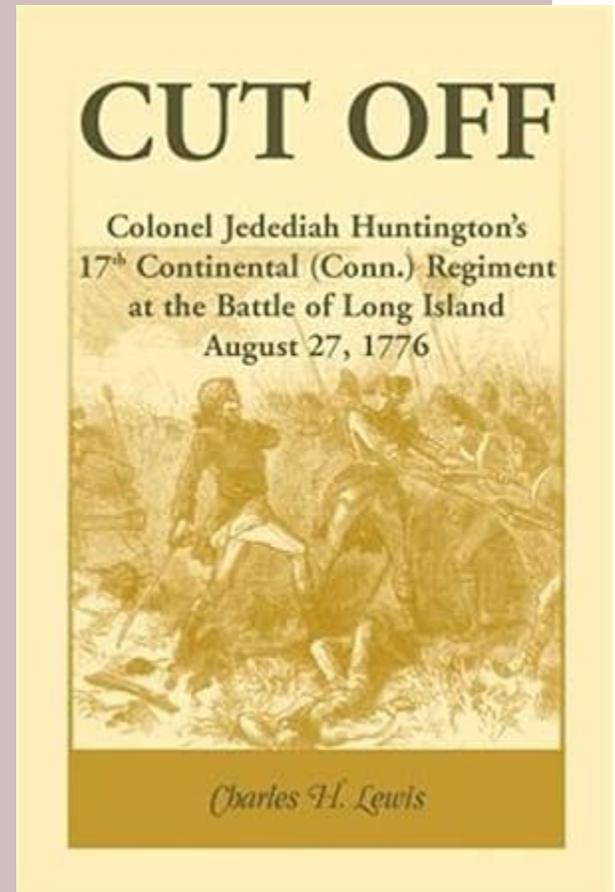
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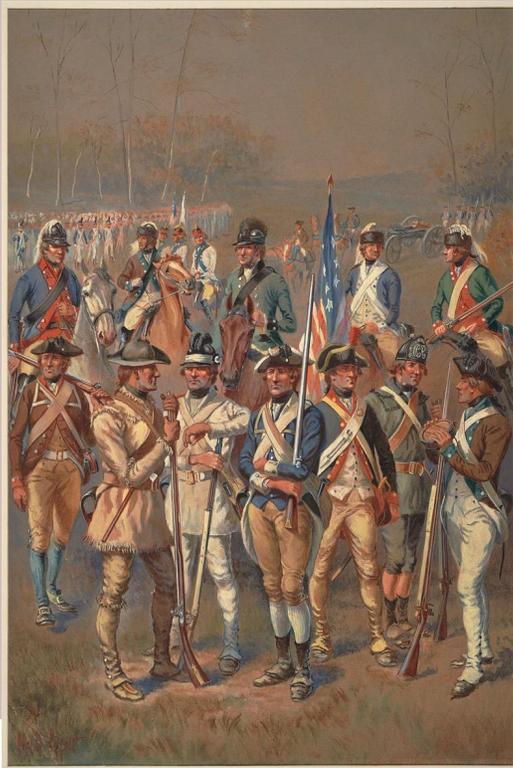
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- Adopting the Regiment allows a researcher to learn more about the regiment itself and possibly more about your ancestor.
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- Start with what you know
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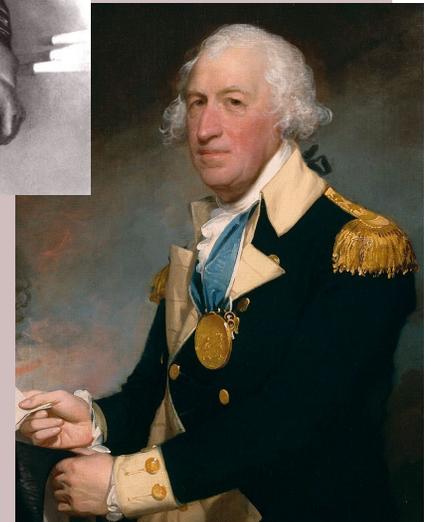
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Samuel Holden Parsons (Harvard, 1756)

General Samuel Holden Parsons was born at Lyme, Connecticut, on May 14, 1737, a son of the Reverend Jonathan (Yale 1729) and Phebe (Griswold) Parsons. When he was ten, his father was installed over the First Presbyterian Church of Newburyport, and it was from that town that he was admitted to Harvard. At college his closest friends were his classmate Walter and John Adams (A.B. 1755). While an undergraduate he suffered from the stomach trouble which was to plague him all of his life, and obtained permission "to be out of Commons because he could not eat meat." In April, 1756, the Corporation voted:

That, if Walter and Parsons, Senior Sophisters, shou'd have leave to go (according to their present desire) as officers in the expedition to Crown Point, we consent that they may not withstanding such their absence have their degrees of Bachelor of Arts next Commencement, providing they have the consent, for their going upon the said expedition from their parents.¹

Biography of Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons

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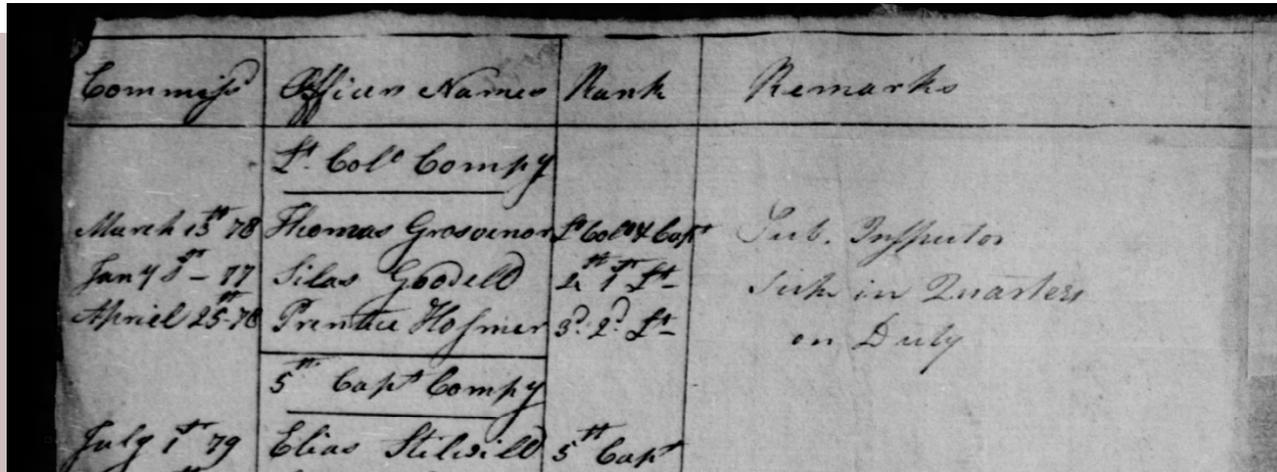
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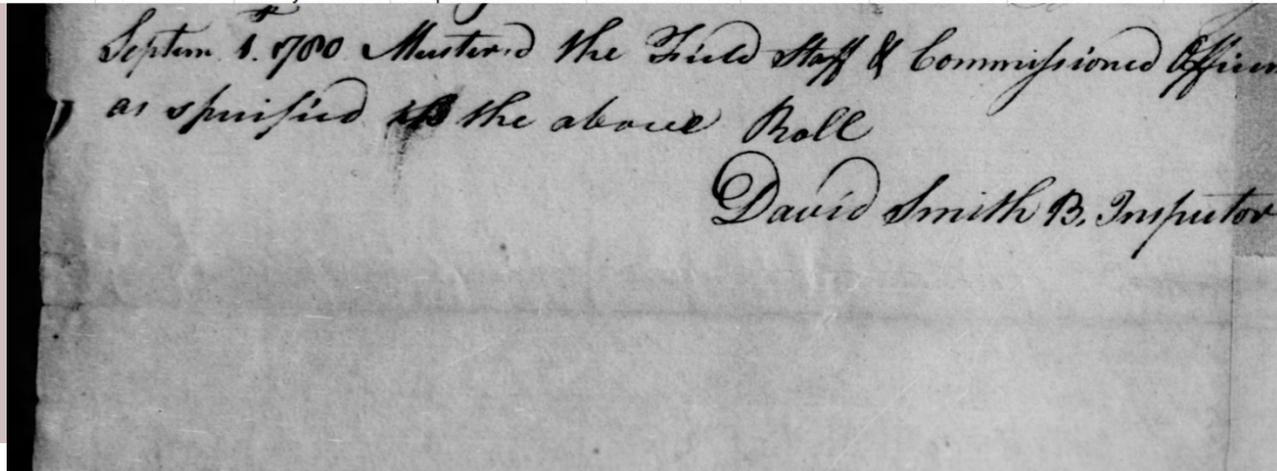
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April 25 th 78	Prudence Hooper	3 rd Lt	on Duty
	<u>5th Capt Comp^y</u>		
July 1 st 79	Elias Stiles	5 th Capt	
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3rd Conn. Continental Regiment (Fold3.com)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	Last Name	First Name	Rank	Commision	Muster Roll Date	Source	Residence	Birth	Death	Pension	Marriage	Spouse
1	Grosvenor	Thomas	Lt. Col./Capt.	15 March 1778	1 Sept. 1780	fold3.com	Pomfret	20 Sept. 1744	11 July 1825	Yes	25 June 1785	Ann Mumford
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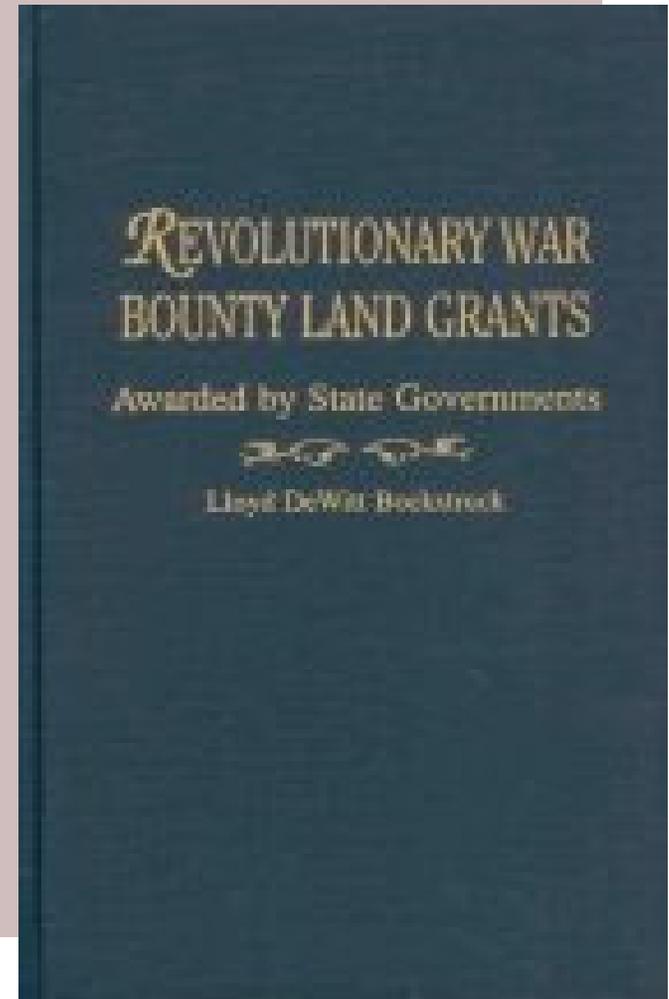
Multiple Regiments

1th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Benjamin Hinman	Raised on the first call for troops in April/May 1775. Recruited mainly in Litchfield County. Upon the surprise of Ft. Ticonderoga, 10 May Gov. Trumbull ordered this regiment to march as soon as possible to secure that post and Crown Point against recapture. A request to this effect was also made by the Continental Congress. The regiment reached Ticonderoga in June and Col. Hinman assumed command until the arrival of General Schuyler. It took part in the operations of the Northern Department until expiration of term of service Dec. 1775. Regiment suffered much from sickness and many men were mustered out in Oct./Nov. 1775.	pg. 59
5th Regiment	1775	Col. David Waterbury	Regiment raised on first call for troops by act of Legislature April-May, 1775. Recruited mainly in Fairfield County. Its record is identical with that of General Wooster's, or the 1st Regiment, up to the siege of St. John in October, it having marched first, to New York under Wooster and then to the Northern Department. Term of service expired December 1775; but on account of sickness, many men returned home in October/November 1775.	pg. 64
5th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Samuel Holden Parsons	Raised on the first call for troops in April/May 1775. Recruited from New London, Hartford, and present Middlesex Counties. Two companies, including Captain Coit's, marched at once to Boston and Captain Mott's was ordered to the Northern Department. The other companies remained on duty at New London until June 17, when they were ordered by the Governor's Council to the Boston Camps. There the regiment took post at Roxbury in General Spencer's Brigade, and remained until expiration of term of service, 10 Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Regiment re-organized under Col. Parsons for service in 1776.	pg. 72
7th Connecticut Regiment	1775	Col. Charles Webb	Raised by order of the Assembly at the July session 1775. Recruited in Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties. Its companies were stationed at various points along the Sound until 14 Sept., when on requisition from Washington, the regiment was ordered to the Boston Camps. There it was assigned to Gen. Sullivan's Brigade on Winter Hill at the left of the besieging line, and remained until expiration of term of service in Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Reorganized under Col. Webb for service in 1776.	pg. 79
8th Regiment CT Line	1775	Col. Jedidiah Huntington	Raised by order of the Assembly at the July session, 1775. Recruited mainly in New London, Hartford, and Windham Counties. The regiment was stationed on the Sound until 14 Sept., when on requisition from Washington, it was ordered to the Boston Camps and took post at Roxbury in General Spencer's Brigade. Remained until expiration of term of service in Dec. 1775. Adopted as Continental. Re-organized under Col. Huntington for service in Parson's Regiment of 1775, as re-organized for service in the Continental Army for the year 1776. After the siege of Boston, it marched under Washington to New York by way of New London and the sound in vessels, and continued in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered 24 Aug. to the lines around Brooklyn; engaged in Battle of Long Island, 27 Aug. and in retreat from Long Island on night of 29 Aug.; caught in the panic in retreat from New York, 15 Sept.; present with the army at White Plains, 28 Oct.; remained on the Hudson, in vicinity of Peekskill, under Gen. Heath, until term of service expired, 31 Dec. 1776	pg. 85
10th Continental	1776	Col. Samuel Holden Parsons	Huntington's regiment of 1775, as reorganized for service in the Continental army for the year 1776. After the siege of Boston, it marched under Washington to NY (by way of New London and the Sound in schooners), and remained in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered 24 Aug. to Brooklyn front; engaged in the Battle of Long Island Aug. 27, in and Near Greenwood Cemetery; was surrounded by the enemy and lost heavily in prisoners; moved with the main army until after Battle of White Plains; disbanded under General Heath, near Peekskill, 31 Dec. 1776. Roll incomplete.	pg. 99
17th Continental	1776	Col. Jedidiah Huntington	Col. Webb's regiment of 1775, as reorganized for service in the Continental army for the year 1776. From Boston it marched under Washington to New York (by way of New London and vessels through the Sound) and served in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered to the Brooklyn Front 27 Aug., but not engaged in the Battle of Long Island; closely engaged at the Battle of White Plains 28 Oct.; engaged at the Battles of Trenton 25 Dec. 1775, and in part at Princeton, 3 Jan. 1777, a portion of the regiment continuing in serve with other troops, at urgent request of Washington, about six weeks after expiration of their term. Rolls incomplete.	pg. 101
19th Continental	1776	Col. Charles Webb	This regiment, known generally as Durkee's in the campaign of 1776, was General Putnam's Regiment of 1775 as reorganized for service in the Continental Army for the year 1776. Benedict Arnold was its first appointed colonel, but as stated below, he never assumed command. The regiment marched from Boston to New York in April 1776, and was stationed until 15 September at Bergen Heights and Pualus Hook, now Jersey City. Later it was ordered to Fort Lee, opposite Fort Washington and then accompanied Washington on the retreat through New Jersey. Engaged at Battle of Trenton, 25 December 1776, and in part at Princeton, 3 January 1777, a portion of the regiment, at urgent request of Washington, continuing in service with other troops, about 5 weeks after expiration of their term. Rolls incomplete.	pg. 104
20th Continental	1776	Col. John Durkee/Benedict Arnold (Arnold never w/ the regiment)	Wyllys' regiment of 1775, previously General Spencer's, as reorganized for service in the continental army for the year 1776. after the evacuation of Boston by the British, it marched under Washington to NY by way of New London and the sound, and remained in that vicinity from April to the close of the year. Assisted in fortifying the city; ordered to the Brooklyn front 24 Aug.; engaged in Battle of long Island 27 Aug.; in retreat from NY 1 Sept.; present with the army at White Plains 28 Oct.; remained under General Heath in vicinity of Peekskill until expiration of term of service, 31 Dec. 1776	pg. 106
22nd Continental	1776	Col. Samuel Wyllys		pg. 107

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Pension Timeline

- **1776:** Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living.
- **1780:** Half pay for 7 yrs. To widows and orphans of officers.
- **1806:** Pensions allowed to veterans of State troops and militia for the first time.
- **1818:** Pensions for life based on a period of 9 mos. or until the end of the war.

Pension Timeline

- **1820:** Certified inventories of pensioner's estate and income were required.
- **1832:** Pensions granted to those with service less than 6 mos.
- **1838:** Widows were authorized pensions for 5 yrs. if they had married the veteran before 1794.
- **1848:** Widows were authorized pensions for life if they had married the veteran before 1800.

Pension Timeline

- **1853:** All widows restrictions were eliminated.
- **1869:** Daniel F. Bakeman last pensioner dies.
- **1878:** Widows authorized pensions for life if the veteran only served 2 weeks.
- **1906:** Esther (Sumner) Damon the last widow to collect a pension dies in Vermont.

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Joshua, Cont & MA Lines, Electy, W8308, sol m Electy Sartwell 30 Oct 1794 both were of Langdon in Sullivan Co NH, sol appl 23 Jul 1832 in Allegany Co NY a res of Pike NY, sol had enl at Worcester MA, sol d 8 Dec 1849 & his wid appl 7 May 1850 at Pike which was then in Wyoming Co NY & she was t age of 73 yrs, sol had orig appl 13 Jul 1818 in Allegany Co NY at which time he was age of 59

Joshua, MA Line, S37549, he appl 13 Apr 1818 at Buxton in York Co MA (ME) aged 57, in 1820 sol had children at home; Huldah 28 who took care of the family, Almira 16, Samuel 24 who had lately returned from Canada & grandchildren with him were; Abigail Beecher 12, Mary Beecher 9 & (cont next page)

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(continued) Samuel Beecher aged 5, a daughter Mary was married in 1820 but her husband wasn't named **WHITNEY**, Joshua, MA & NH Lines, Betty or Betsey, W15863, sol was b in 1754 in Westbury MA & he lived there until age of 14 then moved to Grafton MA where he lived when he enl & about 1782 he moved to Henniker in Merrimack Co NH where he lived when he appl 29 Aug 1832, sol m Betty or Betsey Wood 17 Jun 1778 at Harvard in Worcester Co MA & she was b 19 Apr 1755, he appl 29 Aug 1832 at Henniker NH & he d there 2 Feb 1835 & his wid appl there 2 Nov 1837 children were: Samuel b 17 Jun 1779 & d 6 Jul

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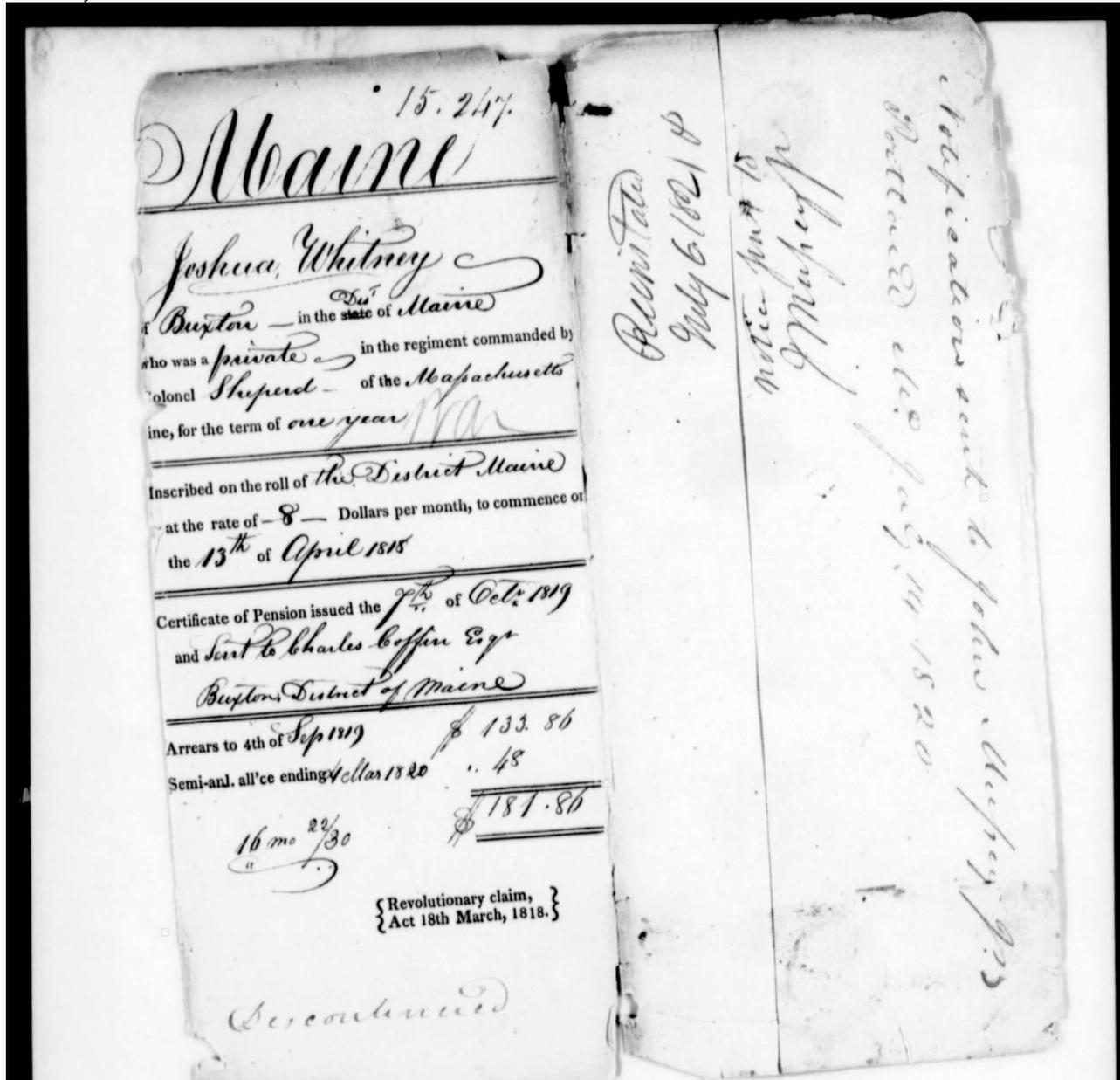
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I Joshua Whitney of Bunton in the County of York and Comersan
 wealth of Massachusetts, aged fifty seven years, on oath testify and
 say, that I enlisted a private in the Continental Army of the Revolution
 in the first part of the month of January 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. ~~North~~, 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 ^{Massachusetts line} the army, and the Brigade was
 commanded by General Patterson from the time I captured
 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~~ ^{eighty three} hundred & eighty three, signed
 by Major General Henry 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.

Joshua Whitney

April 13. 1810

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 I 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 life in
need of assistance from his country for support
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 mark of
a cross in my presence

Joseph Adams

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

*At a District Court of the United States begun and holden at
Portland within and for the District of Maine, on the
first Tuesday, being the sixth day of June
and by adjournment from day to day, on the eighth
day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty, before the Honorable ALBION K. PARRIS,
Judge of said Court.*

ON this eighth day of June in the year above written, personally
appeared in open Court, the same having "the power of fine and imprisonment," and being a
Court of Record for said Maine District, Joshua Whitney aged
fifty nine years, resident in Boston in said District,
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revo-
lutionary War as follows, viz. as a private in the company commanded by Capt.
Bannister in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepard
in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment, as is
more particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration, made on the 13th
day of April A. D. 1810, and on which said declaration his Certificate of Pen-
sion, numbered 15,247 was granted. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident
citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time
by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby
so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act
to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the
Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818: and that I have not, nor has any
person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any
income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed; that
my occupation and ability to pursue the same, together with the number and other particulars of my
family, are in fact and in truth as is particularly described on the back hereof, also subscribed by me.

Joshua Whitney

Sworn to and declared, on the eighth
day of June A. D. 1820. }

BEFORE *Albion K. Parris*, U. S. District Judge for the
District of Maine.

Joshua Whitney Pension File

SCHEDULE of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz:

Real estate — nine acres of land in Busseton — with a small poor house on it — one half of which land is very poor — a mere heath —

Personal property — a few necessary articles in the house — I have no income

Joshua Whitney

Sworn to Before Albion H. Parris U. S. Dist. Judge

SCHEDULE of the family residing with me Joshua Whitney, who, by occupation am a Sabotier which I am not able to pursue by reason of weakness, all the time

NAMES.	AGES.	Capacity of each to contribute to their support.
Mary a daughter	30	married with me part of the time
Huldah	26	able to support herself
Nancy	22	able to support herself
Almira	16	also able

Joshua Whitney

Sworn to Before Albion H. Parris U. S. Dist. Judge

Joshua Whitney Pension File



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Final Payment Vouchers Index For Military Pensions, 1818-1864

CONFLICT: Revolutionary War

RECORDS: 68,769

COMPLETE: 100%

OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION

DISCOVERIES

Pension payment records are not typically found in pension application files. These cards were created as an index for the final payments made to either the veteran or his widow. They provide additional details on where a family may have moved in the early- to mid-19th century, death dates of veterans, widows, or dependent children, and sometimes the maiden name of a widow.

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NAME WHITNEY, Joshua

AGENCY OF PAYMENT Maine

DATE OF ACT 1818

DATE OF PAYMENT 1st 1st qtr. 1832

DATE OF DEATH Feb. 25, 1832

**FINAL PAYMENT VOUCHER RECEIVED FROM
THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION GSA DC 70-7035 FORM
GSA DEC 69 7068

Final Payment Voucher Index

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the Seventh of July 1838, and the 23^d August 1842.

State of Connecticut

County of Windham } Windham

On this Fifth day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred & forty three, personally appeared before the Court of Probate in & for the District of Windham Mrs Nancy Little a resident of said Windham in the County of Windham aforesaid aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and the 23^d of August A.D. 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Nathaniel Abbe who was a Soldier in the Army during the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted into Captain Potters Company and afterwards joined the Army and served in Col: Butler's Regiment, she believes he served three years for he enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and must have left the Army in the

the year seventeen hundred and eighty three, as she was married soon after he left the Army which was in the year seventeen hundred & eighty four. She further declares that she has no documents in her possession respecting his (her said late Husband's) service. That she has, after he had told him of his hardships when in the Army, of his privation & fatigue, but cannot now recollect of his, naming particular battles he was in. The hardships she has undergone herself, and old age have much impaired her memory as well as her bodily strength. She further declares that she does not know of any Officers, now living, who were in the Army with him, and the Soldiers she presumes, are most of them deceased.

She further declares that prior to her marriage to S: Nathaniel Abbe her name was Nancy Moon. She further declares that she was married to Nathaniel Abbe on the twentieth day of September seventeen hundred & eighty four by Herckiah Bispele Esq: a Justice of the Peace, and that her husband aforesaid Nathaniel Abbe died November eleventh seventeen hundred & ninety eight, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & ninety four, or at the time above stated. She further declares that after

the death of her husband aforesaid she was married to Philema Little on the 29th day of June seventeen hundred and ninety nine that he died on the thirteenth day of January eighteen hundred & forty, and that she is still a widow.

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Nancy X Little

Widow Pension Application of Nancy Little (Fold3)

Newspapers

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

HENRY HILL, Lieut.

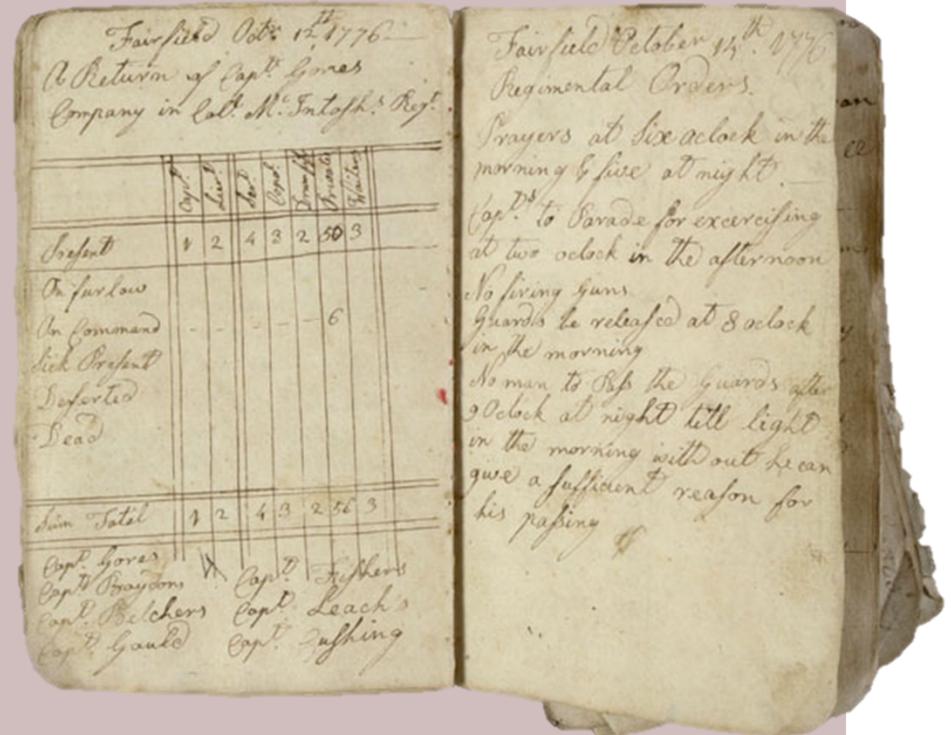
Connecticut Gazette, 11 April 1777

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Look for diaries of
fellow veterans

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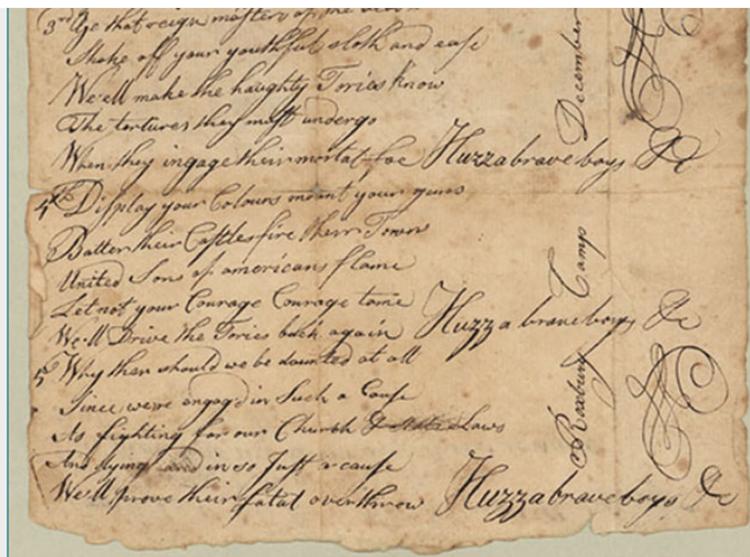
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A journal of a march from Cambridge [Mass.], on an expedition against Quebeck, in Colo. Benedict Arnold[']s detachment, 1775 September 13-1776 June 6.

Mss C 2034

Journal of Joseph Ware documenting the attempted Invasion of Quebec, also listing Continental Army members killed, wounded, or taken prisoner.
Canadian Invasion, 1775-1776; Soldiers – Massachusetts



A journal of the proceedings on board H. M. Ship Hind, Wm Young Esqr Commander from 11th of Augt 1779 to the 26th of Feby 1782, kept by Jas Cox

Mss A 1061

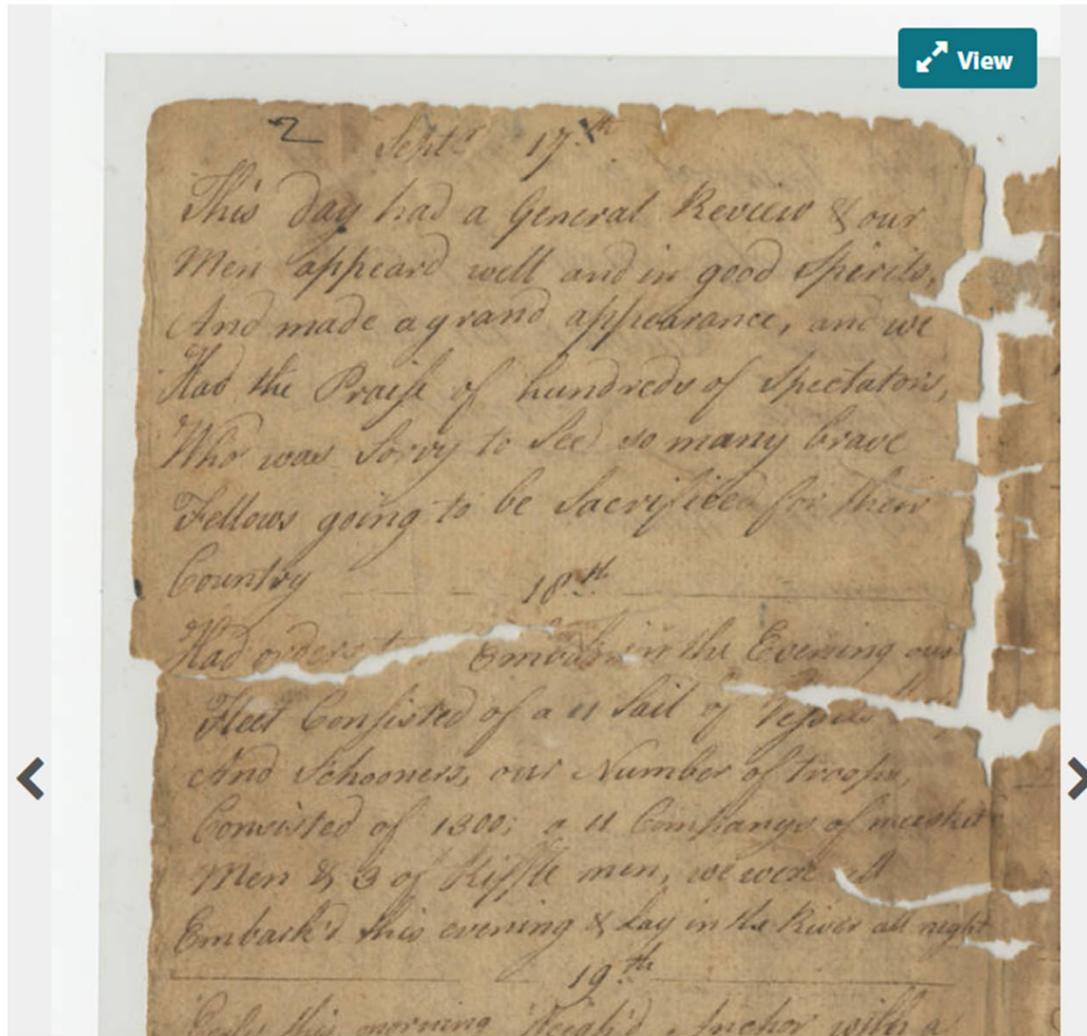
Leather bound diary with "James Cox / Journal book / Hind" on the cover. Entries concern the date, winds, and remarks. The remarks include a general description of the weather (wind, strength,...
Diaries – 18th century

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Austin, Benjamin, 1752-1820.	2
Barry family	1
Barry, James H. (James Henry), 1855-1927	1
Brown, James R.	1
Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926	1
Drury, Wells, 1851-1932	1
Eggleston, William Green, 1859-1937	1
Ellery, William, 1727-1820.	1
Goldman, Emma, 1869-1940	1
Cannon, Samuel, 1850-1934	1

GROUPS	
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Harvard College Lottery.	3
Harvard College (1636-1780) - Finance - History - 18th century - Sources.	2
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Harvard University.	2
Democratic Party (Calif.).	1
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Harvard University	1

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United States.	3
California	1
Massachusetts - Militia - Supplies and stores.	1
Massachusetts - Politics and government - 1775-1783.	1
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- Write a biography
- Write a book on a regiment
- Start a social media group/Connect with your fellow enthusiasts
- Apply to a lineage society

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Applying to Hereditary Societies



Lineage Societies

- National Society Sons of the American Revolution
- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- Sons of the Revolution
- Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge
- The Society of the Cincinnati
- Order of the Founders and Patriots of America



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Complete List of Active Hereditary Societies

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hereditary.us/list_a.htm

Applying to Revolutionary War Lineage Societies



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To Sum Up:

- Was your ancestor the correct age to have fought?
- Examine the pension file for your ancestor.
- Who wrote affidavits for your ancestor?
- Look up their pensions—your ancestor may have written an affidavit on their behalf.
- Don't forget about journals & diaries of those additional soldiers who fought with your ancestor.

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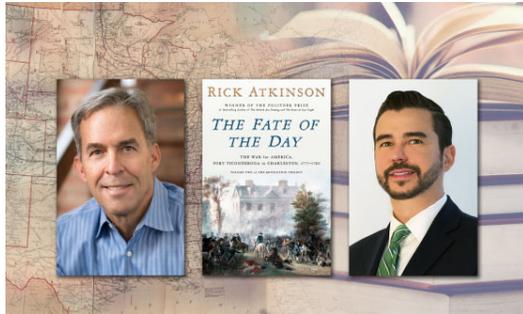
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**Researching Black Patriots and Loyalists During the
Revolutionary Era**
Presented by Danielle Rose
February 7, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET



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POOR, JONATHAN

Ancestor #: A090836



Service: MASSACHUSETTS Rank: CAPTAIN

Birth: 1-20-1737 NEWBURY ESSEX CO MASSACHUSETTS

Death: 3-19-1807 NEWBURY ESSEX CO MASSACHUSETTS

Service Source: MA SOLS & SAILS, VOL 12, P 559

Service Description: 1) COLS SAMUEL GERRISH, JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON, DANIEL SPAFFORD
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Number Name

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