



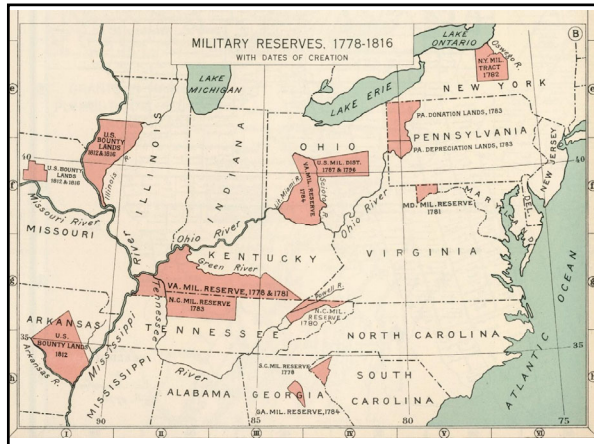
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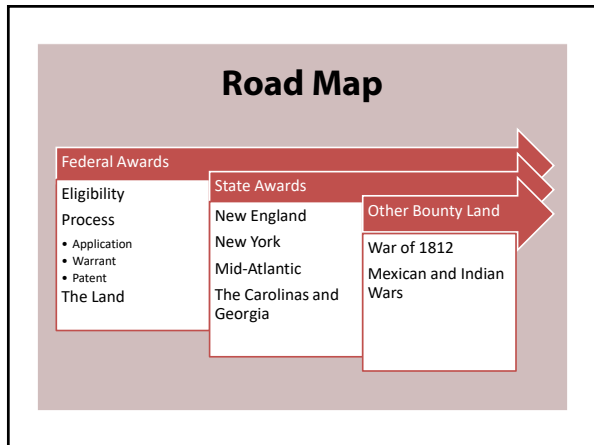
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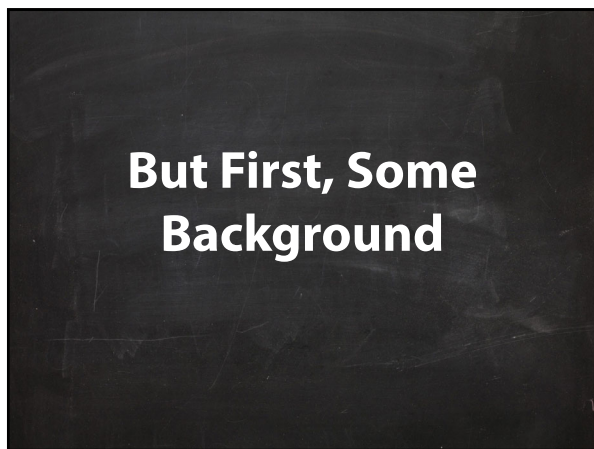
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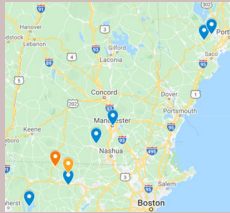
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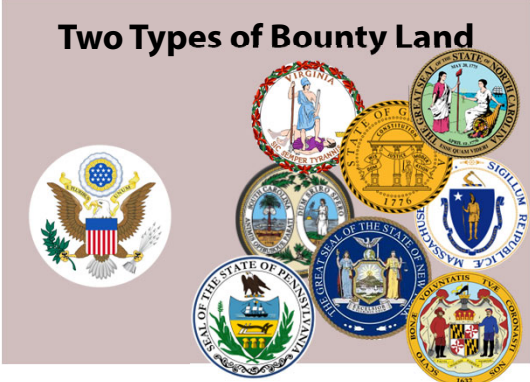
History of Bounty Land

- European Wars
- King Philip's War
 - Buxton, Maine
 - Westminster, MA
 - Amherst, NH
 - Greenwich, MA
 - Manchester, NH
 - Templeton, MA
 - Gorham, ME
- King William's War expeditions to Quebec
 - Ashburnham
 - Winchendon



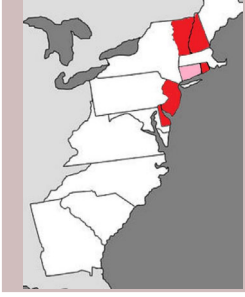
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Two Types of Bounty Land



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States WITHOUT Bounty Land



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

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First the Promise

To enlistees in the Continental Army:

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

Congressional Act of 16 September 1776

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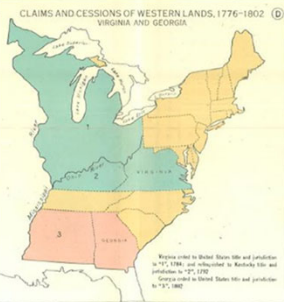
Then the Land



LOC, Robertson, "The thirteen original states, 1783," 1898

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Land Claimed by Virginia



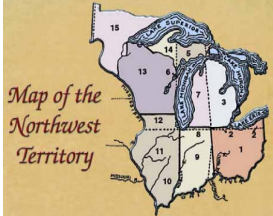
Charles O. Paulin, Atlas of Historical Geography of the United States, 1932

Land Claimed by New York



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Key to Federal Bounty Land: Northwest Territory



Map of the Northwest Territory

- 1780 – Continental Congress declares Northwest Territory is public land
- 1785 – Land Ordinance to managed ceded land; beginning of cash-entry for federal lands
- 1787 – Plan for creating states in the NW Territory
- 1797 – Formation of United States Military District - Ohio

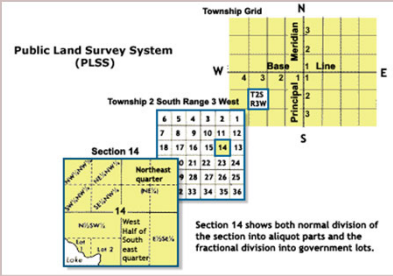
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Acts Authorizing Bounty Land Warrants

- 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

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New Survey System



Public Land Survey System (PLSS)

Township 2 South Range 3 West

Section 14

Section 14 shows both normal division of the section into aliquot parts and the fractional division into government lots.

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Did Your Ancestor Serve?

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

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- ### Eligibility
- **Unit:** Continental line
 - **Rank:** Soldier or non-commissioned officer
 - **Duration:** Minimum three years of service
 - **Assignment Allowed:** No
 - **State Application Allowed:** Yes

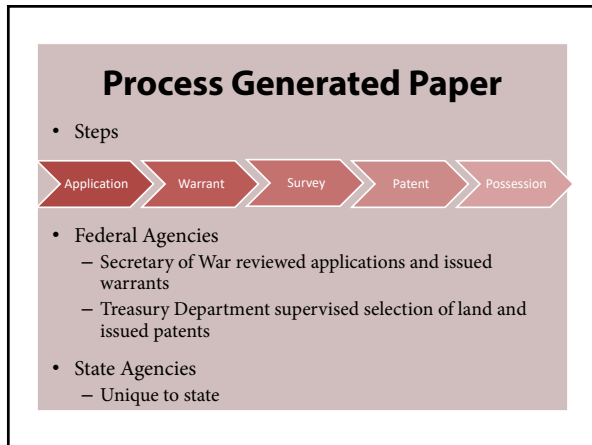
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Amount by Rank

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

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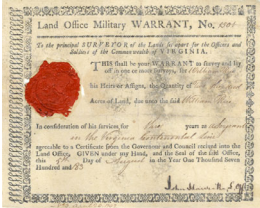


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- ### Application
- Serviceman submitted affidavits from commanding officers or fellow soldiers
 - Submitted discharge papers
 - If soldier died during service, heirs could file with documentation that they were legal heirs of the deceased

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Warrant Authorizing a Survey

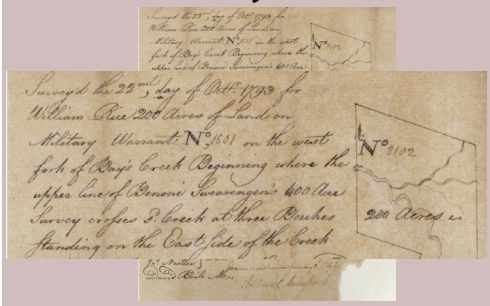


- Warrants issued – date of issuance, name and rank of veteran, state from which he enlisted
- Usually the state picked the land; Virginia allowed the soldier to choose

Virginia Warrant for William Rice 1783, land in Kentucky

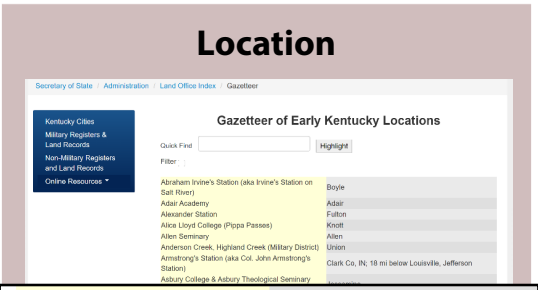
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Survey - 1793



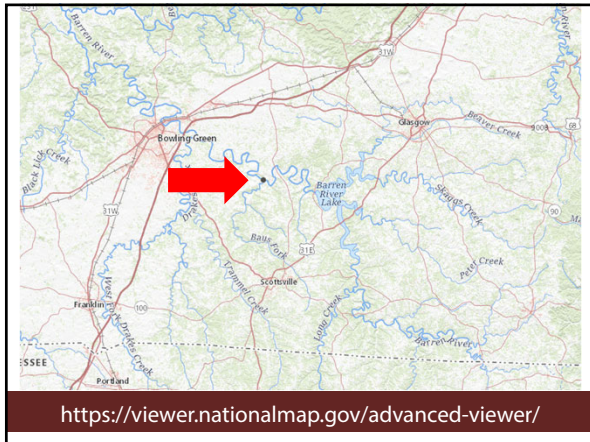
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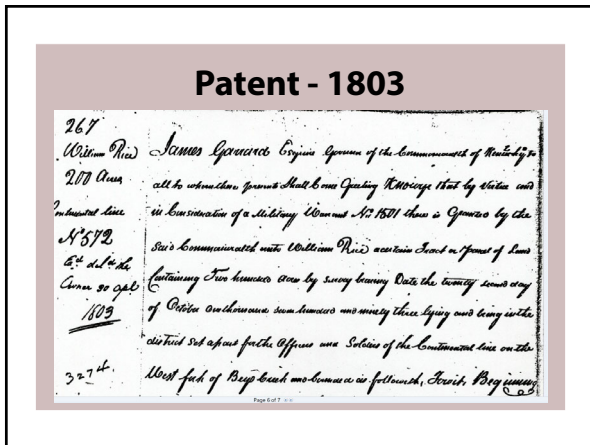


Location	County
Bayou de Chien aka Bayou Deshe aka Bayou Deshaine	Fulton; Hickman; Graves
Bays Fork of Barren River (Military District)	Allen

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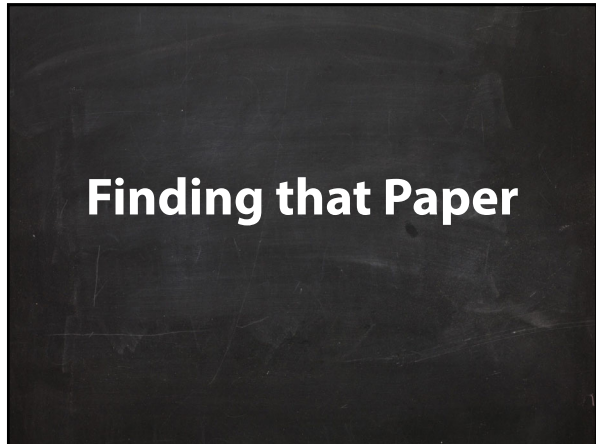


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Assignment

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

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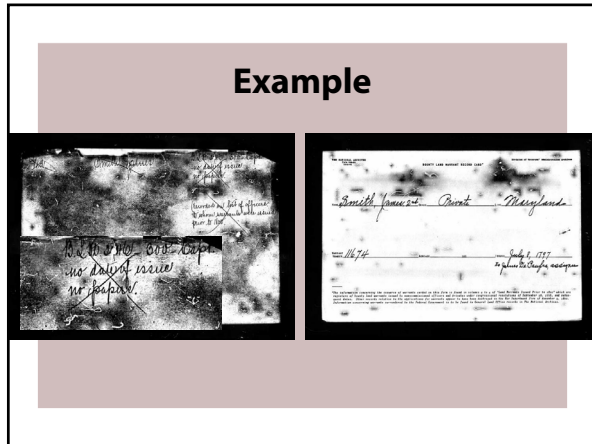


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Finding Federal Applications and Warrants

- Destroyed bounty application files have been replaced by cards
 - Name of veteran, rank, unit, warrant number, numbers of acres granted, date issued, assignee
- National Archives (NARA)
 - **Applications:** M804 *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files 1800-1900*
 - **Warrants:** M829 *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers*

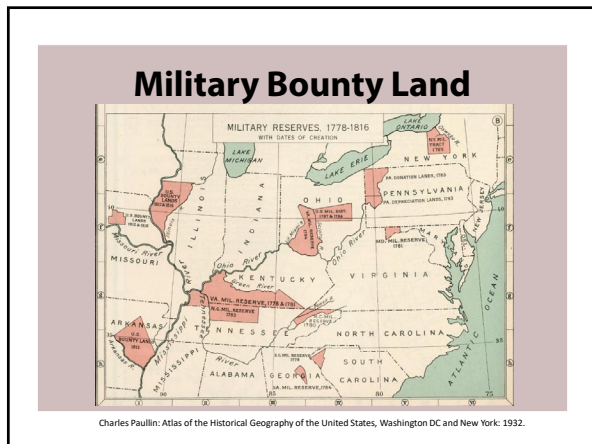
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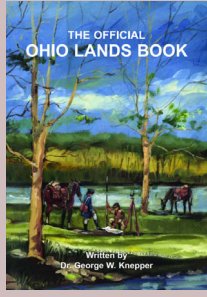


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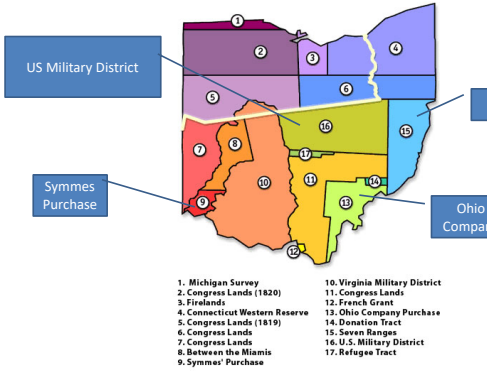
Federal Bounty Land in Ohio



- First warrant for federal bounty land issued in 1783
- But the Military District of Ohio wasn't authorized until 1796

Written by Dr. George W. Knepfer

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Ohio Land Grants

Ohio State Archives

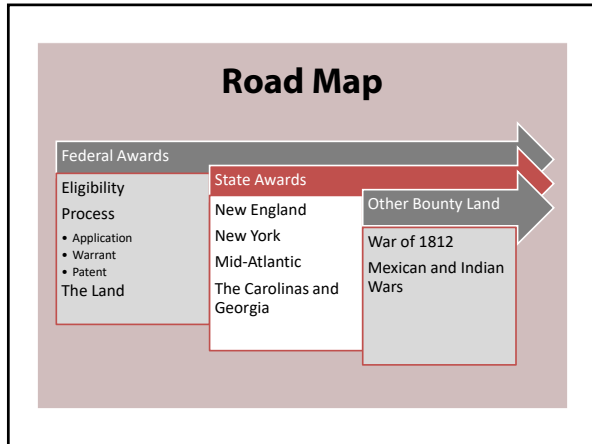
1. Michigan Survey
2. Congress Lands (1820)
3. Firelands
4. Connecticut Western Reserve
5. Congress Lands (1819)
6. Congress Lands
7. Congress Lands
8. Between the Miamis
9. Symmes' Purchase
10. Virginia Military District
11. Congress Lands
12. French Grant
13. Ohio Company Purchase
14. Donation Tract
15. Seven Ranges
16. U.S. Military District
17. Refugee Tract

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QUESTIONS?

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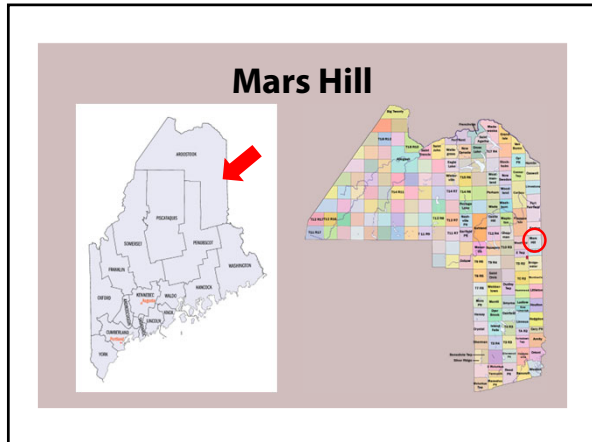


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Massachusetts

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

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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)

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

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

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Family Tree Search Memories Indexing Activities

Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

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Massachusetts, land deeds, 1791-1884 Add to Print List

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Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Digitized by FamilySearch International, 2009

Notes

Digital images of originals housed at the Maine State Archives, Augusta, Maine.

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Subjects

Locality Subjects

United States, Massachusetts - Land and property

Film/Digital Notes

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Maine

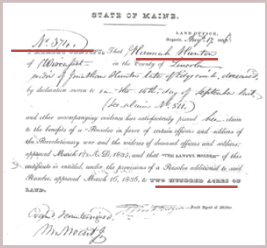
- First authorized - 17 March 1835
- Eligibility
 - **Same as federal**
 - **Additional criteria:** Currently living in Maine and enlisted from Massachusetts or Maine
- Land assigned by lottery

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Soldier

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

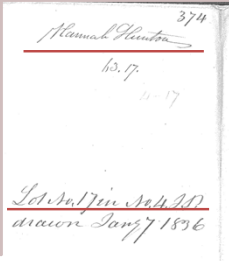
Hunton, Jonathan. Me. ———. 14 Sep. 1835. 200 acres to widow Hannah Hunton, Wiscasset.



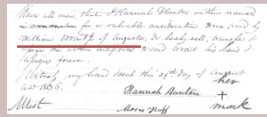
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Certificate and Assignment

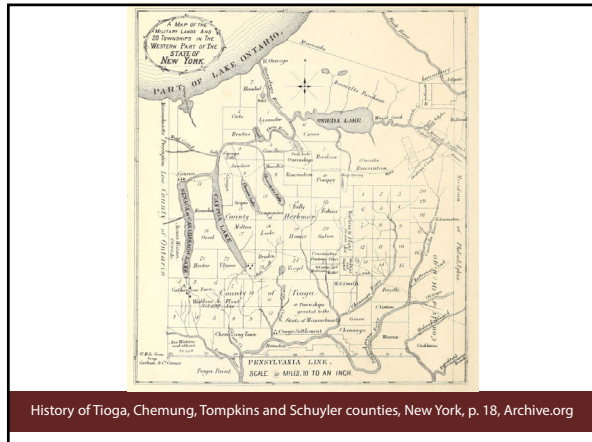
Land



Assignment



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Military Tract Townships

1. Lysander	11. Romulus	21. Hector
2. Hannibal	12. Scipio	22. Ulysses
3. Cato	13. Sempronius	23. Dryden
4. Brutus	14. Tully	24. Virgil
5. Camillus	15. Fabius	25. Cincinnatus
6. Cicero	16. Ovid	26. Junius
7. Manlius	17. Milton	27. Galen
8. Aurelius	18. Locke	28. Sterling
9. Marcellus	19. Horace	
10. Pompey	20. Solon	

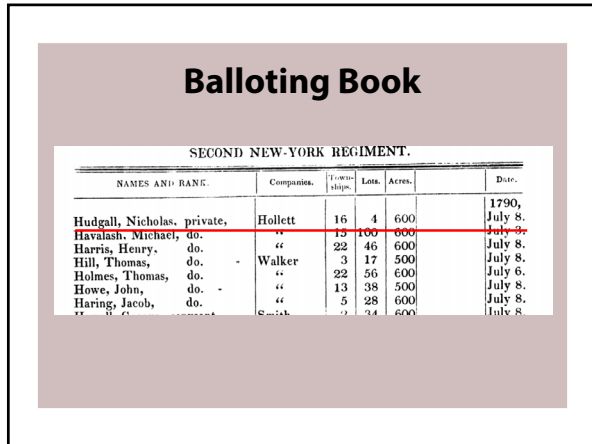
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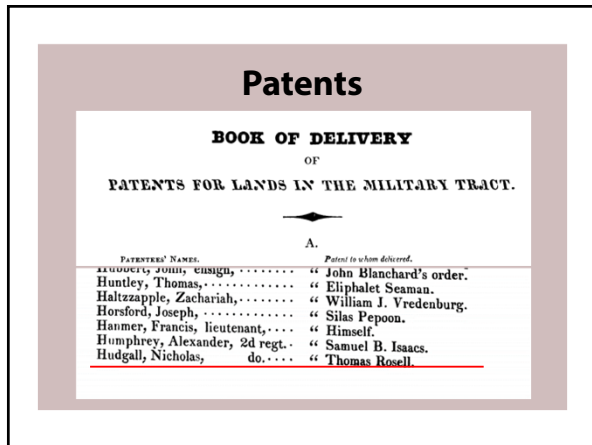
- Nicholas Hudgall – served in the 2nd New York Regiment
- Served 1778-1782 – name spelled Hudsel, Hudsal, Hudslar

Hudgall, Nicholas. N. Y. Private. 8 Jul. 1790. 600 acres.

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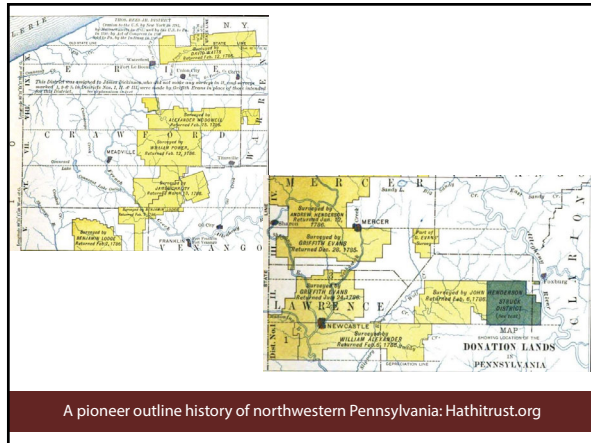


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Pennsylvania

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

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A pioneer outline history of northwestern Pennsylvania: Hathitrust.org

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Finding Your Pennsylvania Patriot

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

Images of Each Register Page

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

- [Numerical Listing of Donation Land Tracts](#)
- [Alphabetical Surname Index to the Donation Land Tracts Listing](#)
- [Listing of Veterans Entitled to Land](#)
- [Listing of Claimants in District 10 Whose Tracts were Found to be in New York](#)
- [Listing of Lots Found to be Partly in Pennsylvania and Partly in New York](#)
- [Listing of Lots Drawn for Widows and Children](#)
- [Listing of the Names of Individuals Entitled to Donation Lands "For Whom there was No Number in the Wheel"](#)

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Maryland

- Authorized: 31 October 1777
- Eligibility
 - Same as federal
 - **Difference of note:** Minimum award was 50 acres

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Maryland – They Went Where?

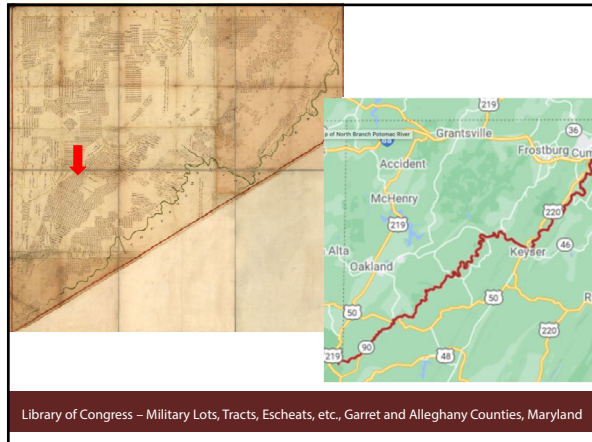
Hurst, Samuel. Md. Private. ———, 50 acres.

- Maryland State Archives – Land Office Lots Westward of Fort Cumberland
- Digital Images online

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Msa.maryland.gov

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Virginia

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

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Application and Certificate

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

Craddock, John. N.C. Captain. 28 Mar. 1784. 3840 acres.

Craddock, Robert. Va. Lieutenant. 1783. 2666 2/3 acres.

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Land in Ohio and Kentucky

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

175	LOWERY, Francis	4000	Captain	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 11 '83
187	CRADDOCK, Robert	2668	Lieutenant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20 '83
188	WATTS, John	2668	Lieutenant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20 '83
189	CRADDOCK, Henry	270	Sergeant	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 20 '83
193	CHAYERS, John	100	Private	Va. Cont. Line	3 yrs	Mch. 24 '83

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

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Enter Veteran Name:
Search by complete name or surname. Format the complete name by first keying the veteran's surname then his given (first) name. Example: Marshall, Thomas. By keying Marshall, you will see a complete listing of all veterans with the Marshall surname. A minimum of four characters must be entered. Use % as the fourth character, if necessary.

Craddock

Search Reset

Enter Warrant Number:
Our database indexes 4,788 Virginia Revolutionary Warrants. There are 121 duplicate numbers, therefore our warrants range in number from one to 4,627. Contact the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus for Virginia warrants with higher numbers than 4,627. To search by warrant number, key the entire four-digit number. Example: Warrant #1 must be keyed as 0001. Information for two military warrants may appear if the number was duplicated by the land office. Simply select the number that corresponds to the veteran's name you are searching.

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Warrant Veteran

0189.0 Craddock, Henry

0187.0 Craddock, Robert

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Gazetteer of Kentucky Places

0426.0	Washington
Gallup	Lawrence
Garrison Creek	McCracken
Gasper River	Warren
Gateway Community & Technical College (Covington, Edgewood & Highland Heights)	Kenton; Campbell
General George Rogers Clark's Grant (aka Clark's Grant)	150,000a tract in Indiana; Clark; Floyd; Scott
George Clark's Station (resettled in 1789 by George Lewis;	

<http://web.sos.ky.gov/land/gazetteer.aspx>

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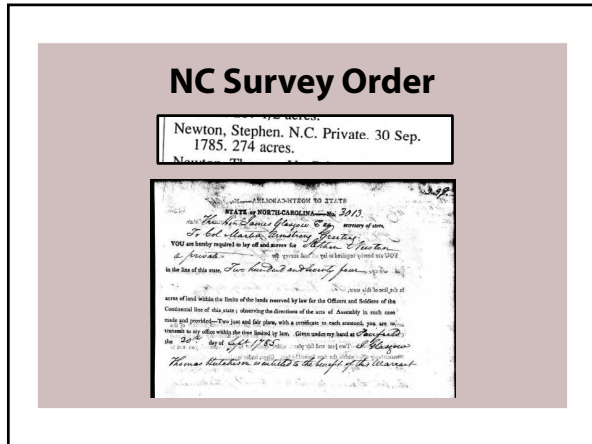
Carolinas and Georgia

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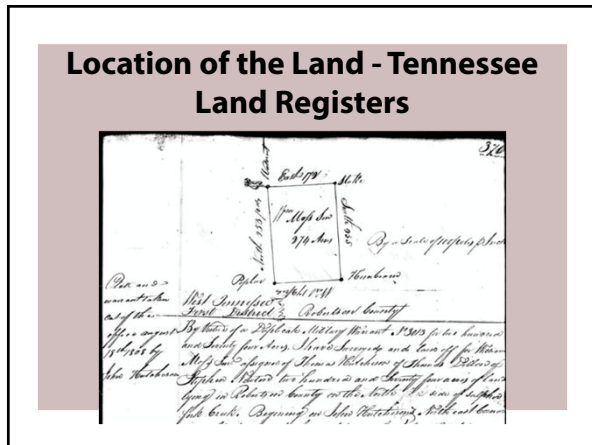
North Carolina

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

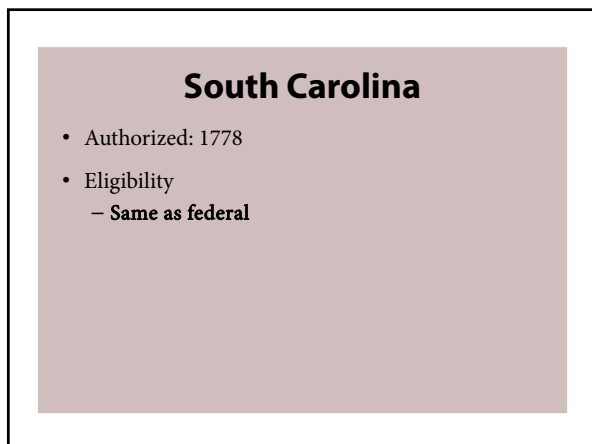
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Finding the SC Records


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



<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>

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Gunter, Henry, Plat For 200 Acres On Branch Of Rocky River, Ninety Six District, Surveyed By John Martin. Date: 1/13/1785



People in this record:
Gunter, Henry
Also: Anderson, Mary, Martin, John

Places in this record:
Ninety Six District, Rocky River

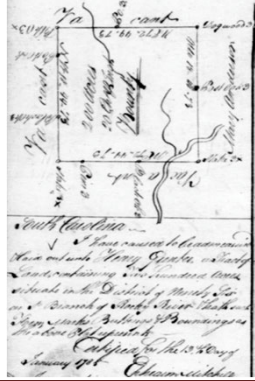
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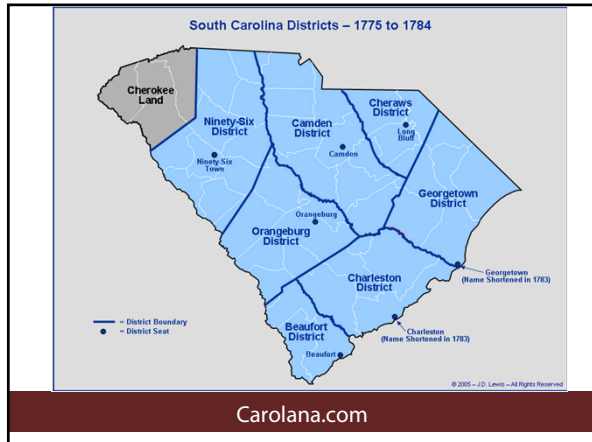
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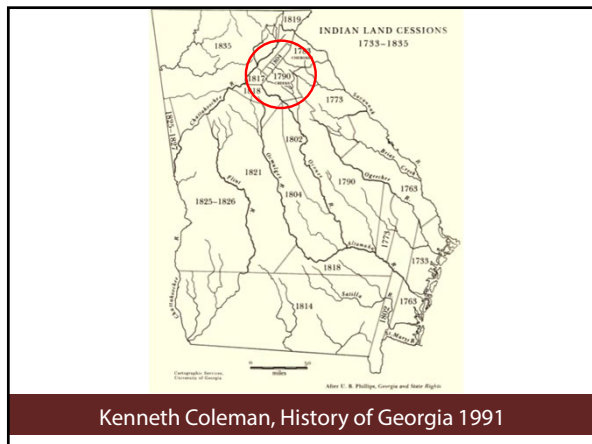


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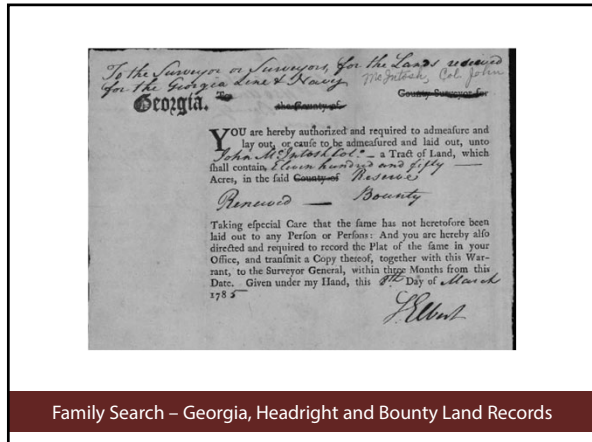
Georgia

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

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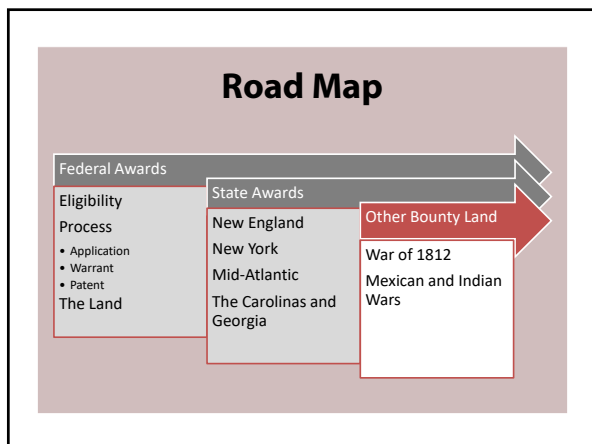


Family Search – Georgia, Headright and Bounty Land Records

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1848-1881	1898	SPANISH/AMERICAN

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War of 1812 Bounty Land

- Located in present day states of Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri (Michigan was planned but not fulfilled)
- First and Second Acts: 24 December 1811 and 11 January 1812 for 160 acres for soldiers and non-commissioned officers
- Act of 10 December 1814
 - Provisions for soldiers enlisting after 1814
 - 320 acres of land

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Finding the 1812 Warrant

- NARA Publication
 - War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815-1858 (M848, 14 rolls)
- Ancestry Database: “U.S., War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858” (includes M848 and M829 – Ohio Warrants)
- Fold3 Database: “War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815”

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Hamptons of Arkansas

- In the 1850's lived in Bateau Meto Arkansas on the eastern plains.



- Did a Hampton receive Bounty Land in Arkansas

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Ancestry War Bounty Database

View Record	Stephen Hampton	27749		
View Record	William Hampton	22607		
View Record	Smith G Hampton Heirs	25193		
View Record	Thomas Hampton	27918		

NAME	Vol.	Page	Section	Township	Range	Warrant
Hampton, William	538	114	11	5N	8W	877
Hampton, Edward	538	114	5N	11	10	23,008
Hampton, Nicholas	539	114	5N	5W	13	18
Hampton, Thomas	56	114	11	8W	13	18
Hampton, George	56	114	11	8W	13	18

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Finding the Land at BLM

Location

State:

County:

To search for land patents:

- Start by selecting the State.
- You do not have to fill in all fields**, but provide at least one additional field.
- Click the **Search Patents** button.

Names

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

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Land Description

Township: / North

Range: / West

Meridian:

Section #:

Miscellaneous

Land Office:

Document #:

Issue Date: to

Indian Allot. #:

Survey #:

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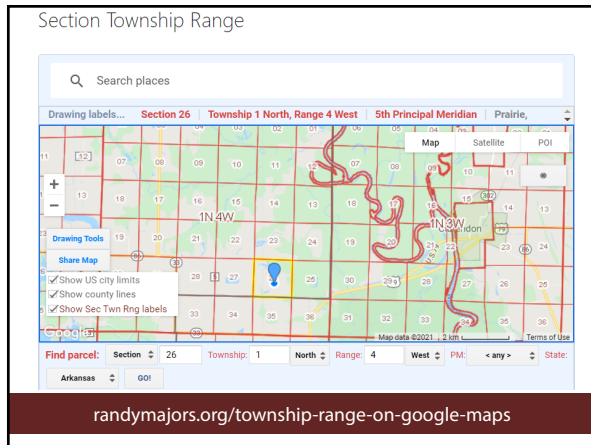
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- ### Later Bounty Land Acts
- 27 July **1842** – Could use 1812 warrant for land outside of the three areas set aside
 - 11 February **1847** – for one year's service in Mexican War, 160 acres
 - 28 September **1850** – War of 1812 and Indian Wars
 - Nine months of service – 160 acres
 - Four months of service – 80 acres
 - One month of service – 40 acres
 - 22 March **1852** – Removes restriction on assignment for all warrants
 - 3 March **1855** – Extended land benefits to groups previously not covered

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Key Points

- Your Revolutionary War Ancestor may have been awarded land from the new Federal Government or from the state where his regiment was raised.
- Federal land was located in central Ohio
 - Find your soldier in NARA microfilm
- Each state had their own rules for bounty land
 - Find your soldier in Lloyd Bockstruck's book first, then go looking for the paperwork and the land
- Later bounty land warrants that were patented are at the Bureau of Land Management

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Consultations

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