

From Tyranny to Freedom: Irish Contributions to the American Revolution

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- **Presentation (50 mins.)**
 - Historical context
 - Motivations
 - Researching service
- **Q&A (10-15 mins.)**

Historical Context

Earlier Stereotypes

- Early historical scholarship on the American Revolution painted the average soldier as the following:
 - British descent, or Anglo-Saxon
 - Yeoman farmer
 - Small-scale landowner who worked their own farms, usually with family
- The Irish were viewed by many historians as mercenaries like the Hessians.
 - Previous service in foreign armies, including the British Army and during the Napoleonic Wars

Parliament Testimony

- In 1779, Major General Robertson provided testimony in an investigation on the causes of England's defeat from the war with the colonies
- Gen. Lee [of Continental Army] told Robertson that he believed half the rebel army were from Ireland



Source: “The Irish Element in America”
by Mr. R.C. O’Connor, *American Irish
Historical Society*, Volume 9, 1910, p. 455

Thomas J. Fleming

- In his work, *Washington's Secret War, The Hidden History of Valley Forge*, Fleming ascertained that at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78 that the Continental Army was mostly Irish
- Fleming also emphasized that a full 2/5 of the Continental Army was Irish by May 1778

Who were the Irish?

- Irish Catholics
 - Mostly illiterate
 - Primarily indentured servants
- Scots-Irish
 - Lowland Scots who settled in the Ulster Province in modern-day Northern Ireland
 - Slightly socially and economically more elevated due to greater literacy and Protestantism

Why Fight Against England?

- Bloody campaign by Sir Humphrey Gilbert during the 16th Century
- Oliver Cromwell's conquest of Ireland in 1649
- Penal Laws (1695-1829)
 - Limited Catholic participation in owning land, serving in political office, military service, and practicing their religion
- Impressment into the Royal Navy service

Incentives to join the British Army

Recruitment

- Recruiters targeted poor Irish laborers, unemployed, and Catholics in Ireland and within the American colonies
- Areas like Limerick were heavily targeted



Recruits, Drawn by Henry William Bunbury
ca. 1800 Etching. Courtesy of The Lewis Walpole
Library, Yale University

Benefits of Joining the British Army

- Cash bounties
- Regular Pay
- Food
- Clothing
- Opportunities for promotion
- Education within regiments
- Eligibility for pension
- Relief from legal action for criminals and deserters
- Post-war land grants in Canada

Soldier Pay

- A private earned 8 pence/day
- Corporals or sergeants could earn a shilling/day (12 pence)
- The cost of uniform, food, shoes, medical care, etc. was deducted from the soldier's pay

62nd Regiment of Foot

- Had one of the highest percentages of Irishmen among rank-and-file soldiers and officers
- Stationed in Ireland and deployed to Canada in 1776
- Saw heavy action in the Saratoga campaign and sustained large losses in the battle of Freeman's Farm (1777)



Roman Catholic Volunteers

- Raised in Philadelphia in October 1777 under Lt. Col. Alfred Clifton
- Many were from St. Mary's Parish
- Included the appointment of officers who were Catholics in addition to the privates and non-commissioned officers

Roman Catholic Volunteers Cont'd

- In 1778 they were sent to New York.
- They did not see battle action. They were responsible for guarding the British Army's baggage trains.
- Discipline fell apart with soldiers being unruly and committing acts of violence on civilians during the retreat from Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey
- Disbanded on October 25, 1778 – 80 members were merged with the Volunteers of Ireland, and others were sent to the British Legion.

Volunteers of Ireland

- AKA 2nd American Regiment or 105th Regiment of Foot
- In 1777, raised in Philadelphia and New York under Colonel Francis Lord Rawdon
- Primarily fought in Southern Theater

Royal Gazette, 9 May 1778, Early American Newspaper Series I

ALL Gentlemen, Natives of Ireland, who are zealous for the Honour and Prosperity of their Country, are hereby informed, that a Corps, to be stiled the

Volunteers of Ireland,
Is now raising by their COUNTRYMAN,
L O R D R A W D O N.

Those who wish to Seize this favourable Opportunity of manifesting their Attachment to their Native Land, are desired to Apply to Captain BOURNE, at his Quarters, opposite to Coenties Market-Place, or to Lieut. MOFFAT, at the Lines Kingsbridge; Lieut. BENGHAM, Long-Island; Lieut. DALTON, at Powles-Hook, or at Mr. DEANE's, at the Sign of the Ship, near the Fly-Market, where they shall be honourably Entertained.

Any person who shall bring an approved good Recruit, shall receive Half a Guinea for each.

Good Men of any Country will be received.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Incentives to Enlist in the Continental Army

Benefits of Joining the Continental Army

- Cash bounties
- Regular Pay
- Food
- Clothing
- Bounty land

Soldier Pay

Rank	1775	1778
Private	\$6.67/month*	\$6.67/month
Captain	\$20/month	\$40/month
Colonel	\$50/month	\$75/month

*For Pennsylvania and Virginia riflemen

Source: "Soldier Pay in the American Revolution: How Much Money Did the Average Continental Army Soldier Earn During the Revolutionary War?" By Phillip S. Greenwalt, 1 June 2021, American Battlefield Trust website

Enlistment Bounties

- Various states offered bounties for enlistment in addition to the enticement offered by the Continental Congress
- These included land and clothing
- Officers were also offered half-pay for life to continue their service (if recommended by George Washington)

A Lack of Pay

- George Washington worked with Robert Morris, signer of the Declaration of Independence and financier, helped scrape together the money to pay the soldiers an additional six weeks until 1777
- Each soldier was paid \$10 bounty, which included money from different nations

The Promise of Bounty Land

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

Irish Regiments

- Pennsylvania Line – otherwise known as the “Line of Ireland”
- 3rd New York Regiment – otherwise known as the Ulster Regiment
 - Many of the soldiers were composed of Scots Irish men from the Province of Ulster in Ireland

Uniform of the 3rd New York Regiment,
Courtesy of the New York Historical Society



**Compiled Military
Service Records
(Patriots)**

Contents of a Service Record

- Name
- Unit
- Period of service
- Muster rolls
- Pay rolls
- Hospitalization and prisoner of war rolls
(if applicable)

United States, Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783

Service record cards of approximately 80,000 individual soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War. The cards are arranged under the designation "Continental Troops" or under a state name, then by organization, and then alphabetically by soldier's surname. Corresponds to NARA Publication M881: Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783. Index courtesy of Fold3.

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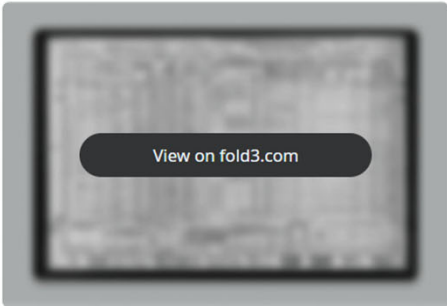
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Owen McCarthy

Military • United States, Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783

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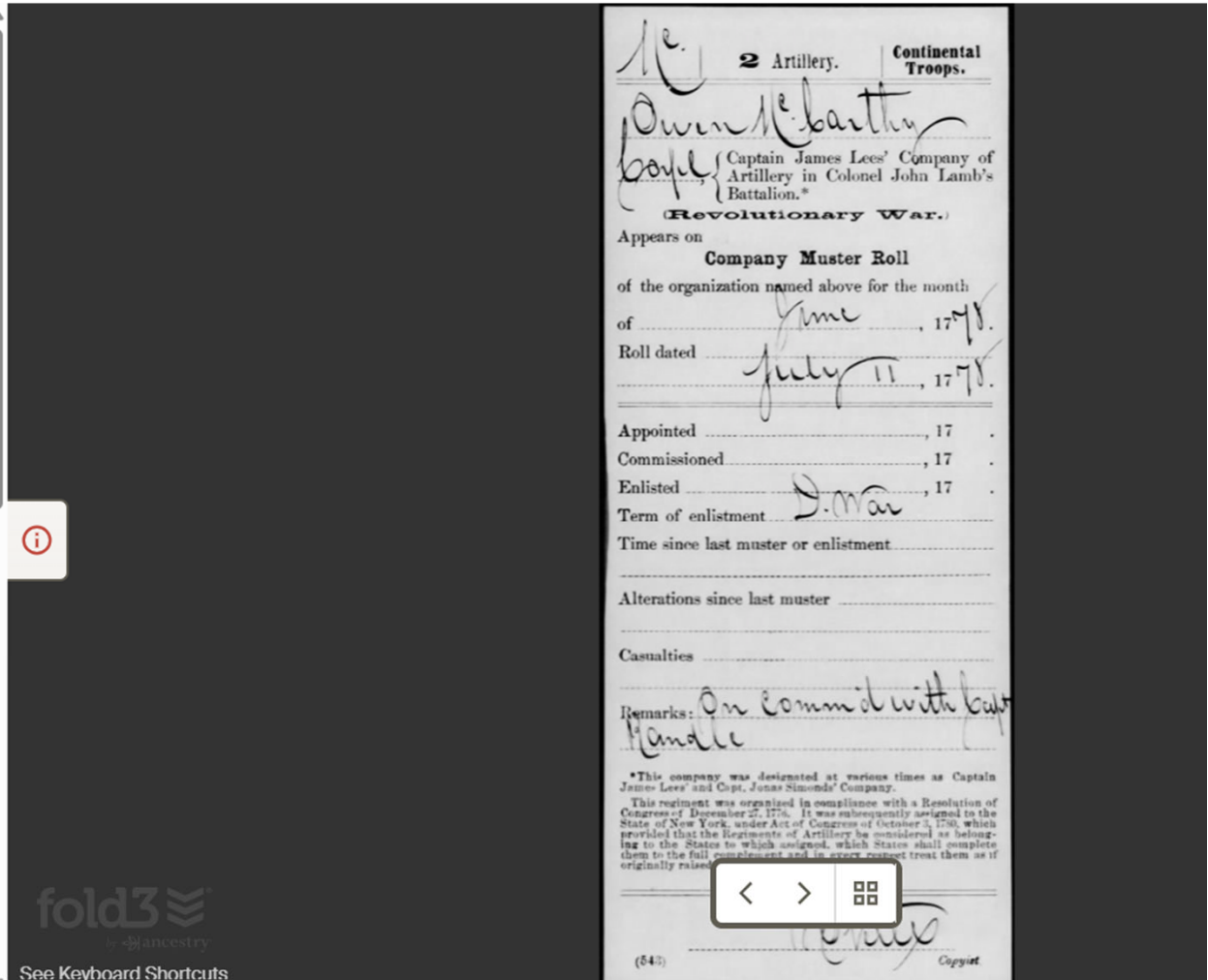
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 Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above for the month
 of Sept, 1778.
 Roll dated Oct 2, 1778.
 Appointed, 17 ..
 Commissioned, 17 ..
 Enlisted, 17 ..
 Term of enlistment, ..
 Time since last muster or enlistment, ..
 Alterations since last muster, ..
 Casualties, ..
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Company Pay Roll

of the organization named above for the month

of *Jan*, 1779.

Commencement of time, 17

Commencement of pay *Jan. 1*, 17

To what time paid *Feb. 1*, 17

Pay per month *9 Dollars*

Time of service *1 Mo*

Whole time of service

Subsistence

Amount *9 Dollars*

Amt. of pay and subsistence

Pay due to sick, absent

Casualties

Remarks:

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4 Artillery.

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Book*

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"We and each of us whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do acknowledge to have received from Major Thomas B. Bowen, and Captain Ercurius Beatty, Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line the Several sums opposite to our Names, respectively, in Certificates dated July 1st, 1784, bearing Interest at six per Cent. from August 1st, 1780, signed by John Pierce, Commissioner, and described as below, being for the Balance of a Settlement between the United States and us for Pay and Subsistence To January the 1st, 1782."

(**Revolutionary War.**)

Date of Issue *Aug 14, 1784.*

N^o of Certificate *76416*; Letter *P*

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Sum *114* Dollars 90ths

Signer *Alexander Russell*

Remarks:



Muster Rolls

What's a Muster Roll?

- A list or return of all troops, including officers and soldiers, present or accounted for on muster day.
- Soldiers would respond at roll call when their names were read aloud.
- Muster rolls often contain the date when a soldier joined or left a military unit (including if a soldier deserted).

United States Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783

Images of muster rolls, payrolls, strength returns, and other personnel, pay, and supply records of the American Army during the Revolutionary War. The collection is arranged by type of service, military unit, and jacket or folder number. To more easily find your ancestor in this collection, you'll need to know the state and military unit. To identify state and military unit of interest click on the "Learn more" link and see coverage table. The military unit may also be identified by searching the collection "United States, Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783" Index provided by Fold3.com and FamilySearch. This collection is from Record Group 93, War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, and is National Archives Microfilm publication M246.

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18 Muster Roll of Capt. James Lees Comp. of Artillery in the Service of the United States
 & Command'd by Col. John Lamb for the Months March ^{to April} 1779

Commission'd

January 1st 1777 James Lees Capt. in Artillery by Gen. Burgoyne for
 D^o 1: 1777 Wm Power Capt. Lieut. - - - - - leaves from 1. Conty.
 Feb. 1: 1777 Sam Dohy 2^d Lieut. - - - - - on Command
 D^o 1: 1777 Geo. Hutton 2^d D^o

Appointed	Sergeants	Serm	Remarks
	Leopold Broome	D. Warr	
	Jacob Spugall		
	Francis Stewart		
	Corporals		
	James Velle		
	Owen M ^r Carthy		on Command
	John M ^r Donald		
	John Newill		
	Joseph Oliver		
	Bombardiers		
	Robt. Duchon		
	Sam ^l Eshor		
	Geo. Gadsby		
			Deserted March the 12 th 1779 On Guard

Muster Roll, FamilySearch



Revolutionary War Rolls

Records: 1,647,555 · Complete: 100%

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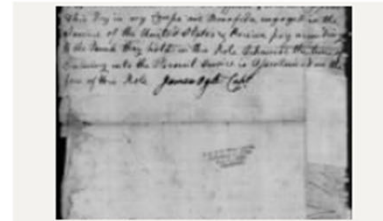
1770 2nd Regiment Connecticut Rolls



1776 10th Regiment Continental Troops



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Survivor Pensions (Veteran)

- Indicated by an "S" on the envelope
- Could be a disability or invalid pension OR a service pension

Widow Pensions (Spouse of Veteran)

- Indicated by a "W" on the envelope

Rejected Pensions

- Indicated by a "R" on the envelope

Survivor's Pension Information Collected

- Name
- Age
- Residence
- Letter from veteran soldier
- Affidavits from those that served with the soldier

Widow's Pension Information Collected

- Name (including maiden name)
- Age
- Residence
- Date and place of marriage
- Date and place of spouse's death
- Letter from widow and surviving family, including court testimony
- Affidavits from those that served with the deceased soldier

United States, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications, 1800-1900

Pension and bounty land warrant application files of veterans and widows of veterans who served in the Revolutionary War. The files correspond to National Archive publication M804 Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files and contain applications and other documents in support of a claim. The index was created by Fold3.

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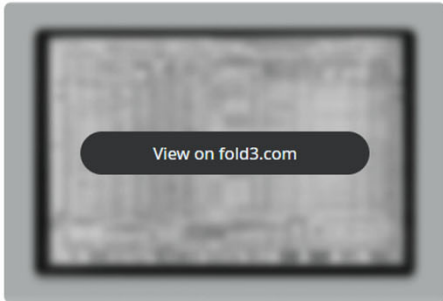
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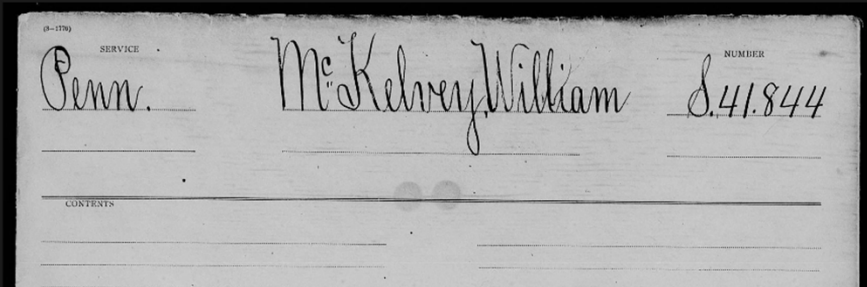
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Pension Roll of 1835

- In 1834/1835, the U.S. Senate passed a series of resolutions requiring a list be compiled of pensioners who were drawing pensions for service in the Revolutionary War
- Some War of 1812 veterans may be listed
 - Most appear in later pension rolls

U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835

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NAMES.	Rank	Annual allowance.	Sums received	Description of service.	When placed on the pension roll.	Commencement of pension.	Ag'es.	Laws under which they were formerly inscribed on the pension roll; and remarks.
James Baggs -	Private	96 00	688 81	Pennsylvania cont'l	May 24, 1820	Nov. 29, 1819	74	Died February 1, 1827.
William Batchelder -	do	96 00	694 39	N. H. continental	March 5, 1819	June 11, 1818	70	Transferred from Maine.
Stephen Crofford -	do	96 00	653 12	Mass. continental	May 24, 1819	Nov. 12, 1818	65	
Jeremiah Conine -	do	96 00	621 52	Virginia continental	Dec. 13, 1825	Nov. 19, 1825	70	Died May 9, 1832.
Massy Fleehart -	do	96 00	1,510 89	Pennsylvania cont'l	Nov. 27, 1819	June 9, 1818	62	
Seth Holmes -	do	96 00	704 80	Mass. continental	June 12, 1819	May 2, 1818	79	Transferred from Pennsylvania.
Moses Hadley -	do	96 00	969 60	N. J. continental	Ap'l 20, 1819	do	83	Died June 7, 1828.
Jacob Heffner -	do	96 00	1,446 48	Weltner Ger. reg't	July 29, 1819	Feb. 10, 1819	77	
John Jacobs -	do	96 00	780 63	Pennsylvania cont'l	Jan. 27, 1819	May 20, 1818	71	Died July 6, 1826.
Joseph Jones, Jur. -	do	96 00	1,509 86	Mass. continental	July 8, 1819	June 13, 1818	79	
George King -	do	96 00	519 51	Virginia continental	Dec. 1, 1828	Oct. 7, 1828	73	
William C. Lee -	do	96 00	349 18	Maryland cont'l	June 22, 1819	Jan 16, 1819	79	
William McKelvey -	do	96 00	1,510 39	Pennsylvania cont'l	Sep. 6, 1819	June 11, 1818	74	
Daniel Frosser -	do	96 00	611 08	Virginia continental	Oct. 23, 1823	Mar. 31, 1823	82	Died August 11, 1829.

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U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioner Census, 1840

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DUFFALO—Continued.			BRIGHTON.		
Samuel Murphey - - -	82	Samuel Murphey.	Abraham Lockwood - - -	50	Abraham Lockwood.
Margaret Laughrey - - -	69	Margaret Laughrey.			
John Sipe - - -	70	John Sipe.	LITTLE BEAVER.		
Eleanor Rayburn - - -	72	James Rayburn.	George Swager - - -	70	George Swager.
KITTANING.			DARLINGTON.		
Andrew Daugherty - - -	71	Andrew Daugherty.	Isaac Leonard - - -	50	Isaac Leonard.
Kiltan Briney - - -	73	John Terfastz.			
John Davis, sen. - - -	77	Jacob Davis.	CHIPPEWA.		
Michael Shall, sen. - - -	70	Michael Shall, sen.	Thomas Stratton - - -	80	Samuel Stratton.
Michael Hartman - - -	81	Michael Hartman.			
Sarah Willard - - -	70	Jacob Willard.	BIG BEAVER.		
Michael Truby, sen. - - -	-	Michael Truby, jr.	Philip Young - - -	83	John Bales.
			Joseph S. Line - - -	81	Joseph S. Line.
PINE.			NORTH BEAVER.		
James Walker - - -	68	James Walker.	Esther Lenard - - -	79	Abna Lenard.
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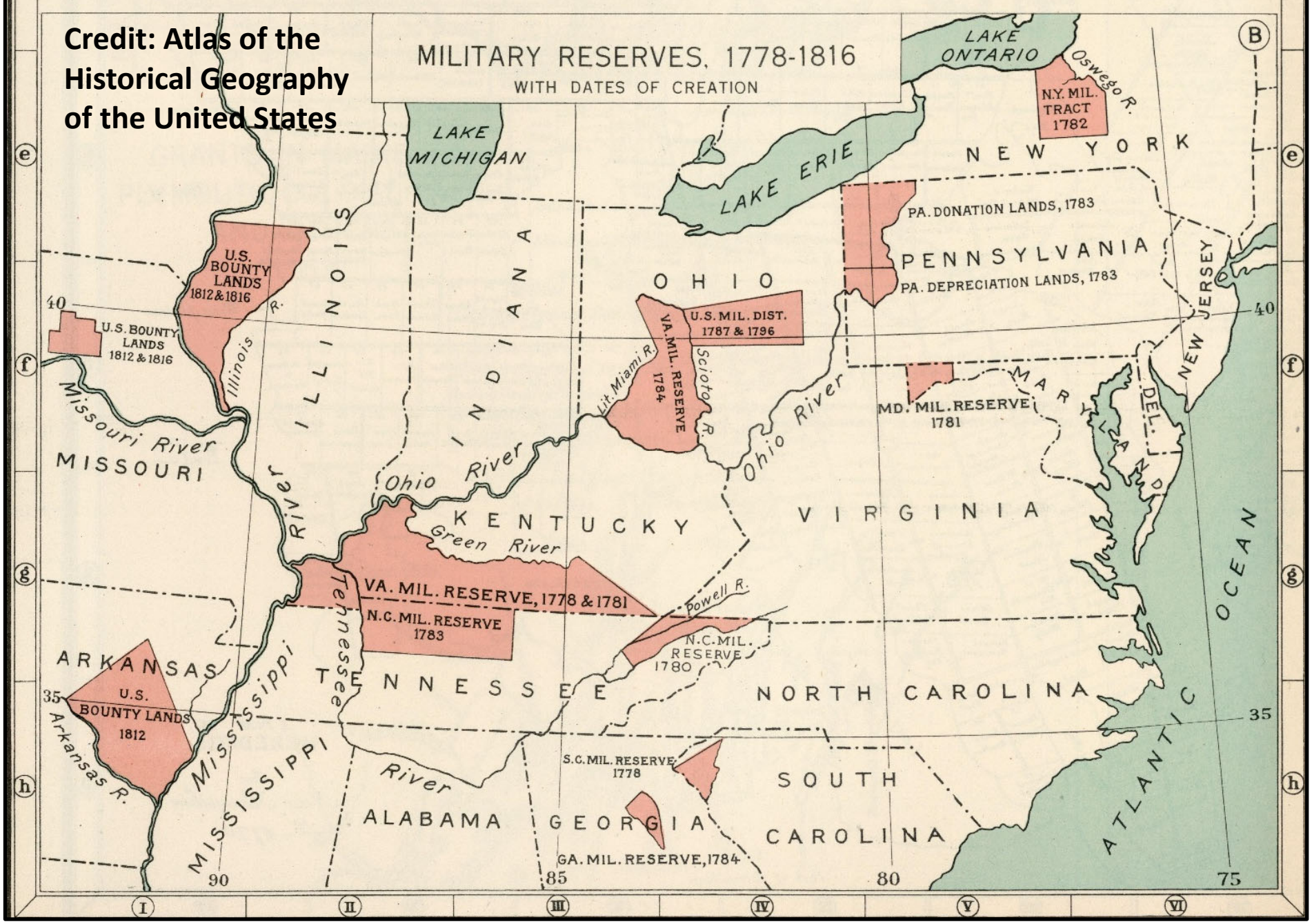
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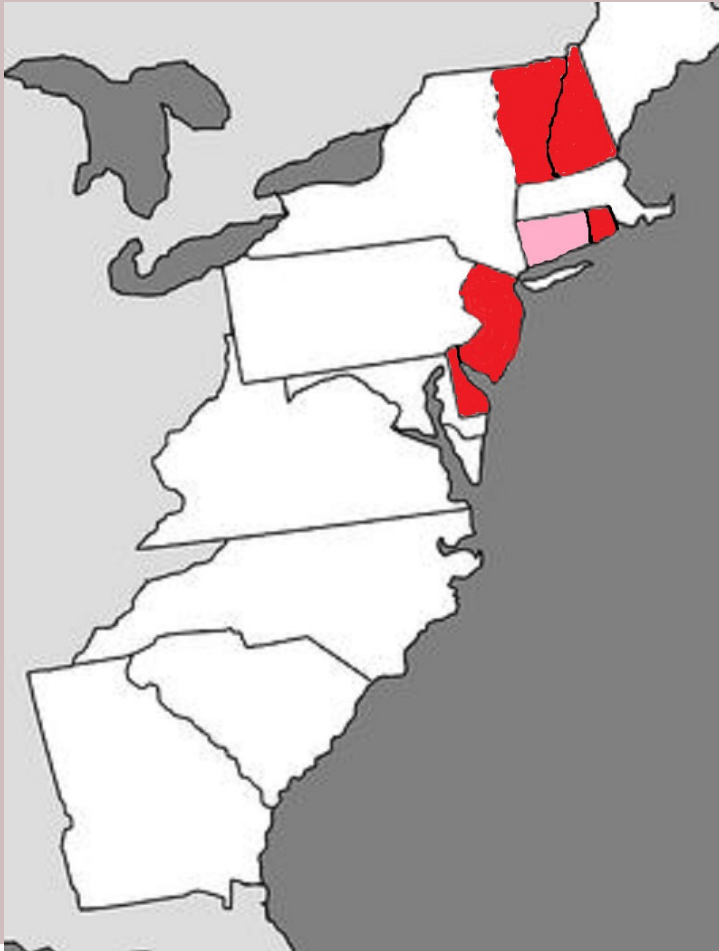
- To entice soldiers to fight, the Continental Congress in 1776 promised land in exchange for service
- After the war, states had to cede land to federal government
 - Competing land claims among states

Credit: Atlas of the
Historical Geography
of the United States

MILITARY RESERVES, 1778-1816
WITH DATES OF CREATION



States WITHOUT Bounty Land



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

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

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 Source: NARA Pamphlet Describing M804: Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files	

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

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Names On Document

- WALKER, THADDEUS H,
- SMITH, FERGUSON,
- SMITH, ROBERT

Military Rank: ---

Miscellaneous Information

Land Office:	Lecompton
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	Revolutionary War
State In Favor Of:	---
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Survey Information

Total Acres:	160.08
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Metes/Bounds:	No

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Warrant No. 84, 046 for 164 acres, in favor of *Herguson*
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Finding Your Patriot

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

McCarty, Dennis. Va. Private. 28 Jun. 1784. 100 acres.

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

British Military Records

British military records, "C" series, 1757-1899, located at the National Archives of Canada

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MUSTER ROLL of Lieut. John Connell's Regiment of Roman Catholic Volunteers Commanded by Lieutenant Col. Clifton
 November 27th 1777

N ^o	Rank.	Names.	Date of Commission, or Time of Inlistment.	By whom inlisted.	For what Reason absent.	Promoted.	Discharged.	Dead.	Deferted.	Prisoners.
1	Lieutenant	John Connell	October 18 th							
2	Private	Conrad Kingsfield	Nov: 10 th							
3	ditto	Philip Shaver	ditto							
4	ditto	John Mathison	ditto							
5	ditto	John Maddon	ditto		Sick					
6	ditto	John Mullary	ditto							
7	ditto	John Davis	Nov: 16							
8	ditto	Timothy Coen	Nov: 16							
9	ditto	Jarvis M'Fee	ditto							
10	ditto	Wm Chambers	ditto							
11	ditto	David Jespers	ditto							
12	ditto	Wm Bryan	ditto							
13	ditto	Wm Morgan	ditto							
14	ditto	John M'Cartee	ditto							
15	ditto	Wm Ayres	ditto							
16	ditto	Joseph Connell	ditto							
17	ditto	Thomas Thompson	ditto							
18	ditto	Jarvis Mosen	ditto		Sick					
19	ditto	Wm Quice	ditto							
20	ditto	David Peerce	ditto							
21	ditto	Wm Poque	ditto							
22	ditto	John M'Kay	ditto							

Muster Roll, Roman Catholic Volunteers, 27 Nov. 1777, John Connell's Company, Library and Archives Canada

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By *Willmore Ellis Doyle Esq. Lt Colonel*
Commanding his Majesty's *105th* Regiment of Foot
Whereof the *Right Honble Lord Mordaunt* is Colonel.

THESSE are to certify, that the Bearer
hereof *Michael Fitzgerald*

has served in the abovesaid Regiment, for the Space of *One*
Years & *Five Months* is for the Reason below mentioned
discharged from the said Regiment, he having received his Pay,
Arrears of Pay, Cloathing of all Sorts, and all other just Demands
from the Time of his inlisting into the said Regiment,
to this Day of his Discharge, and *having served his Majesty*

in different Regiments for the Space of Fifteen Years and
several Wounds, and his Right Shoulder, and affected with

He is discharged *to the Regiments of the Royal Household*
of His Majesty King George the Third

And to prevent any ill Use that may be made of this Discharge
by its falling into the Hands of any other Person whatsoever,
here follows a Description of the abovesaid *Michael*
Fitzgerald. He is about *thirty four* Years of Age, *Five*
Feet *Seven* Inches high, without Shoes; *Dark* Complexion,
born in the County of *Wiltshire* by trade a *Labourer*

Given under my Hand and the Regimental Seal at *Downpatrick*
this *thirty first* Day of *January*, 1754

A. Dillon
Surgeon

To all whom it may concern.

Willmore Ellis Doyle
Lt Colonel

Service Record, Chelsea Pensioner,
Michael Fitzgerald, Fold3.com

Strategies for Identifying Irish Origins

Military Records

- Locate military records, particularly pension files for surviving soldiers – they often wrote affidavits describing when and where they were born.
 - Some may have noted the county and townland vs. Ireland.

US, Revolutionary War Pensions, 1800-1900
Virginia • Wallace • James

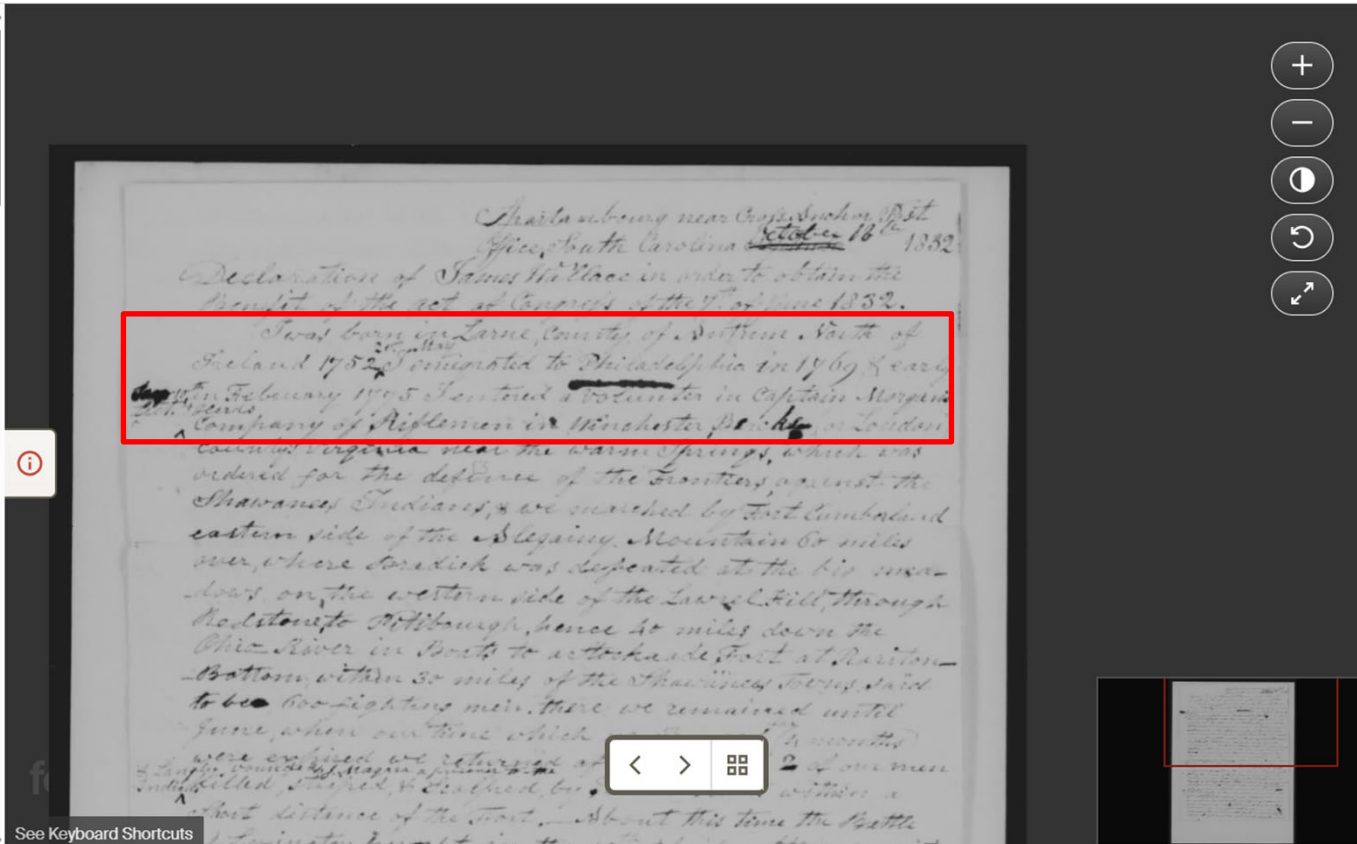
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Spartanburg near Cross Anchor Post
Office, South Carolina October 18th 1832
Declaration of James Wallace in order to obtain the
Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.
I was born in Larne, County of Antrim, North of
Ireland 1752. Emigrated to Philadelphia in 1769 & early
in February 1775 I entered a Volunteer in Captain
Morgan's
Company of Riflemen in Winchester (or London)
County Virginia near the warm Springs, which was
ordered for the defence of the Frontiers against the
Shawanees Indians, & we marched by Fort
Cumberland
eastern side of the Alleghany Mountain 60 miles
over, where Braddock was defeated at the big meadow
-dows on the western side of the Laurel Hill, through
Redstone to Pittsburgh, hence 40 miles down the
Ohio River in Boats to a stockade Fort at Rariton
Bottom, within 30 miles of the Shawanees Towns,
said

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Spartanburg near Cross, Snicker Post
Office, South Carolina ~~September~~ ^{October 18th} 1832

Declaration of James Wallace in order to obtain the
Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

I was born in Larne, County of Antrim, North of
Ireland 1752^{21st May} I emigrated to Philadelphia in 1769, & early

^{Sept. 15th} in February 1775 I entered a volunteer in Captain Morgan's
^{Det. & guards} Company of Riflemen in Winchester, Berks (or Loudon)
County, Virginia near the warm Springs, which was
ordered for the defence of the Frontiers, against the
Shawanoes Indians, & we marched by Fort Cumberland
eastern side of the Alleghany Mountain 60 miles
over where ~~we fought~~ ~~the~~ ~~1st~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~1st~~



3.
 HIS MAJESTY'S 104th Regiment of Foot
 whereof Lieut. Colonel Martin White is Colonel.

THESE are to certify, that *Priest James Burke*
 in *Captain John Maudslays* Company in the Regiment aforesaid, born in the
 Parish of *Bartholomew* in or near the Town of *Dublin*
 in the County of *Ireland* hath served in the said Regiment for the
 space of *Seven* Years and *Seven* Days, as likewise in other Corps according to
 the following Statement, but in consequence of *Age & general Debility*
from length of Service is considered unfit for further Service abroad, and is proposed to be discharged; and has
 been ordered to the Army Depôt in the Isle of Wight, that his case may be finally deter-
 mined on, having first received all just Demands of Pay, Clothing, &c. from his entry
 into the said Regiment to the date of this Discharge, as appears by the Receipt on the
 back hereof [except* *And that he has no Claim whatever upon the*
Regiment.]

And to prevent any improper use being made of this Discharge by its falling
 into other Hands, the following is a Description of the said *James Burke*
 He is about *Fifty Five* Years of Age, is *Five* Feet *Seven* Inches in height,
Blk. Hair, *Right* Eyes, *Dark* Complexion, by Trade a *Sabotier*

20.3.16

STATEMENT OF SERVICE.

WHAT CORPS.	Period.		Serjeant. Major.		Qr. Mast. Serjeant.		Serjeant.		Corporal.		Trumpeter or Drummer.		Private.		Total Service.		In East or West In- dies, included in the aforegoing Total.	
	From	To	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Years.	Days.
<i>Foot</i>	<i>1777</i>	<i>1783</i>											<i>6</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>243</i>		
<i>Foot</i>	<i>1783</i>	<i>1803</i>											<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>		
TOTAL...													<i>17</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>254</i>		

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Regiment, at *Dublin*
 the *21th* Day of *August* 1815.

I Certify that the abovementioned *James Burke* is unfit for further Service.
James Burke
 Army Depôt Day of 1815
John J. Moore Surgeon to the forces
 consequence of the above, *James Burke* is hereby Discharged.
 Army Depôt Day of *March* 1816
John J. Moore Commandant.

Service Record, Chelsea Pensioner Records, Fold3.com

Regiments Mens. Names Age Sex Examination of Invalid Soldiers Admitted Dismissed

Monday 15th Novem^r 1784

Complaints Where Born Occupations

10 th Drags	Thomas Baker	39	17	Wounded in the Arm	Wadhurst Sussex	Butcher	Admitted
do	George Langford	42	16	do	Ferns Ireland	Labourer	Admitted
do	Isaac Gosling	41	42	do	Stoke Suffolk	do	Admitted
do	Peter Collier	36	14	do	Atherton Lancashire	Weaver	Admitted
do	Samuel Gable	36	14	do	Stow Market Suffolk	Husbandman	Admitted
do	Terrence O'Brien	21	1	Wounded in the Arm	Kilsherry Tyrone	Labourer	Admitted
17 th Drags	Thomas Longshaw	37	14	do	Manchester Lancas	Taylor	Admitted
23 rd Drags	David Butcher	26	2 1/2	Consumpt & Astmatic	Leith Co. Fife	Bookbinder	Admitted

Court Records

- Locate court records in the places where they lived
- Many court records are held at the county level and can be found on FamilySearch or at a state archives
- Naturalization records provide a lot of detail

Crown Land Grants

- When applying for crown land in Canada, petitions from former soldiers often included their birthplace

To His Honour, Major General
Nicholas Vignan President of His
Majesty's Council and Commander
in Chief of the Island of Cape Breton
I. J.

The Humble Petition of
Francis Murphy

Most Humbly represents

That your Honours Petitioner, was
born in the Town of Monaghan in
Ireland; and came to Cape Breton
in 1785. The same year your Peti-

tioner, obtained a Grant, for 318 acres
of Land at Grand-Grave, in Saint
Peters Bay. Your Petitioner Humbly
wishes to impress upon your Honours
benevolent mind, that Governor M^r.
Cormick had such a good opinion
of your Petitioner's conduct, that he
conferred on him several Honours, ^{that of}
Magistrate by special Commission and
Captain of Militia, with a Licence of
Occupation for 200 acres more, adjoin-
ing Land before Granted him.

Your Honours Petitioner therefore
most Humbly Prays, you will
be pleased to cause a Crown Lease
to be Granted him for the said
Two hundred acres of which he
has,

UELAC

- The United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada is a lineage organization for descendants of Loyalists who resided in the American colonies, demonstrated loyalty to the Crown (ex. military service, oath of allegiance), and settled in Canada before 1783
- They have a directory of approved Loyalists which includes Loyalist militias



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ID	
15838	
Prefix/Rank	Captain
Given & Middle Name(s)	John
Surname	Cloud
Suffix	
UELAC Status	
Where Resettled	Cornwallis, Kings County, Nova Scotia

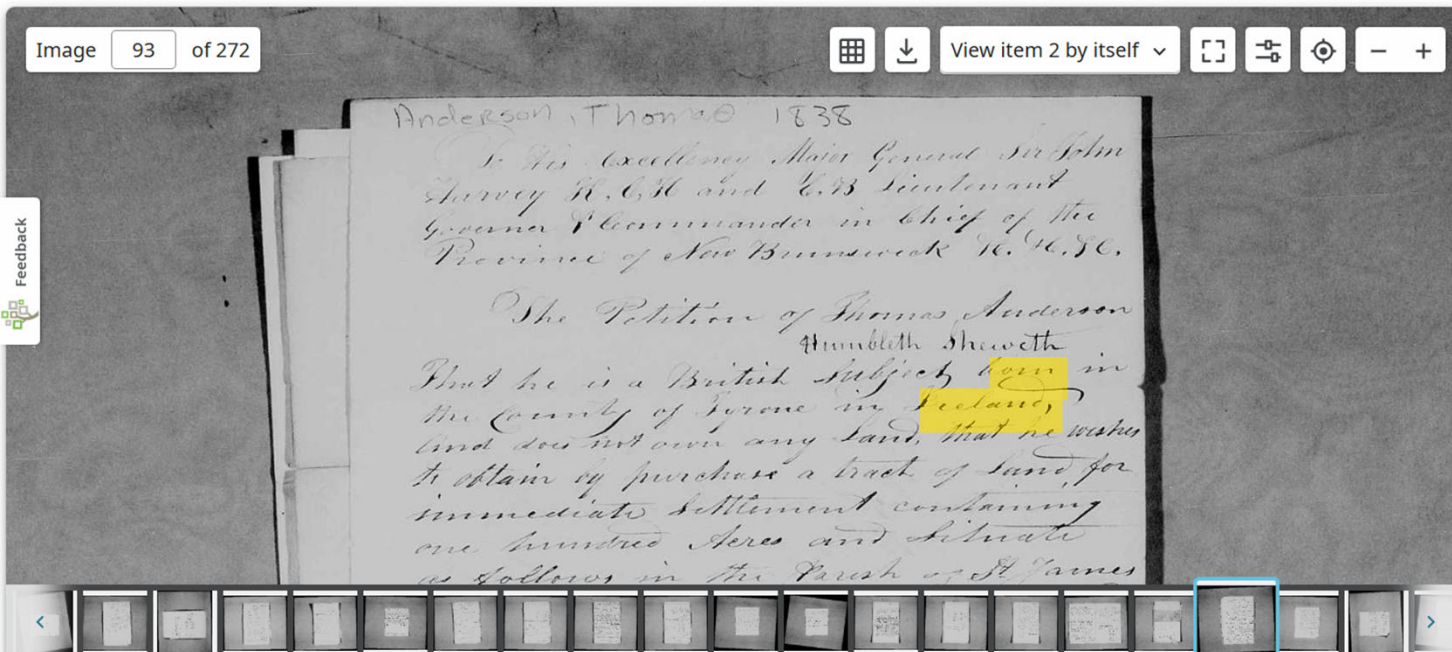
Regiment	West New Jersey Volunteers to New Jersey Volunteers
Enlistment Date	November 1776
Date/Place of Birth	1744, Taghmon, County Wexford, Ireland (Emigrated 1772)
Settled Before War	Culper's Ferry, Gloucester County, New Jersey
Date/Place of Death	18 July 1784, Cornwallis, Kings County, Nova Scotia
Place of Burial	
Spouse	Rebecca Chatthan (b. 1750), married ca. 1775
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna (1775-1863); • Lucy Mary (1779-1847); • Sarah (1784-?).
Biography	Captain John Cloud was a School Master before the war. Following the war, he emigrated to Nova Scotia, with his wife and children. He died before he could file a claim for reimbursement or land. His widow, Rebecca filed a claim for both. In 1785, she received a 500 acre Loyalist Land Grant in Parrsborough Township, Kings County, Nova Scotia.
Proven Descendants	
Military Info	Captain & Quartermaster
Loyalist	

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Anderson and 1838 To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey R. C. H and C. B. Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick H. & C. & C. The Petition of Thomas Anderson Humbleth Sheweth That he is a British subject born in the County of Tyrone in Ireland and does not own any Land, that he wishes to obtain by purchase a tract of land, for immediate settlement containing one hundred Acres and situate as follows in the Parish of St James in the County aforesaid on the North side of Smith's base line, commencing at the West side of Andrew Anderson's Applicant, extending West one hundred Rods, and North a sufficient distance the said land is at present in a wilderness State and he requests that he may be allowed to purchase it at three shillings per acre payable by instalments and if so allowed he is purposed to and will settle himself

FAN Club

- Research the extended family, associates, and neighbors to learn about their origins
- Many brothers served together. By finding a sibling's military records, you may uncover more clues about their origins.

Cluster Research

- Research the community where they settled to identify their origins
- Many congregations of specific parishes traveled together from Ireland
- The name of the township they lived in may be a clue to the name of the parish or townland back in Ireland.

DNA Testing

- Identify a living male descendant of the soldier to take a Y-DNA test with FamilyTree DNA
- The tester may match others with the same surname where others have researched and identified their origins, including people still in Ireland.
- Many testers upload their results to a surname project





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