Conflict and Community in Colonial New England

Class 3: Finding Primary Sources and Manuscripts

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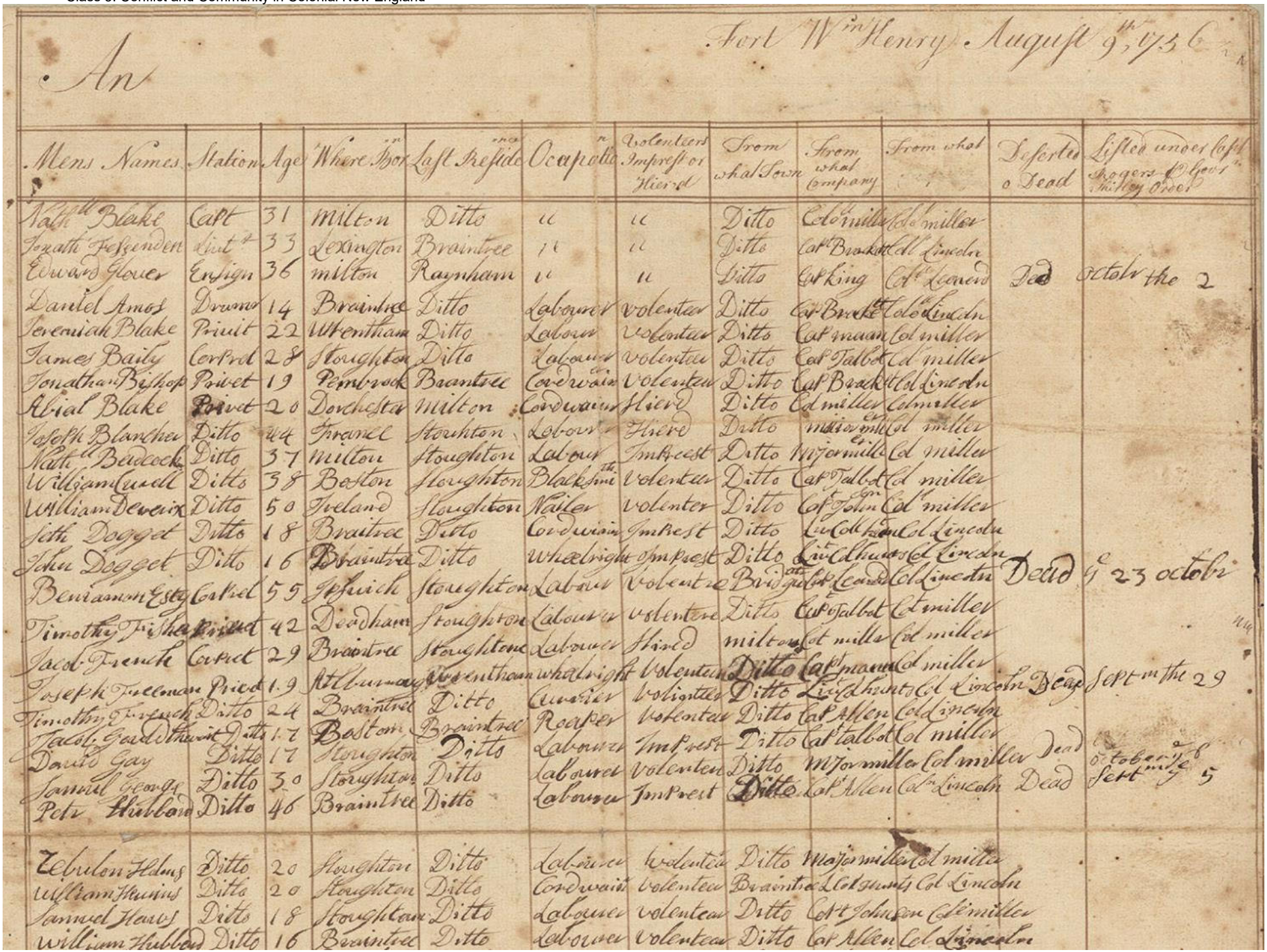
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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation** (60 mins.)
  - Strategies
  - Records
  - New England Repositories
- **Q&A** (30 mins.)

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An Fort Wm Henry August 9th 1756

Mens Names	Station	Age	Where Born	Last Reside	Occupation	Volenteers Impress or Hierd	From what Town	From what Company	From what Colony	Deserted or Dead	Listed under Capt Rogers or Maj Gov's Militia Order
Nath[ll] Blake	Capt	31	Milton	Ditto	"	"	Ditto	Col[o] miller	Col[o] miller		
Jonath[n] Fesenden	Lieut	33	Lexington	Braintree	"	"	Ditto	Capt Brackett	Col Lincoln		
Edward Glover	Ensign	36	milton	Raynham	"	"	Ditto	Capt King	Col[o] Leonerd	Dead	octobr the 2
Daniel Amos	Drumr	14	Braintree	Ditto	Labourer	volenteer	Ditto	Capt Brackett	Colo[o] Lincoln		
Jeremiah Blake	Privit	22	Wrentham	Ditto	Labour	volenteer	Ditto	Capt mann	Col miller		
James Baily	Corpral	28	Stoughton	Ditto	Labourer	volenteer	Ditto	Capt Talbot	Col miller		
Jonathan Bishop	Privet	19	Pembrook	Braintree	Cordwainer	volenteer	Ditto	Capt Brackett	Col Lincoln		
Abial Blake	Privet	20	Dorchester	milton	Cordwainer	Hierd	Ditto	Col miller	Col miller		
Joseph Blanchet	Ditto	44	France	Stoughton	Labourer	Hiere	Ditto	major miller	Col miller		
Nath[ll] Bedcock	Ditto	37	milton	Stoughton	Labour	Impreest	Ditto	Major miller	Col miller		
William Cowell	Ditto	38	Boston	Stoughton	Blacksmith	volenteer	Ditto	Capt Talbot	Col miller		
William Devenix	Ditto	50	Ireland	Stoughton	Nailer	volenter	Ditto	Capt John	Col miller		
Seth Dogget	Ditto	18	Braitree	Ditto	Cordwainer	Impress	Ditto	Lieu Col Thomas	Col Lincoln		
John Dogget	Ditto	16	Braintree	Ditto	Wheelwright	Impress	Ditto	Lieu Col Thomas	Col Lincoln	Dead	9[br] 23 octobr
Beniamin Esty	Corpral	55	Jeffrich	Stoughton	Labourer	Volenteer	Brid[t] gilbert	Capt Talbot	Col Lincoln		
Timothy Fisher	Privet	42	Dedham	Stoughton	Labourer	volentere	Ditto	Capt Talbot	Col miller		
Jacob French	Corpral	29	Braintree	Stoughton	Labourer	Hired	milton	Lt milles	Col miller		
Joseph Freeman	Privet	19	Attleborough	Wrentham	wheelright	Volenteer	Ditto	Capt mann	Col miller		
Timothy French	Ditto	24	Braintree	Ditto	Cuarier	Volinteer	Ditto	Lieu Thomas	Col Lincoln	Deap	Sept[m] the 29
Jacob Goldthwait	Ditto	17	Boston	Braintree	Reaper	Volenteer	Ditto	Capt Allen	Col Lincoln		
David Gay	Ditto	17	Stoughton	Ditto	Labourer	Impress	Ditto	Capt talbot	Col miller		
Samuel George	Ditto	30	Stoughton	Ditto	Labourer	Volenteer	Ditto	Major miller	Col miller	Dead	6 octobr 6
Petr Hubbard	Ditto	46	Braintree	Ditto	Labourer	Impress	Ditto	Capt Allen	Col Lincoln	Dead	Sett[m]br 5
Zebulon Helms	Ditto	20	Stoughton	Ditto	Labourer	Volenteer	Ditto	Major miller	Col miller		
William Hewins	Ditto	20	Stoughton	Ditto	Cordwainer	Volenteer	Braintree	Lieu Thomas	Col Lincoln		
Samuel Haws	Ditto	18	Stoughton	Ditto	Labourer	volenteer	Ditto	Capt Johnson	Col miller		
william Hubbard	Ditto	16	Braintree	Ditto	Labourer	Volenteer	Ditto	Capt Allen	Col Lincoln		

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Pre-1775



MUSTER ROLLS



CORRESPONDENCE



GRAVESTONES



VITAL RECORDS



PROBATE RECORDS



FAMILY LETTERS & EPHEMERA

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Strategies for researching your Colonial War-era ancestor

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Strategies

- Know your colonial war history
  - Who, when, and where
  - Determine if your ancestor fought
- Search for clues
  - Does the timeline fit?
  - Don't reinvent the wheel
- Refer to authoritative published sources
  - Corroborate with originals when available
- Adopt the regiment

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Adopt the Regiment

- Locate the original muster roll(s) or transcription that mentions your ancestor(s)
- Determine who the Captain and Colonel of the regiment your ancestor served in
- Research the soldiers who served with your ancestors
- Look for correspondence, journals, and diaries
- Did they fight together again?



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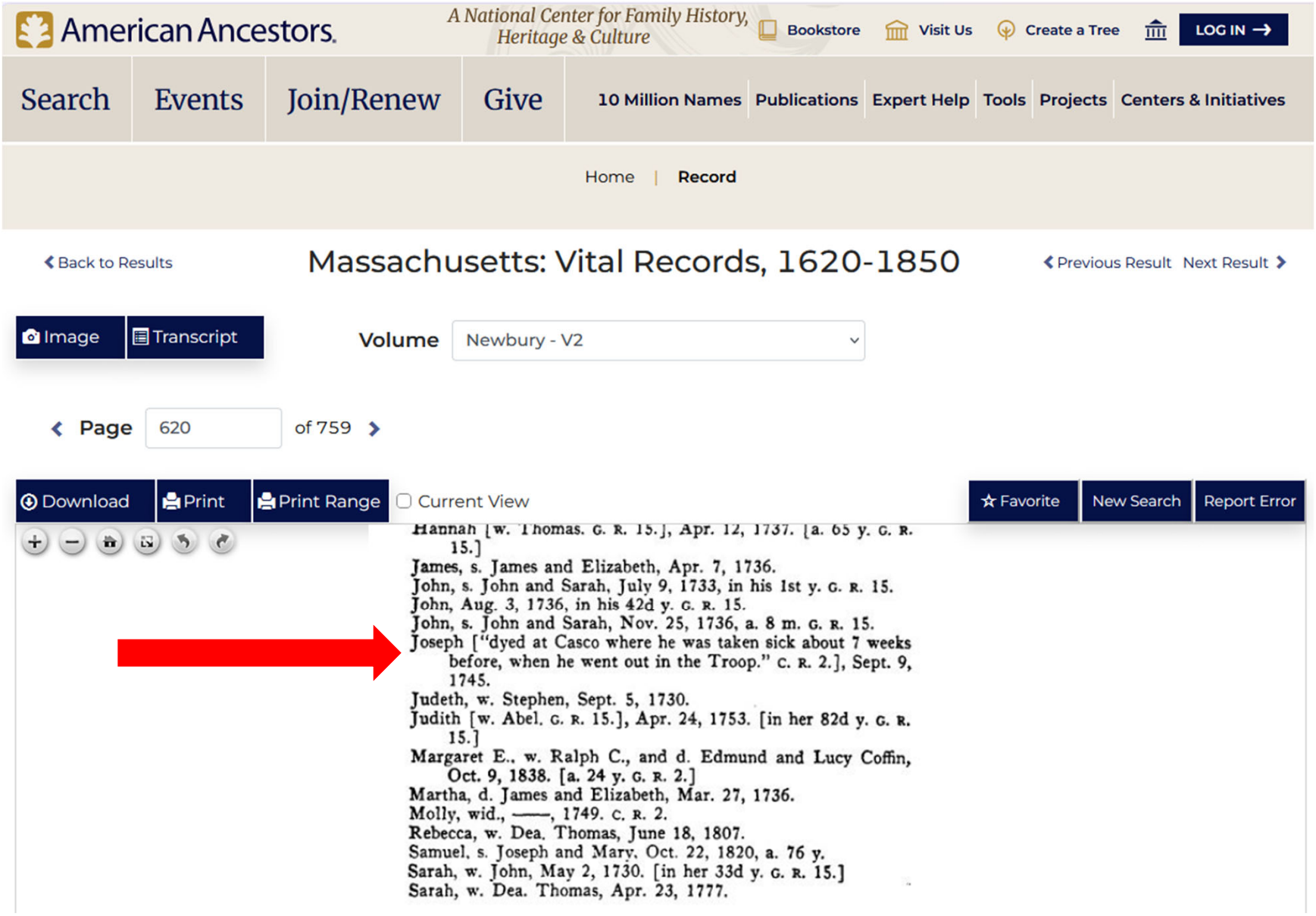


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Vital and Town Records

- Usually kept by New England towns from the beginning
- Why are they so important?
  - Comprised of many different types of records
  - Provide unique information
  - Track movements and migrations
  - Best source for impoverished ancestors
  - Vital record substitutes
  - Help distinguish individuals with same name
  - Give context to your ancestor's military life
  - Provide insight into community

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References (Digital Collection) Massachusetts, Town Clerk, vital and town records, 1626-2001

Notes

Part of Dorchester established as Stoughton, Dec. 22, 1726.

Contains births, marriages, and deaths for 1717-1860, marriage intentions (1717-1886), certificates of religious society membership (1821-1823), pre-Stoughton precinct records (1715-1726), and town records (town meeting minutes, votes, etc., 1726-1772).

Microfilm of manuscript filmed at Stoughton Town Hall, Stoughton, Massachusetts.

View a digital version of Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town records.

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Locality Subjects

United States, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Stoughton - Town records

United States, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Stoughton - Vital records

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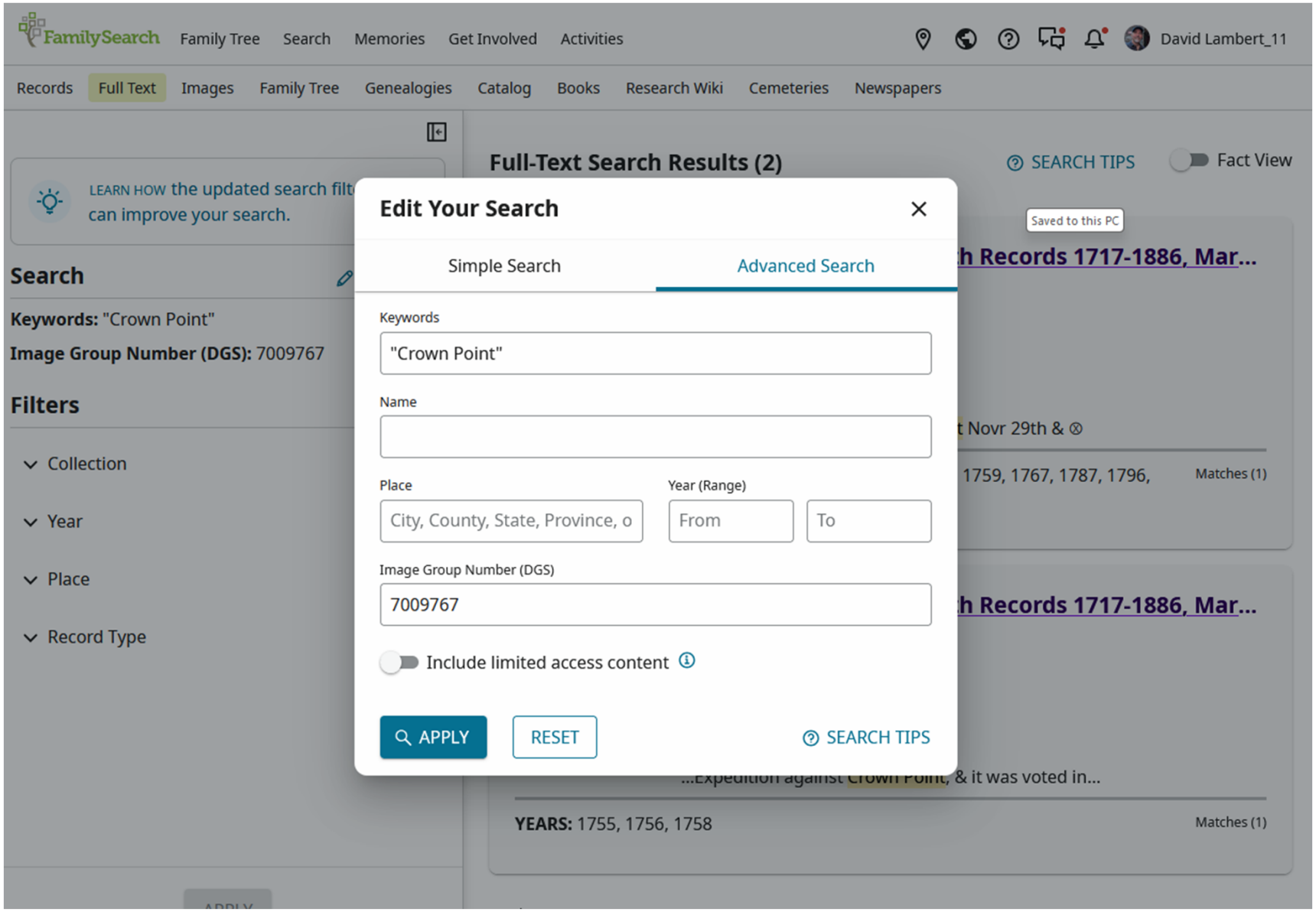
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Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Birth Records 1717-1886, Mar...



...Expedition against Crown Point Novr 29th & ⊗

YEARS: 1750, 1751, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1767, 1787, 1796, 1807, 1817, 1907, 1926, 2007

Matches (1)

Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Birth Records 1717-1886, Mar...



...Expedition against Crown Point, & it was voted in...

YEARS: 1755, 1756, 1758

Matches (1)

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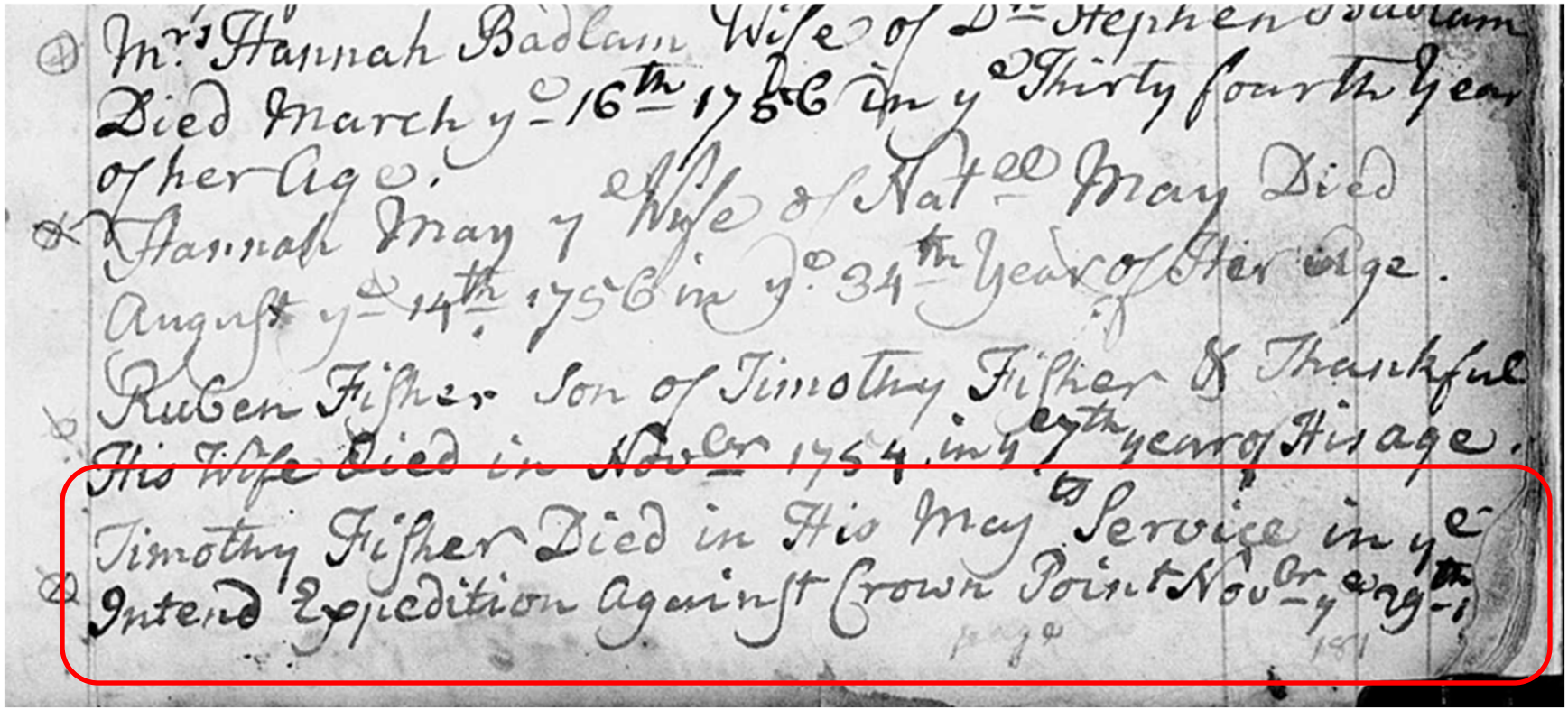


Transcript

April ye 14th Hannah Adams Daughter of ye Revd Mr Jedediah Adam J & Mrs Mary Adams his Wife was born April ye 4th 1753 Hephleber Sumner Daughter of John Summer & Hannah his wife was born Set or the Hannah Billing Daughter F Roger Billing & Susanna his wife was born August ye 1st 1759 D Mr Anna Billing ye Wife of Mr Joseph Billing & the Daughter of Col John Holman Died Octr 17th A. D 1753 . N. Sin ye forty fifth year of Herage Decr John Puffer Died Janr ye 16th 1750 in the Eighty sixth year of his age of Sarah Chandler Daughter of Samuel Chandler & Sarah his wife died Novr ye 2d 1751 Sarah Billing Daughter of Ebenezer Billing ⊗ the June & Susannah his wife died Feb ye 1817 Josiah Keny Jnr Son of Jonathan Kenny & demine his wife died Novr ye 20th 1754 . Aged Twenty Six years & Eight months . James Everet Son of Joseph & Hannah Everet died on ye Province & and West of Sheffield in his return from ye Army at Lake George December ye 16th 1755 He being in His may is Service ⊗ Eleazer Puffer Died Jany 14th 1926 in the 64th year of his age Ben Harris deceased March 7 17th 1751 ½ in ye forty third year of his age Mrs Hannah Badlam Wife of Dr Stephen Badlam Died March ye 16th 1756 in ye Thirty fourth year of her age , Hannah May ye Wife of Hall May Died August ye 14th 1756 in ye 34th year of her Ruben Fisher Son of Timothy Fisher & Thankful his wife died in Novr 1754 , in 7th year of his age Timothy Fisher Died in his my service in ye Intend Expedition against **Crown Point** Novr 29th & ⊗

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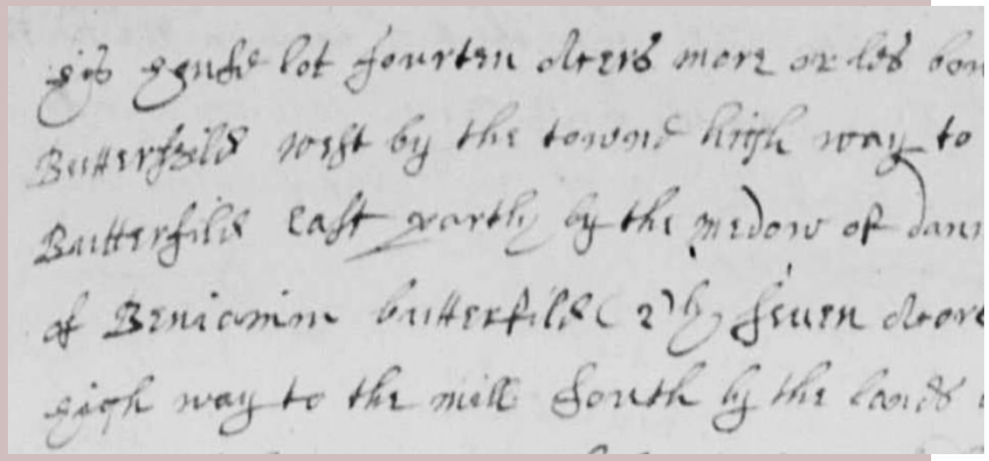

Mrs Hannah Badlam Wife of Dr Stephen Badlam
Died March y 16th 1756 in y Thirty fourth year
of her Age.
Hannah May y Wife of Natl May Died
August y 14th 1756 in y 34th Year of Her Age.
Ruben Fisher Son of Timothy Fisher & Thankful
His Wife Died in Novr 1754 in y 7th year of His age.
Timothy Fisher Died in His May Service in y
Intend Expedition against Crown Point Novr y 29th

Stoughton Mass Vital Records

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Town Record Challenges

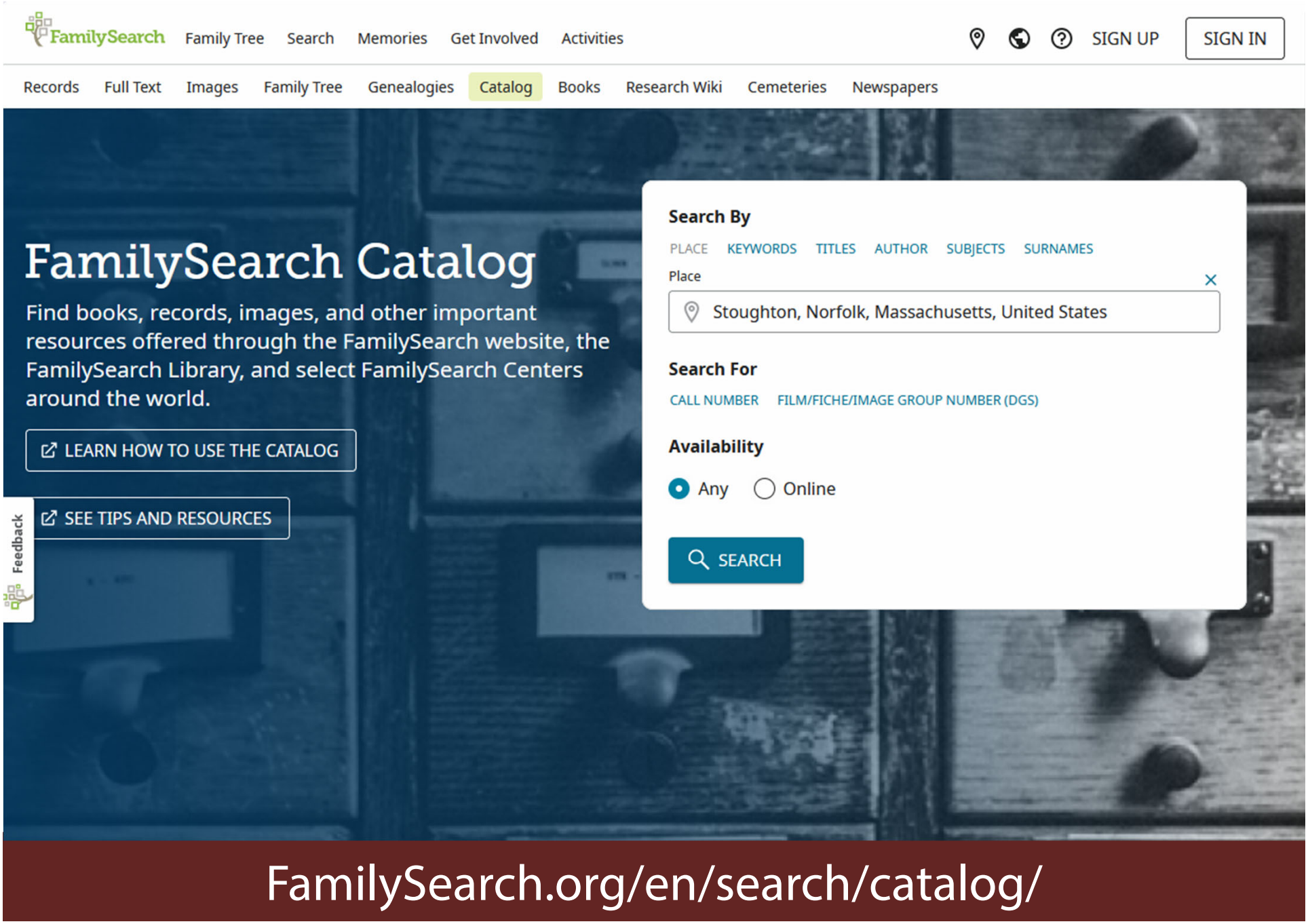
- Time consuming
- Usually, unindexed
- Poor handwriting
- Different formats
- Recorded in random order
- Difficult to access
- AI technology to the rescue?



Types of Town Records

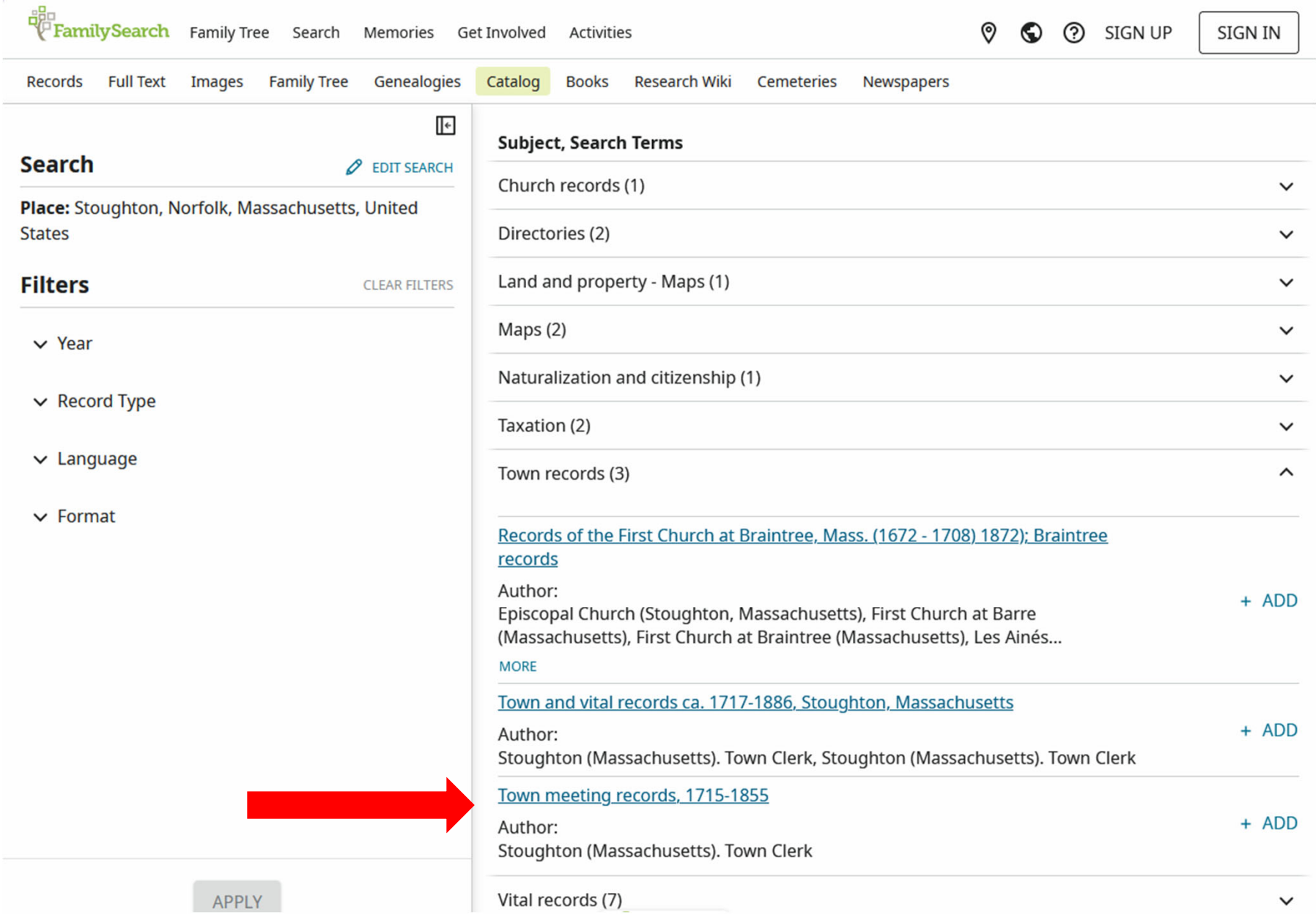
- Proprietors' Records
- Vital Records
- Land Grants
- Ear Marks
- Tax Records
- Treasurer's Records
- Warnings Out Records
- Military Records
- Poor Records

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Notes

Microfilm of manuscript filmed at the Stoughto Town Hall, Norfolk County, Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Contains a few records of deeds to pews, records of fence lines and roads, and other miscellaneous town records.

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APPLY

Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Tax Records 1715-1855



...Town will give to a militia or soldier in a Town ...

YEARS: 1767, 1799 Matches (1)

Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Tax Records 1715-1855



...Additional Bounty to Militia Adjourn ment mittee ...

YEARS: 1707, 1776, 1777, 1877 Matches (1)

Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts. Tax Records 1715-1855



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Warrant /30/

4th To see what measures the Town will take to mend the Road by Mr Abizer Packards the same being complained of for being had at the last Court held at Dedham — — — —

5th To see what further encouragement the Town will give to y Militia or Soldiers in y Town to uniform & equipt themselves ——

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to in at or before y time aforesaid

Dated at Stoughton Sept 11th 1799

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Warrant (30) 4th To see what measures the Town will take to mend the Road by Mr Abizer Packard the same being complained of for being had at the last Court held at Dedham To see what further encouragement the Town will give to a militia or soldier in a Town to uniform & equipt themselves --- - Hereof Fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to in at or before a time aforesaid Dated at Stoughton Sept 11th 1799 Jabez Talbot Set Men Joseph Richard of Jeremy Hixson Doughton In obedience to the above Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants within my limit that are qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time & place above mentioned Freeholder & Nathl Johnson Constable I have warned the Inhabitant within my tent to appear at the time , place & for the purpose thereon mentioned Jonathan Blanchard Constable 1799 131 let a legal Town Meeting Held Sept 16th 1799 by vertice of the foregoing Warrant at the place them in Specified Colr Frederick Pape Moderator Art 2d Voted to accept of report of the Camp on the Petition of Thos Talman viz - We the Subscribers being appointed a Comd by the Town of Stoughton at a town meeting on the 6th of May 1799 & at a subsequent meeting , to take under consideration the Petition of Mr Thos Tolman to see what the Tower would do to amend the Bridges in ye

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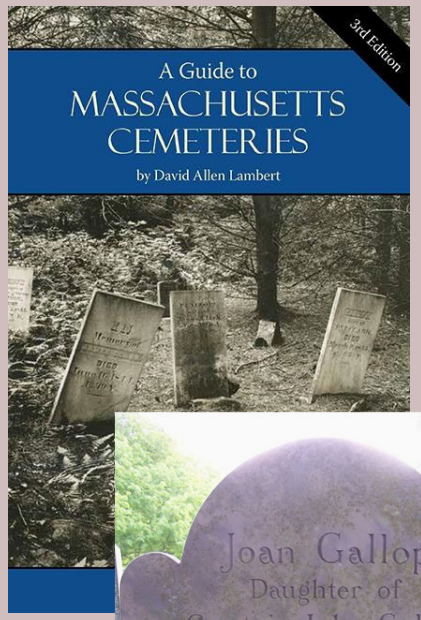
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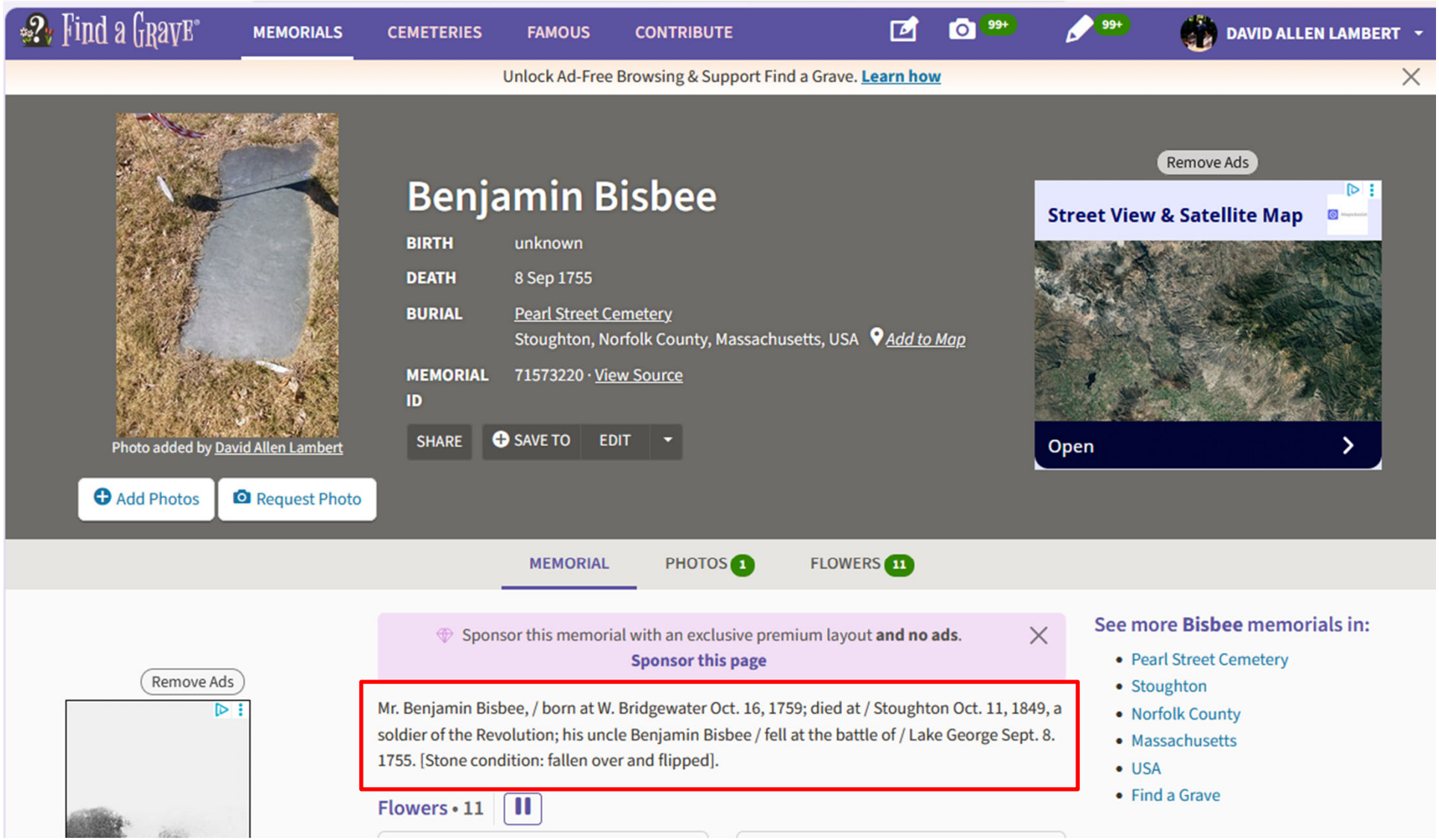
- Beyond vital information may include person's title and participation or death in a certain conflict
- Seek out cemetery transcriptions when the stone no longer exists!





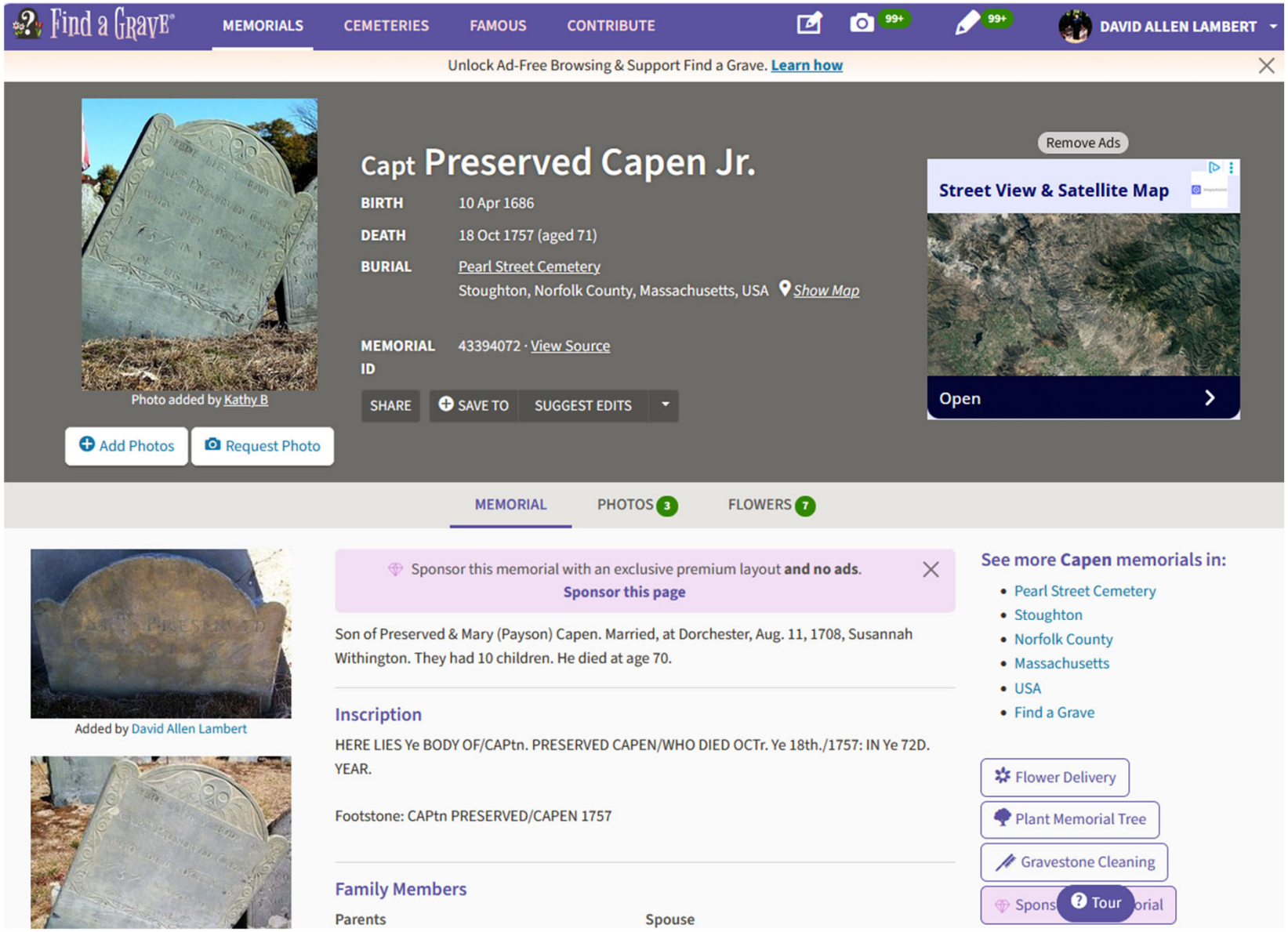


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Capt. Preserved Capen (d. 1757)

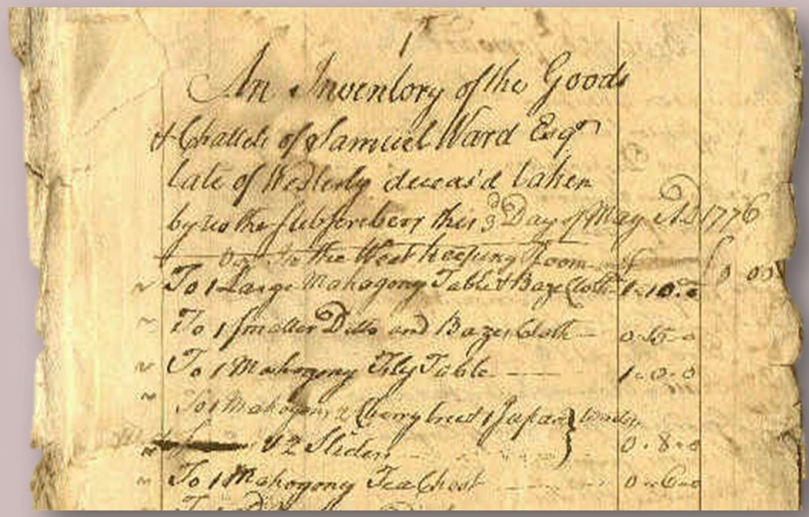
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Probate & Land Records

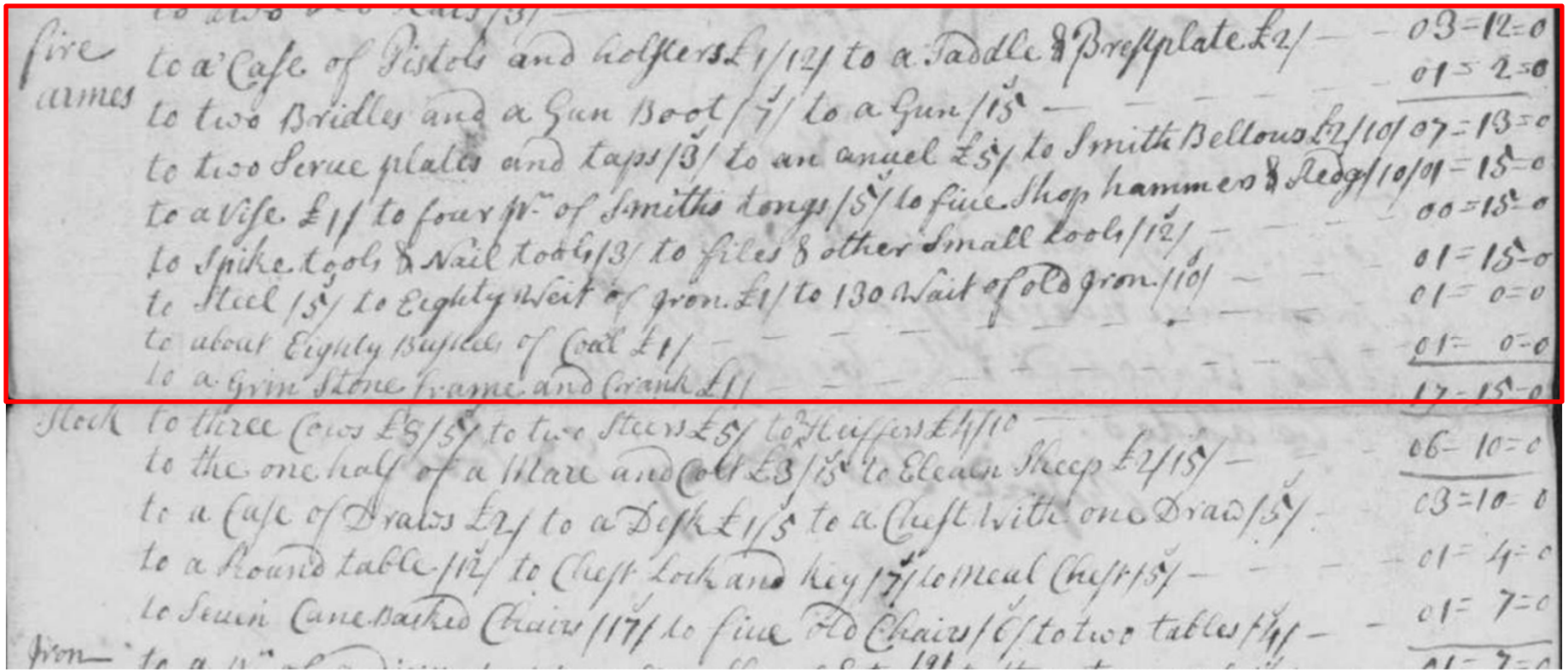
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Probate Records

- Probate may reveal military rank of an ancestor
- Probate inventories may discuss military items in the possession of an ancestor


An Inventory of the Goods
& Chattels of Samuel Ward Esq.
Late of Westerly deceas'd taken
by us the Subscribers this 3 Day of May A.D. 1776
To the West Keeping Room
To 1 Large Mahogony Table & Baze Cloth
To 1 Smaller Ditto and Baze Cloth
To 1 Mahogony Tilly Table
To 1 Mahogony & Cherry tred 1 Japan'd
To 12 Sticks
To 1 Mahogony Tea Chest

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Joseph Huse Inventory (1745)
Essex County Mass Probate – American Ancestors

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Land Records

- Rank can often be listed in land deeds.
- Land formerly or currently owned by someone in the military can be detailed
- A military title can often be used as the formal name of an individual decades after their last military service

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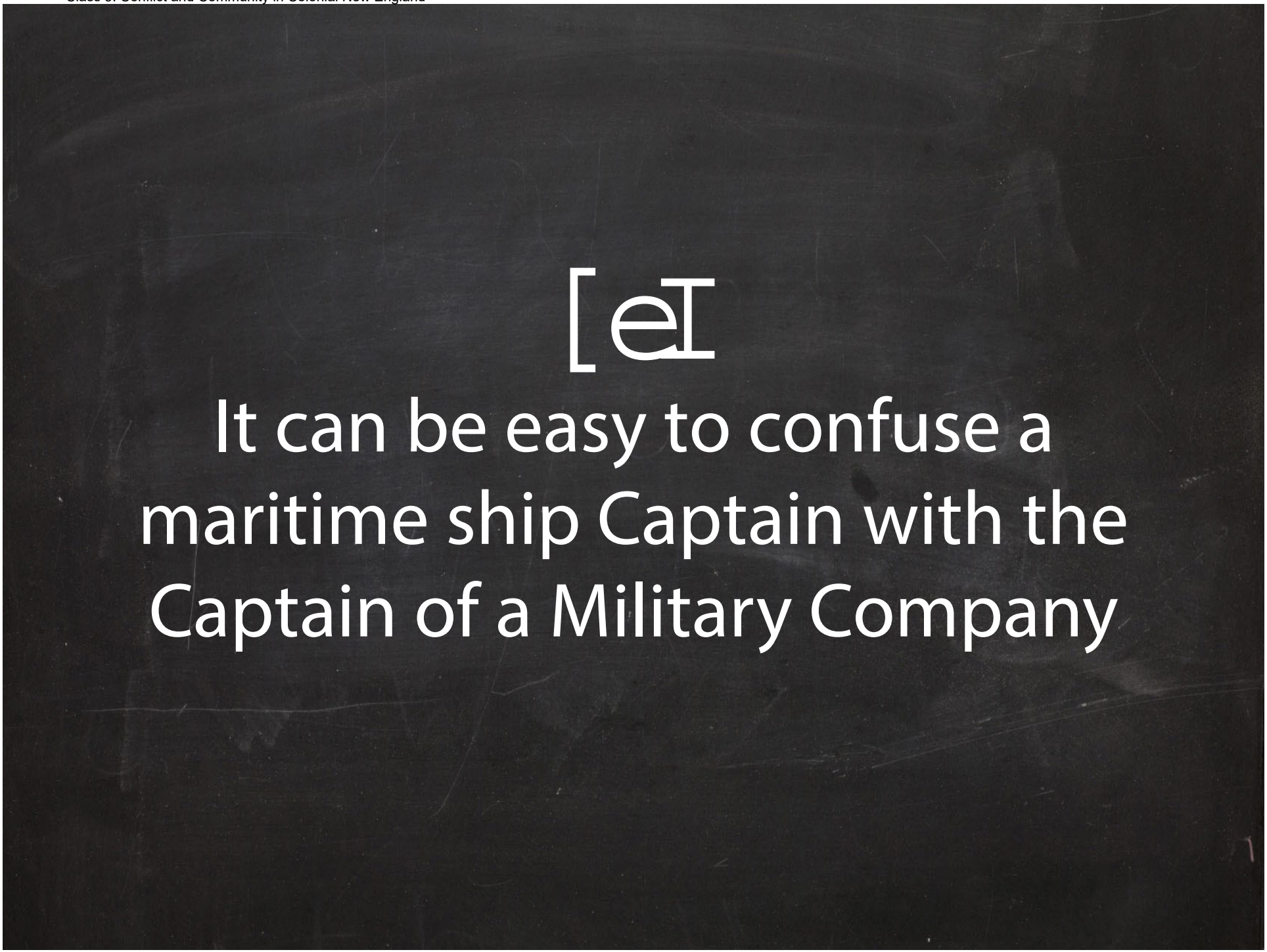
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To Troy might of Cained Silver Kerling alloy in hand paid at the Delivery of these presents by John Traill of Boston in the County and Province aforesaid merchant I do hereby Give Grant Bargain Sell and convey to the said John Swill . All that his the said Isaac Flor Certain Messuage or Dwelling house with the Land thereto belonging and Barns thereon standing situate lying and being in Milton aforesaid Containing about Twenty seven Acres more or less & is Bounded Vizt Northerly on the Land of Edward Vose or parrallel Line Easterly on Land of Col Joseph Gooch in part and partly . on Land of Nathan Badcock . Southerly on Land of Enoch Horton Westerly on Land of Samuel Henshaw also all that his the said Isaac Hows other peice or parcel of Land lying in Milton aforesaid Containing Eight acres more or less and is Bounded Vizt . Northerly on the Land of Lapt Nathaniel Jose or paralel Line . aforesaid Easterly on the Land of Samuel Henshaw Southerly by the Countrey , Road Westerly on Samuel Henshaw aforesaid or however otherwise the said Peices or parcells of Land are bounded or reputed to be Bounded Together with all & Singular the - Edifices Buildings Easements Pences and Trees thereon standing Rights members Profits priviledges and appurces whatsoever , to the same belonging or in any wise

Suffolk County Land Deed (1745)

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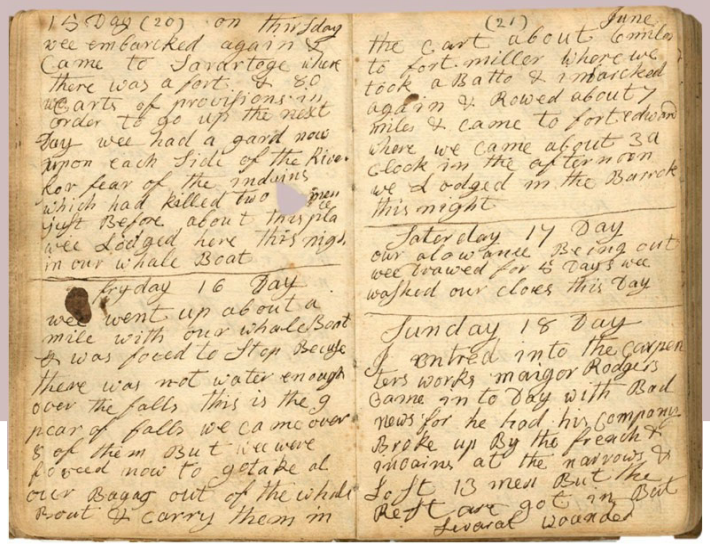
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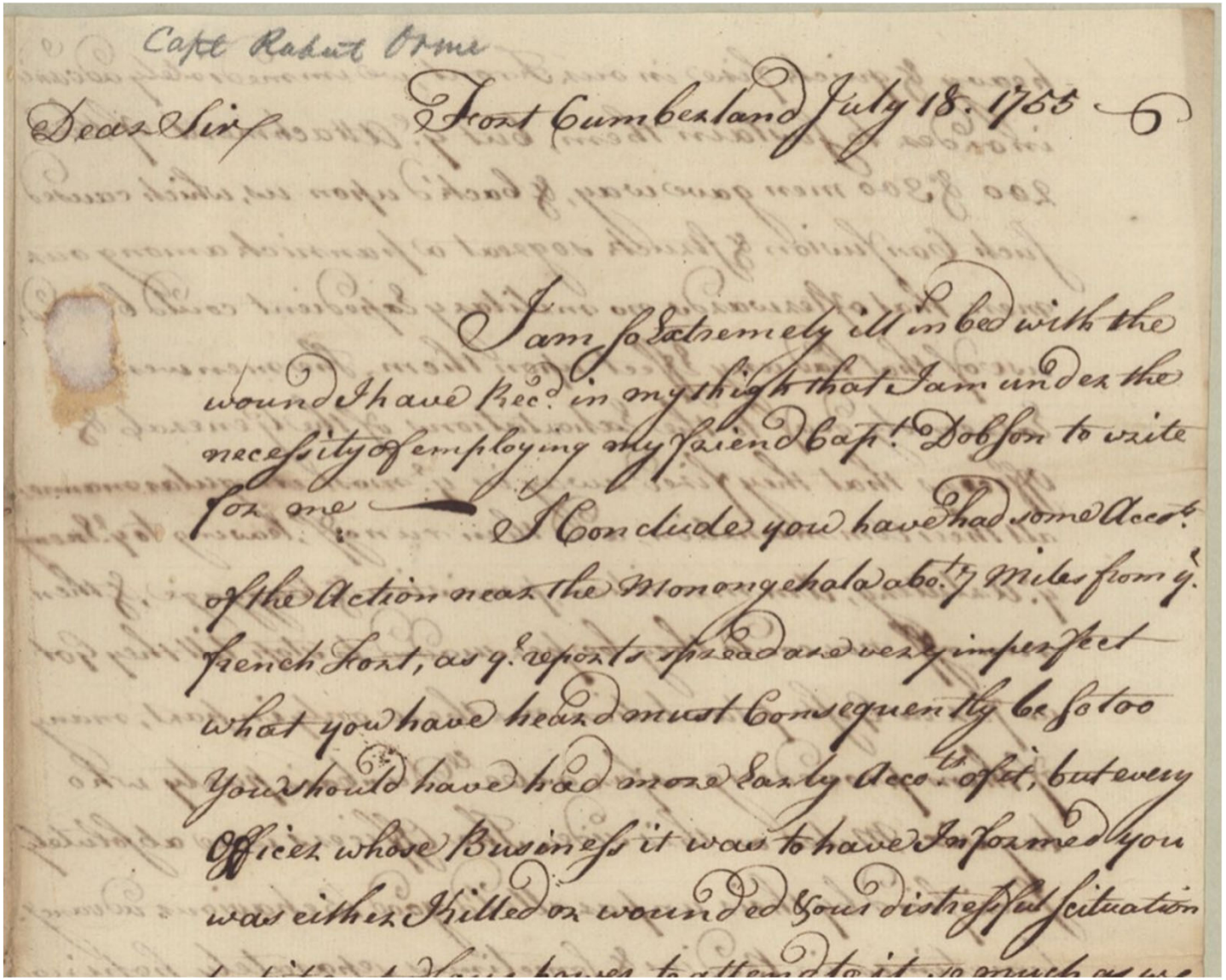
Correspondence & Diaries

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Correspondence & Diaries

- Letters and diaries often make mention of other soldiers serving in the same company of the regiment
- Details of military battles and conflicts are often mentioned in period diaries and letters





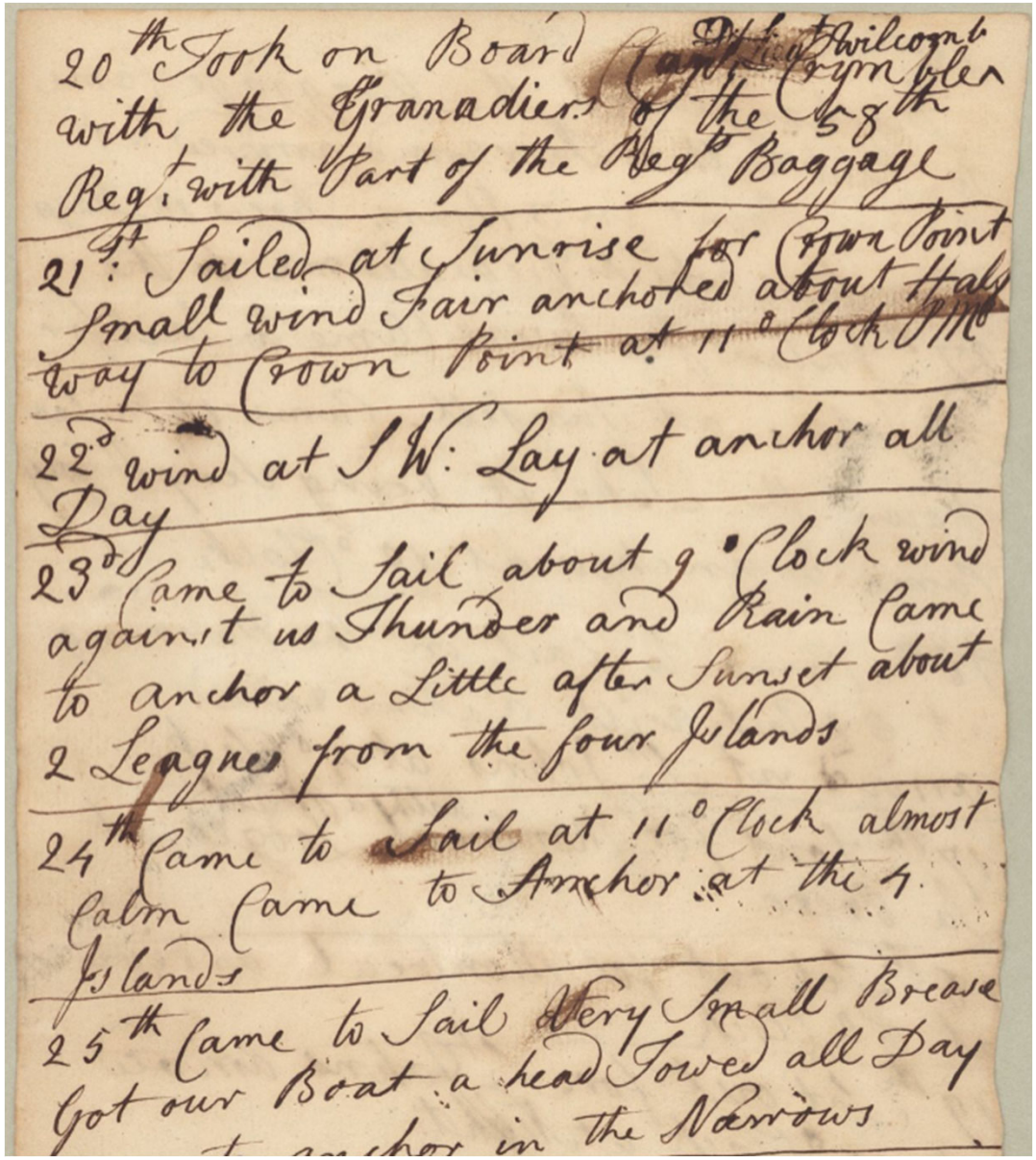
Capt Robert Orme

Dear Sir Fort Cumberland July 18. 1755

I am so extremely ill in bed with the wound I have Rec.d in my thigh that I am under the necessity of employing my friend Capt.n Dobson to write for me. I Conclude you have had some Acco.t of the Action near the Monongehala abo.t 7 Miles from q.r French Fort, as q.r reports spread are very imperfect what you have heard must Consequently be so too You should have had more early Acco.ts of it, but every Officer whose Business it was to have Informed you was either Killed or wounded Your distressful situation

Robert Orme, Fort Cumberland, to Gov. Robert Hunter Morris. – American Ancestors DLA

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20th Took on Board Capt. Wilcomb Capt. Crymbler
with the Granadiers of the 58th
Regt with Part of the Regts Baggage

21st Sailed at Sunrise for Crown Point
Small wind Fair anchored about half
way to Crown Point at 11 o Clock PM

22d wind at SW: Lay at anchor all
Day

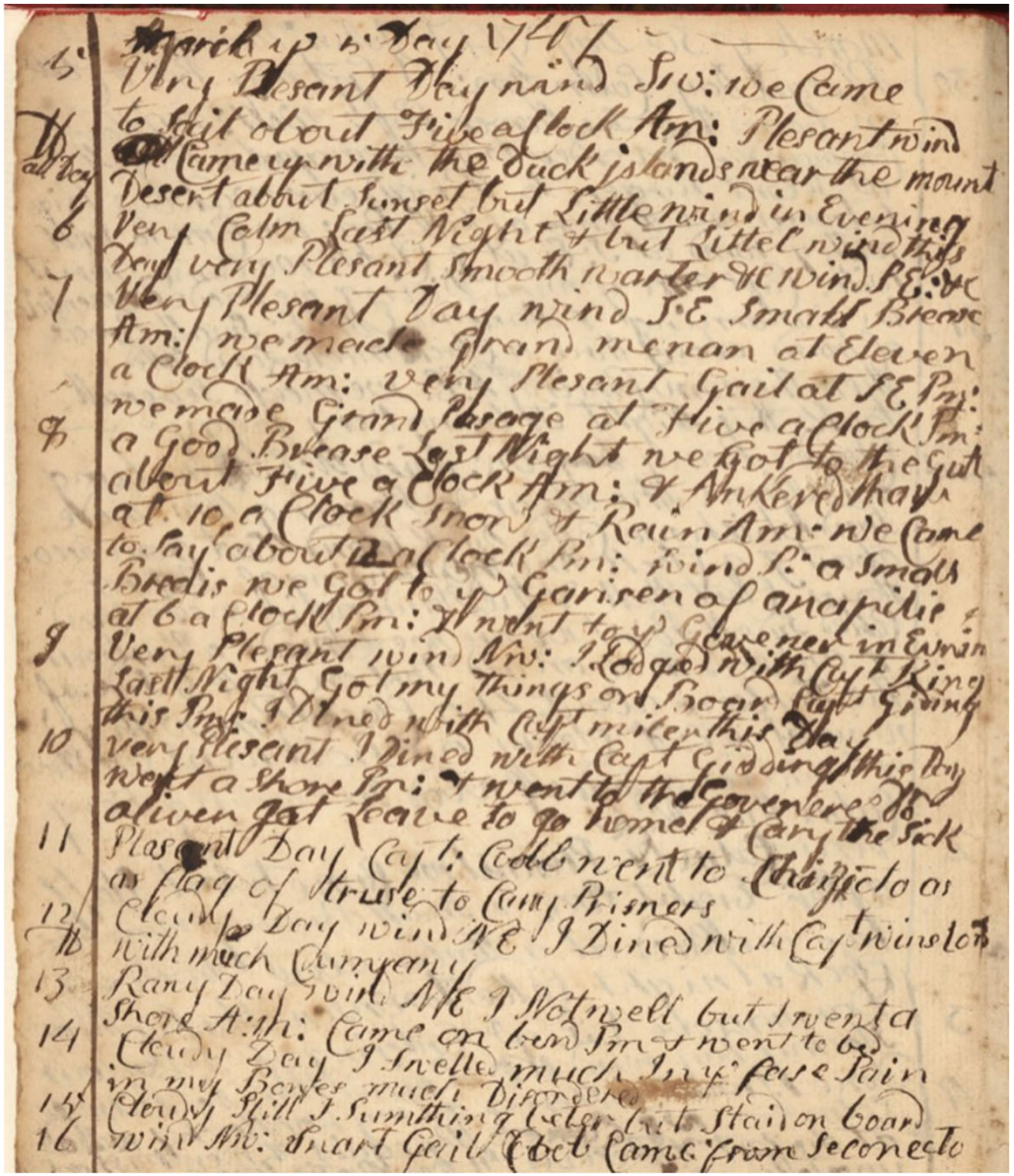
23d Came to Sail about 9 o Clock wind
against us Thunder and Rain came
to anchor a Little after Sunset about
2 Leagues from the four Islands

24th Came to Sail at 11 o Clock almost
Calm Came to Anchor at the 4.
Islands

25th Came to Sail a very Small Breese
Got our Boat a head Towed all Day
[illegible] anchor in the Narrows

Journal of Joshua Moody (1762)
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Diary of Dr. John Thomas (1747)
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Samuel Sewall's Diaries

- Diary was compiled by Judge Sewall from 1674-1729
- Details of military actions from the King Philip's War through the Queen Anne's War
- Details regarding family members who were in the military
- In possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston



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King Philip's War - 1675

- **September 18** – *Saturday, was that lamentable fight, when Capt. Latrop with sixty-four killed*
- **December 19** – *Sabbath day, that formidable engagement at Narraganset, 34 Engl*[ish] *put in one pit, 3 after Joseph Plummer, 26 gon already, 75 more pressed; advance towards Ipswich*

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King William's War - 1690

- November 21 – 'Twas Tuesday, the 18th of November, that I heard of the death of Capt. Stephen Greenleaf, Lieut. James Smith and Ensign William Longfellow, Serjt Increase Pilsbury, who with Will Mitchell, Jabez Musgro, and four more were drown'd at Capte Britoon on Friday night the last of October.

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King William's War - 1697

- **December 10** – *Mr Jn^{o} Willard brings the Order for proclaiming peace here, which was done between 3 and 4 p.m. Eight or 10 Drums, Two Trumpets: Prisoners released.*

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Military Records

- Promotion of soldier to officer, etc.
- Militia Muster Rolls
- Petitions for payments for military service of veteran.
- Petitions for support from families who lost a veteran or were caring for a wounded soldier

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Muster Rolls

- Muster Rolls are lists of officers and non-commissioned soldiers in a militia company
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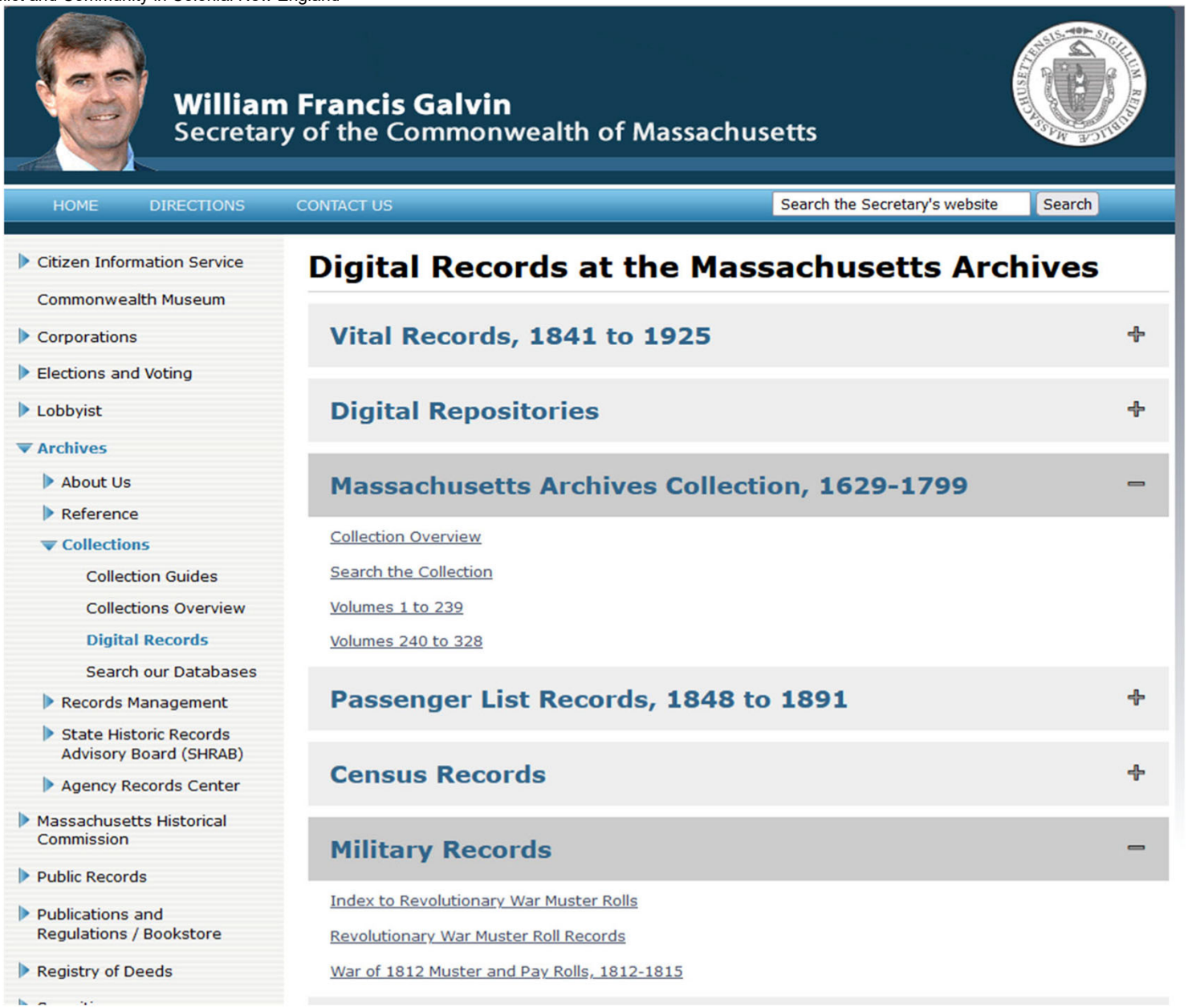
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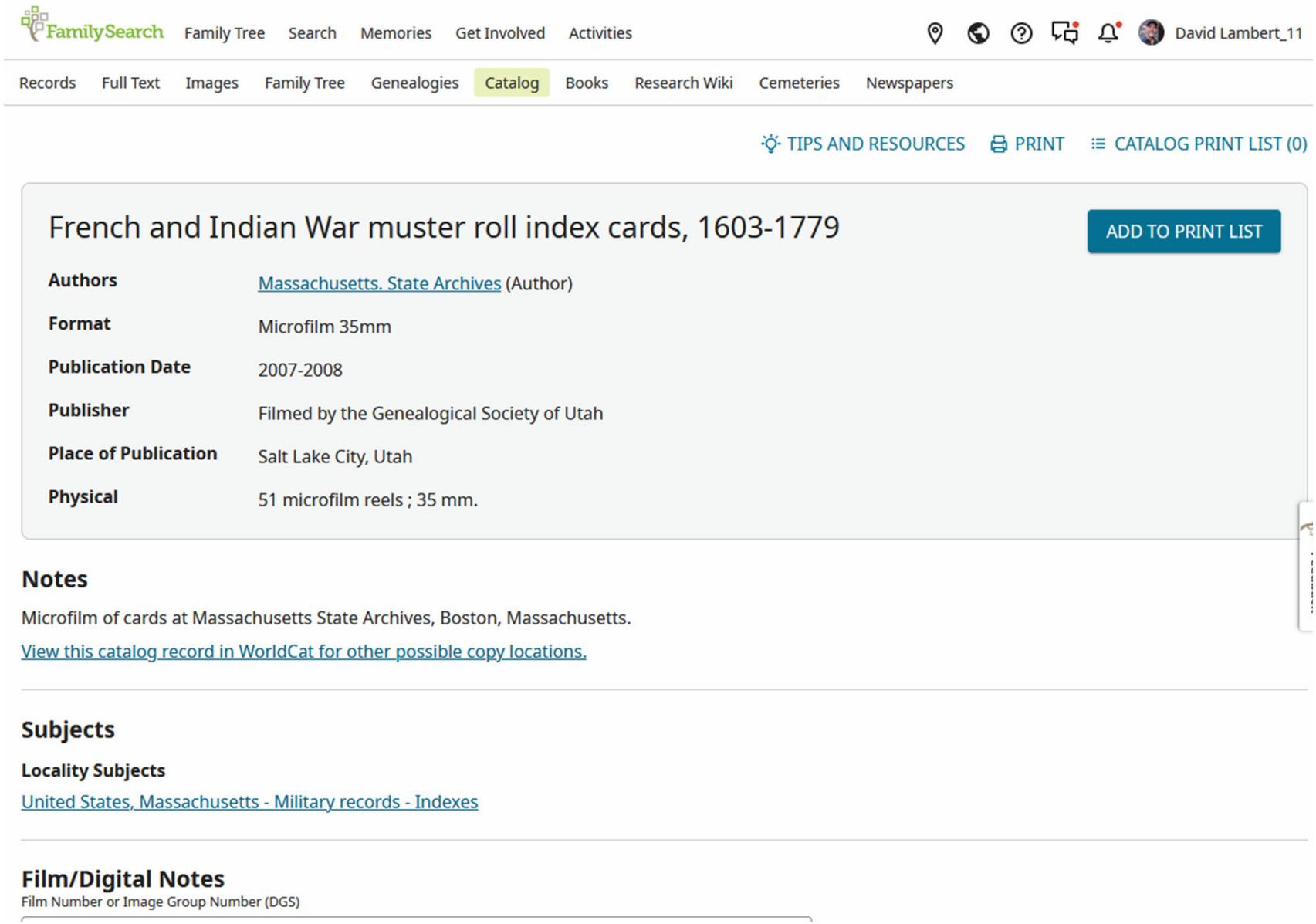
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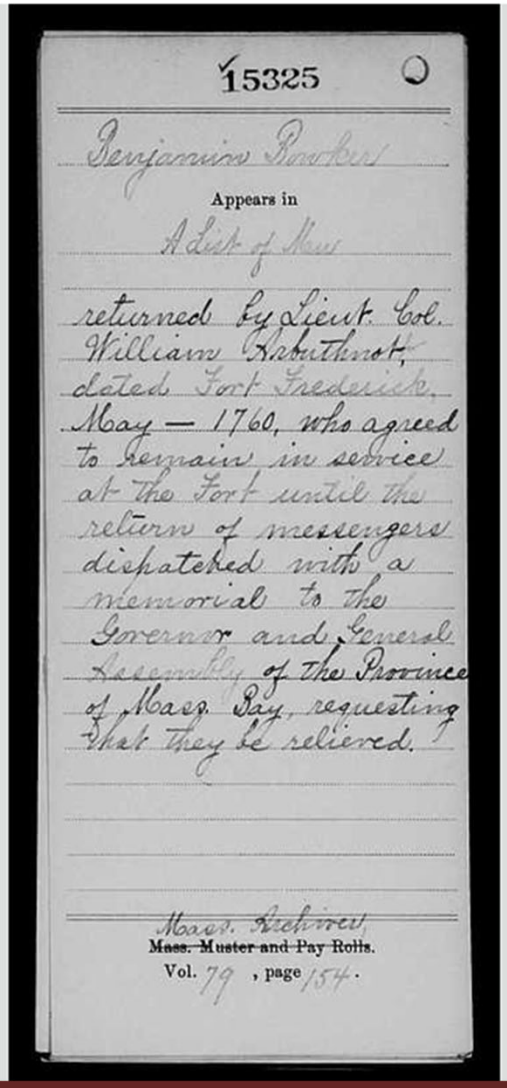
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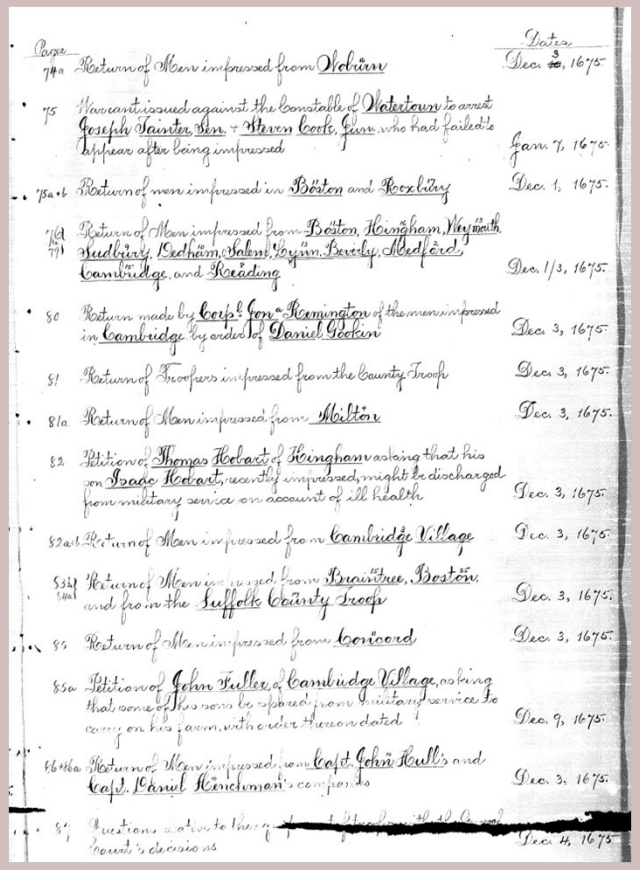
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80 Return made by Corpl. Jon.a Remington of the men impressed in Cambridge by order of Daniel Gookin — Dec. 3, 1675.

81 Return of Troopers impressed from the County Troop — Dec. 3, 1675.

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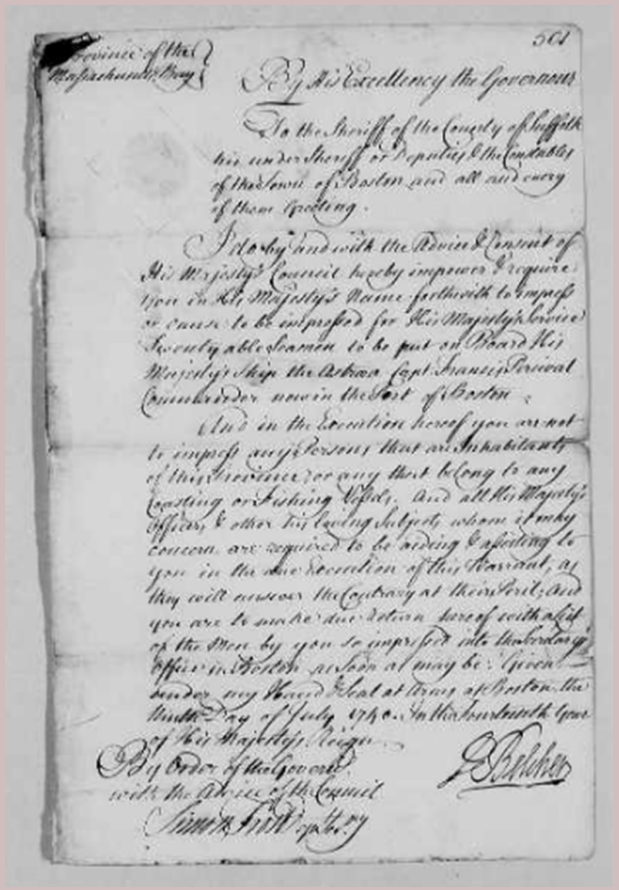
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Province of the Massachusetts Bay

By His Excellency the Governour

To the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk his under Sheriff or Deputies & the Constables of the Town of Boston and all and every of them Greeting.

I do by and with the Advice & Consent of His Majesty's Council hereby impower & require you in His Majesty's Name forthwith to impress or cause to be impressed for His Majesty's Service Twenty able Seamen to be put on Board His Majesty's Ship the Arbella Capt. Francis Percival Commander now in the Port of Boston.

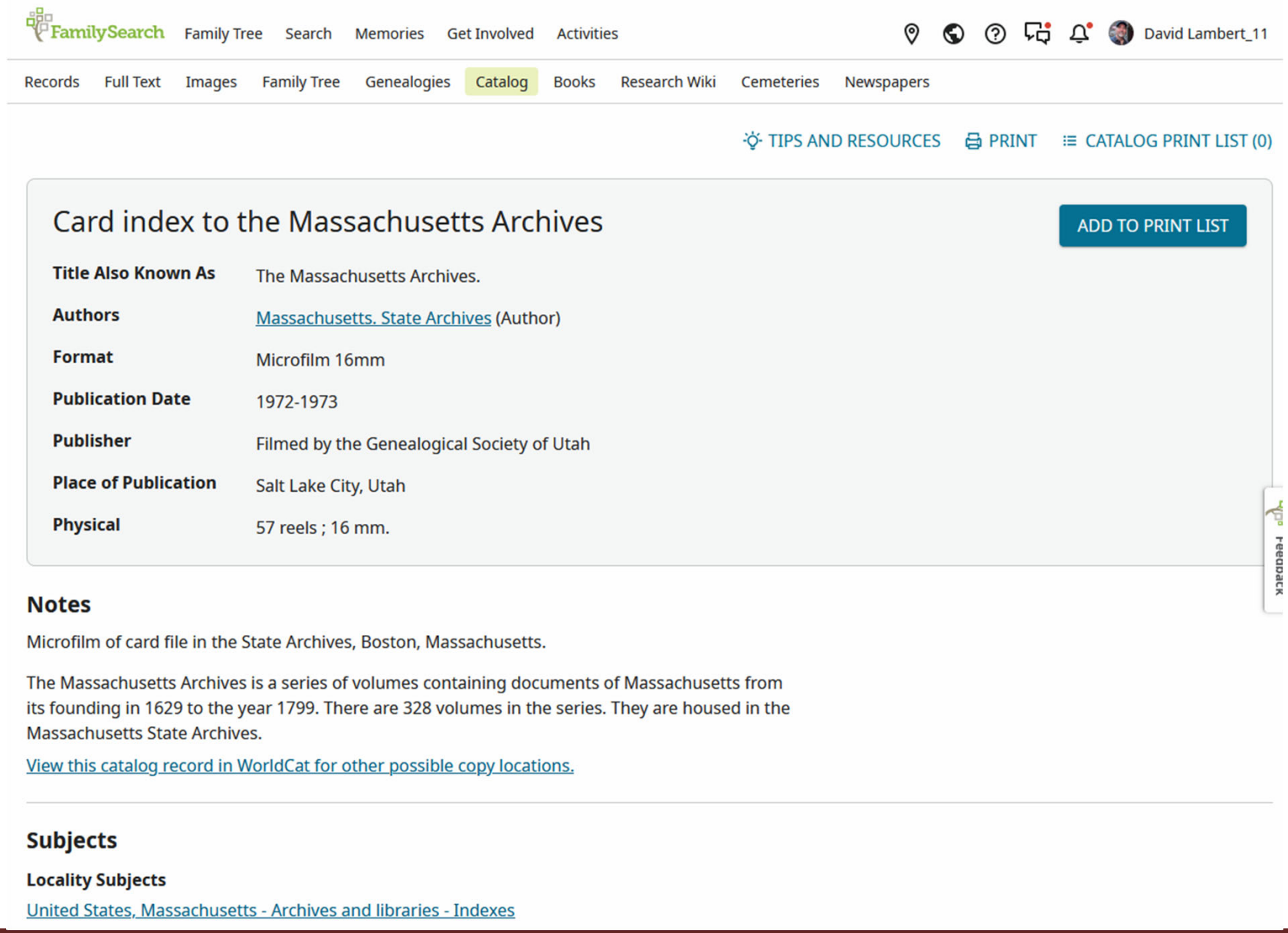
And in the Execution hereof you are not to impress any Persons that are Inhabitants of this Province nor any that belong to any Coasting or Fishing Vessel. And all His Majesty's Officers & other His Loving Subjects whom it may concern are required to be aiding & assisting to you in the due Execution of this Warrant, as they will answer the Contrary at their Perils. And you are to make due Return hereof with a List of the Men by you so impressed into the hands of the Officer in Boston unto whom they are to be delivered under your Hand & Seal at Arms at Boston the Ninth Day of July 1740 in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By Order of the Governour with the Advice of the Council

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- **List of Men who served in British Military Organizations, 1710-1774** - Includes name, enlistment date, time in service, and amount of pay due; available on Massachusetts Archives Reels 91-99 (arranged chronologically)
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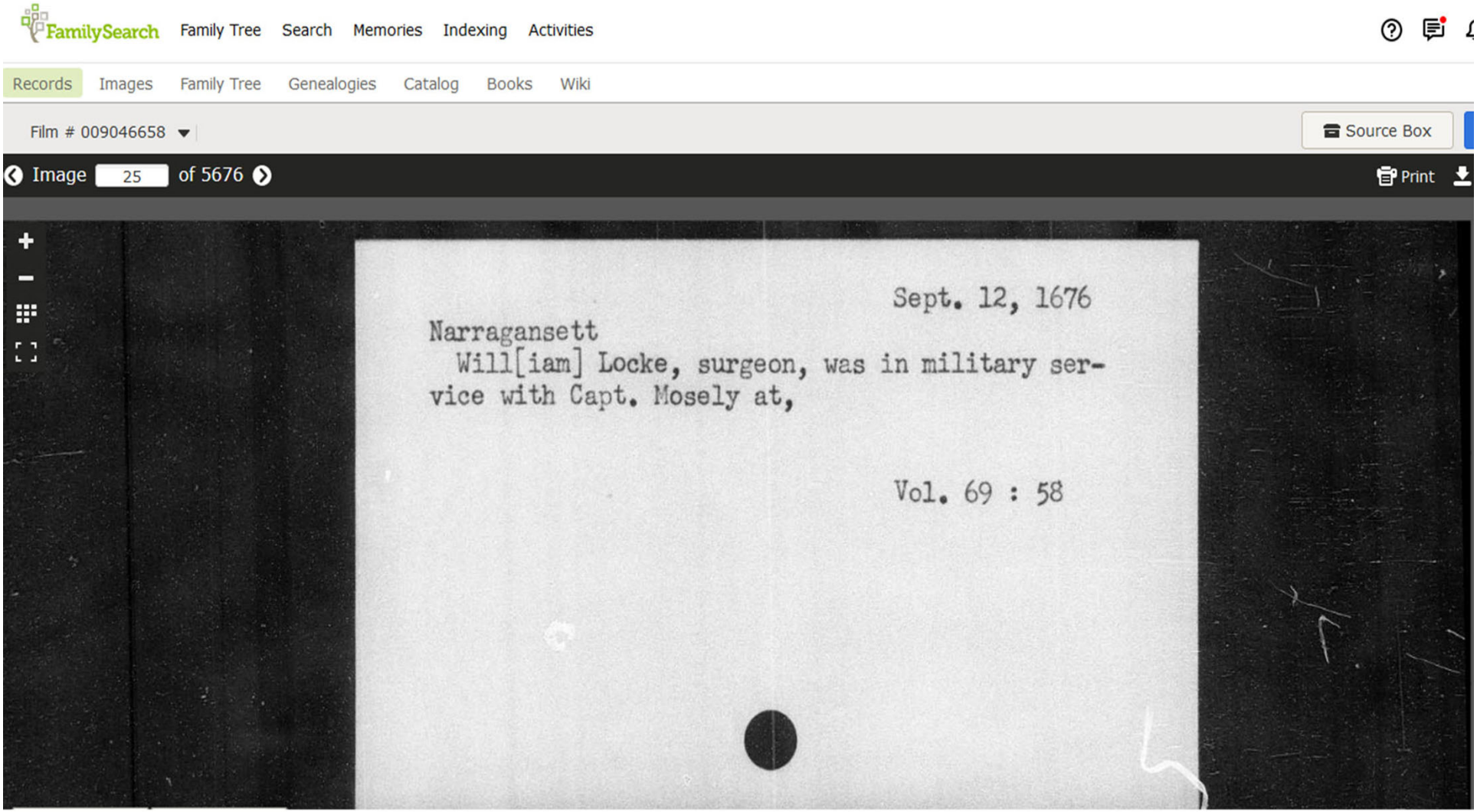
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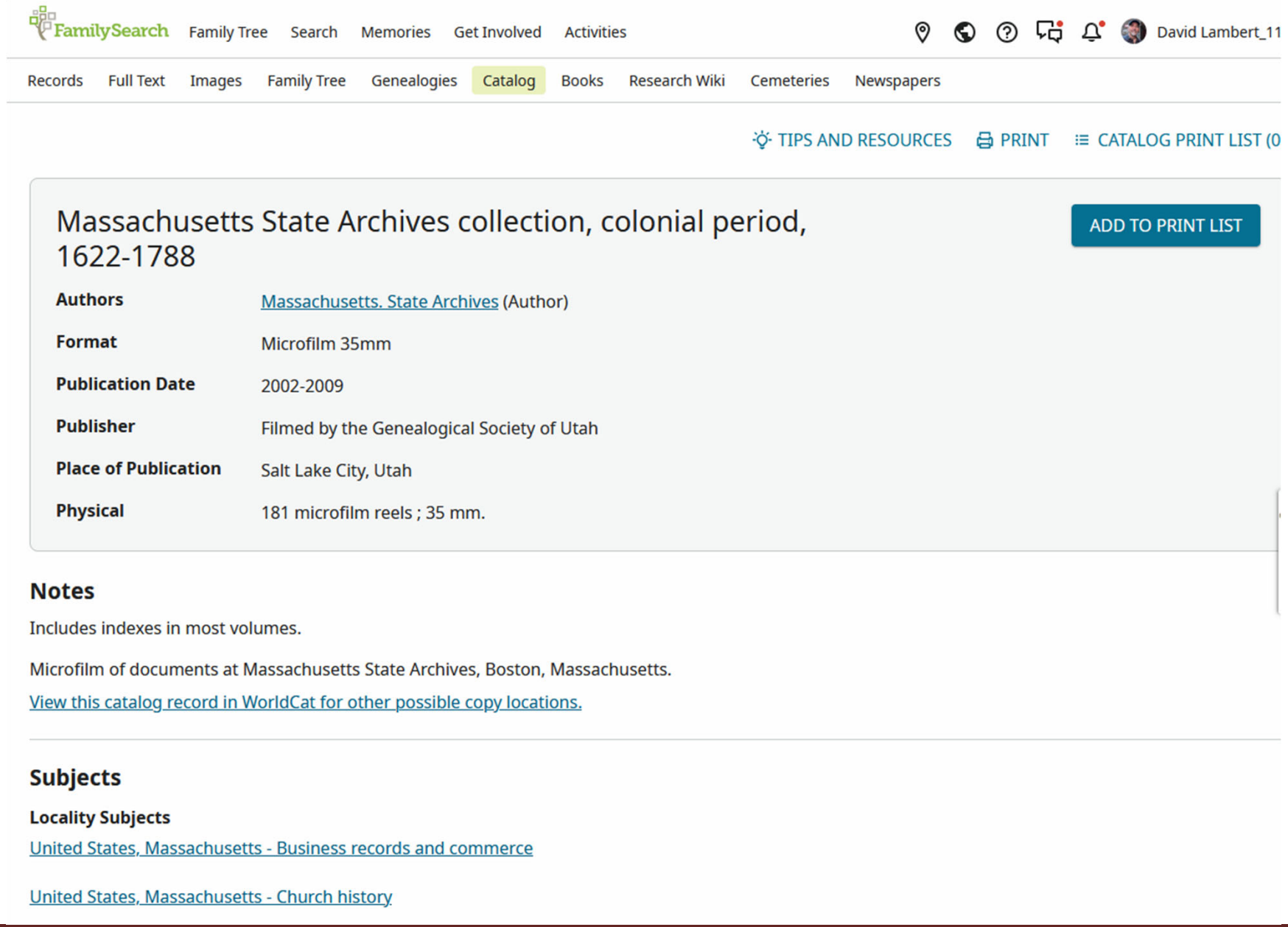
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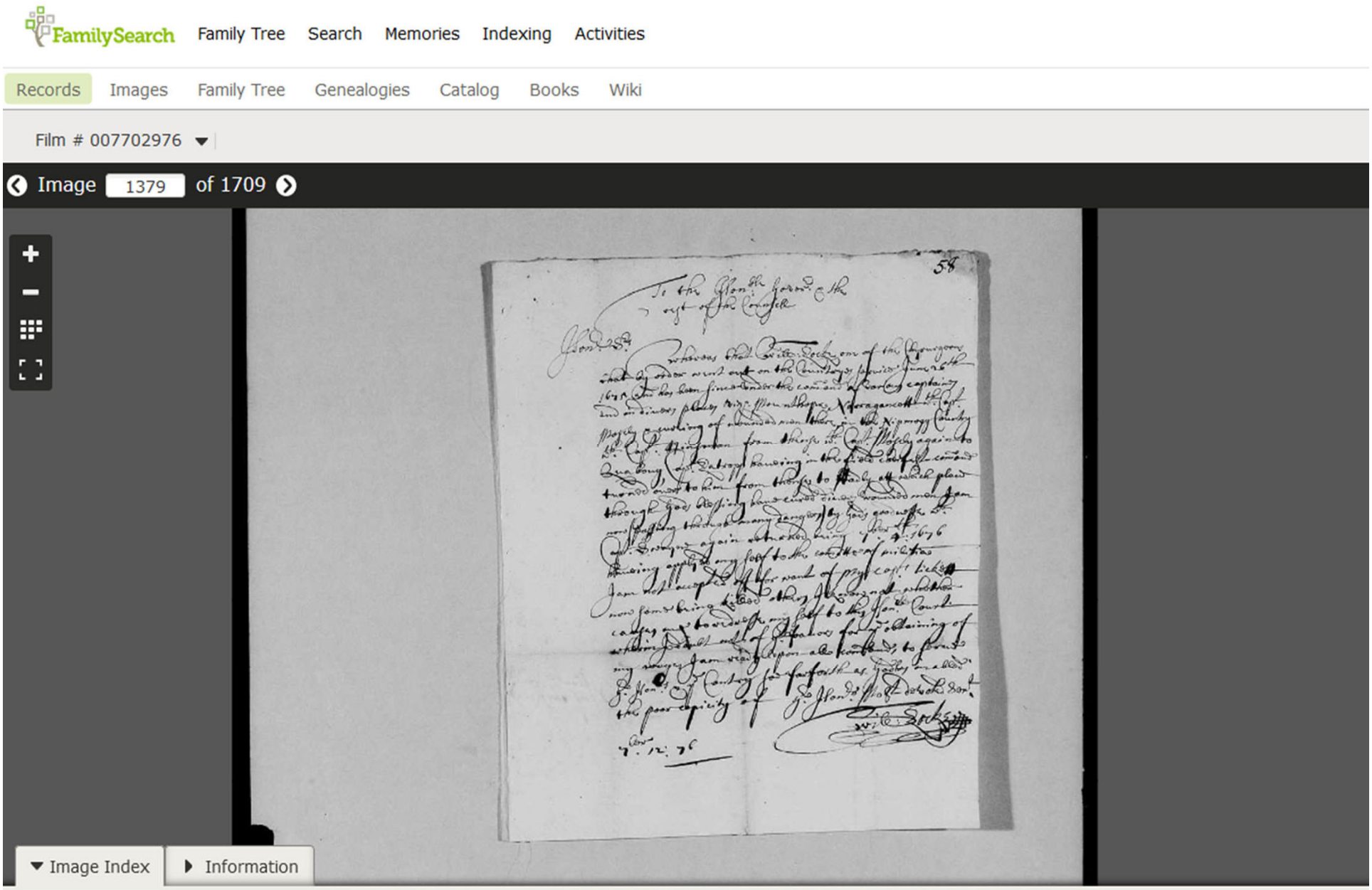
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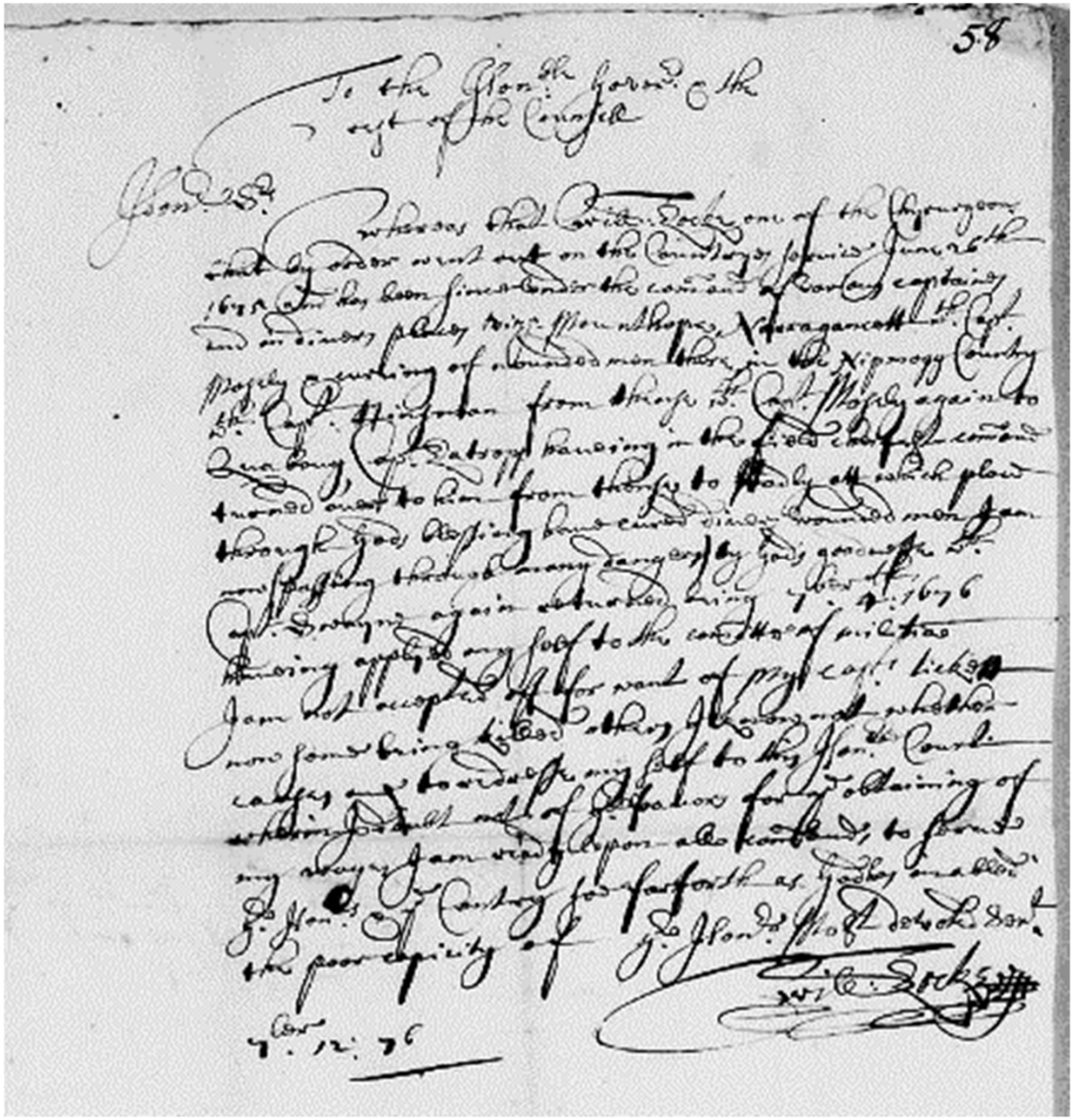
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THE NARRAGANSET TOWNSHIPS, GRANTEES AND CLAIMANTS.

IT will be remembered that when, on December 10th, 1675, the forces of Massachusetts Colony were mustered on Dedham Plain, to march against the Narraganset fort, a proclamation was made to the soldiers, in the name of the Governor, that, "if they played the man, took the fort, and drove the enemy out of the Narraganset country, which is their great seat, they should have a gratuity of land, besides their wages." We find that after they had so valiantly performed the service, and the war was long past, the soldiers were not forgetful of their claim, nor the colony unmindful of its obligations.

On June 4th, 1685, the following petition was presented to the General Court, then in session at Boston. The body of the petition, which was for the grant of land which had been promised, is not given here, but only the names contained upon the document:

Petition of those who were soldiers in Lynn, in the Nipmugg Country, and at the Narragansett Fort.

LYNN.

Wm. Basset,	John Lynzey,	Samuel Johnson,
Timothy Brade,	Andrew Townsend,	Jno. Farrington,
Robert Drivar,	Samuel Mowers,	Jonathan Look,
Phillip Kertland,	Samuel Graves,	John Richards,
Jno. Davis,	Daniel Goff,	Joseph Brade,
Robert Pottar, Sr.	Nathl. Ballard,	Joseph Collins,
John Edmunds,	Daniel Johnson,	Henry Rhoades,
John Hawcks,	Joseph Mansfield,	
Widdow Hathorn,	Samuel Tarbox,	

READING.

Jeremiah Swaine,	James Pike Junr.	James Nicolls,
Samuell Lambson,	Samuell Damon,	William Robbins,

BEVERLY.

Wm. Raymond,	John Raymond jr.	John Dodds jr.
	Wm. Dodds jr.	

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SALEM VILLAGE.

Joseph Herrick, Thomas Raymond,

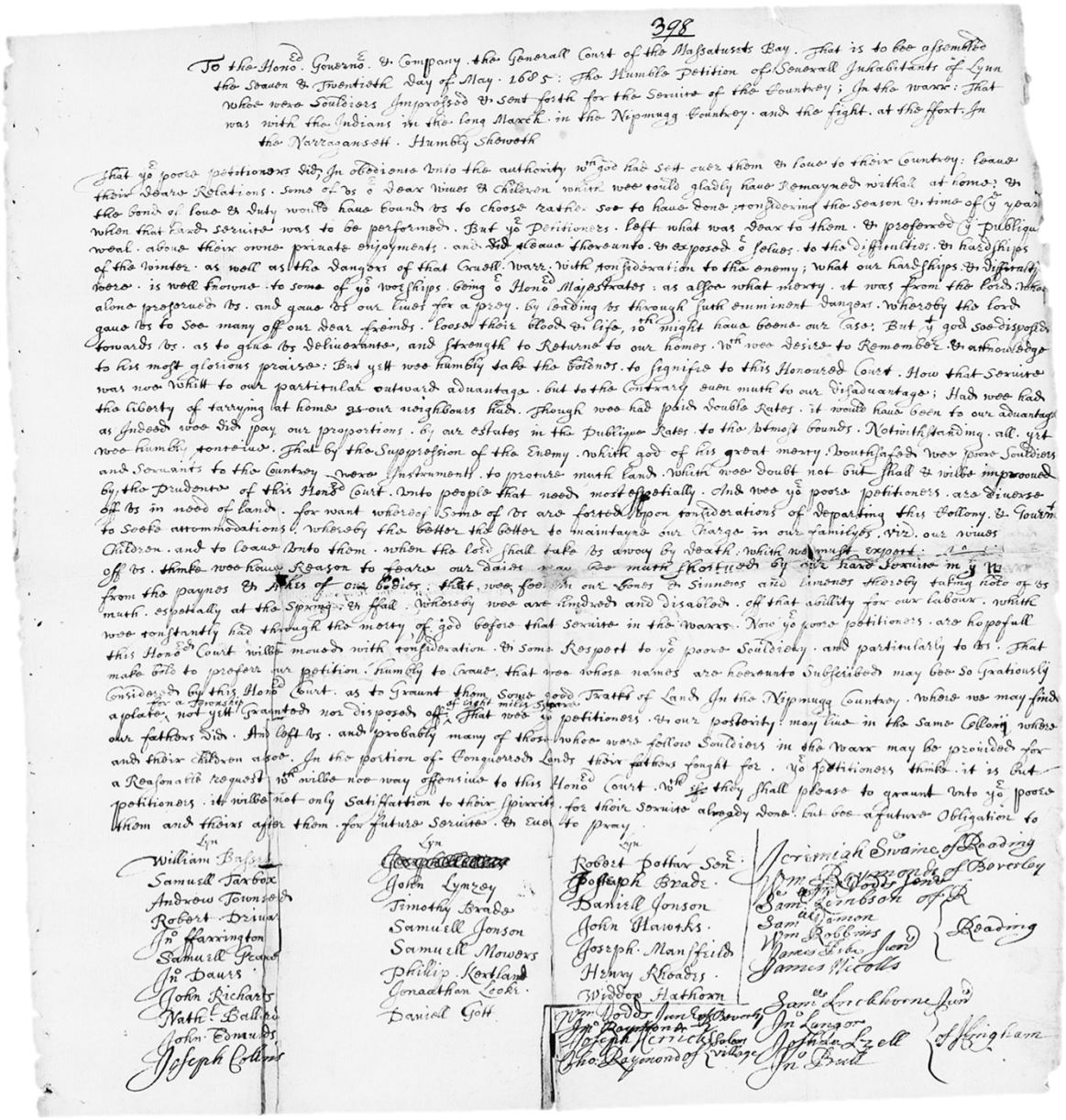
HINGHAM.

Samuel Linckhorne jr. Joshua Lazell,
John Langor, John Bull,

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Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War (1906)

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To the Honᵈ. Gouerno. & Company. the Generall Court of the Massatusets Bay. That is to bee assembled the Seauen & Twentieth Day of May. 1685: The Humble Petition of Seuerall Inhabitants of Lynn whoe were Souldiers Imployed & sent forth for the Seruice of the Country; In the warr: That was with the Indians in the long March in the Nipmugg Country. and the fight. at the ffort. In the Narragansett. Humbly Sheweth

That ye poore petitioners did, In obedience vnto the authority wᶜʰ god had Sett ouer them & loue to their Country: leaue their Deare Relations. Some of ꝺᵉ o deare wiues & children whom woe could gladly haue remayned withal at home: & the bond of loue & duty would haue bound ꝺᵉ to choose rather soe to haue done; Considering the season & time of ye yeare when that Lands seruice was to be performed. But ye Petitioners. left what was deare to them. & preferred ye publique weal. aboue their owne private enjoyments. and did leaue thereunto & exposed ꝺᵉ selues. to the difficulties. & hard ships of this winter. as well as the dangers of that Cruell warr. with consideration to the enemy; what our hard ships & Distresses alone. is well knowne to some of ye woᵉ ships Going ꝺᵉ Honᵈ Magistrates. as alsoe what mercy. it was from the Lord. that alone preserued ꝺᵉ. and gaue ꝺᵉ our liues for a prey. by leading ꝺᵉ through such imminent dangers. whereby the Lord gaue ꝺᵉ to see many of our deare friends. loose their blood & life, wᶜʰ might haue beene our case: But ye god soe disposed towards ꝺᵉ. as to giue ꝺᵉ deliuerance, and strength to Returne to our homes. wᶜʰ woe desire to Remember & acknowledge to his most glorious praise: But yett woe humbly take the boldnes. to signifie to this Honoured Court. How that Seruice was noe whitt to our particular outward aduantage. but to the Contrary much to our disaduantage; Had woe had the liberty of tarrying at home as our neighbours had. though woe had paid Double Rates. it would haue been to our aduantage as indeed woe did pay our proportions. & our estates in the Publique Rates. to the vtmost bounds. Notwithstanding. all. yett woe humbly conceiue. That by the Suppression of the Enemy. which god of his great mercy hath graced woe poore Souldiers and Seruants to the Country woere Instruments. to procure much Land. which woe doubt not but shall & will be improued by the prudence of this Honᵈ Court. Vnto people that needs most essentially. And woe ye poore petitioners. are diuerse of ꝺᵉ in need of land. for want wherof some of ꝺᵉ are forced vpon consideration of departing this Collony. & seeke accommodations. whereby the better the better to maintayne our charge in our families. viz. our wiues Children. and to leaue vnto them. when the Lord shall take ꝺᵉ away by death. which we must expect. 10 ℔ off ꝺᵉ. thinke woe haue Reason to feare our Daies now be much shortned by our hard seruice in ye ℔ from the paines & Aches of our bodies. that woe feele in our bones & Sinnews and Limmes thereby taking note of ꝺᵉ much. especially at the Spring & fall. wherein woe are hindred and disabled. of that ability for our labour. which woe constantly had through the mercy of god before that seruice in the warrs. Now ye poore petitioners. are hopefull this Honᵈ Court will be moued with consideration & some Respect to ye poore Souldiery. and particularly to ꝺᵉ. That make bold to prefer our petition humbly to craue. that woe whose names are hereunto Subscribed may bee so graciously Considered by this Honᵈ Court. as to Graunt them Some good Tracts of Land In the Nipmugg Country. where we may find a plate, not yett Graunted nor disposed of. for a Towneship. eight miles Square. That woe ye petitioners & our posterity may liue in the same Collony where our fathers did. & left ꝺᵉ. and probably many of those whoe were fellow Souldiers in the warr may be prouided for and their children alsoe. In the portion of Conquered Lands their fathers fought for. Ye petitioners thinke it is but a Reasonable requeste wᶜʰ will be noe way offensiue to this Honᵈ Court. wᶜʰ if they shall please to graunt vnto ye poore petitioners. it will be not only Satisfaction to their spirrits. for their Seruice already done. but soe a future Obligation to them and theirs after them. for future Seruice. & euer to pray.

Lyn
William Bassett
Samuell Tarbox
Andrew Townsend
Robert Driuar
Jno Harrington
Samuell Gerard
Jno Davis
John Richards
Nath. Ballard
John Edmunds
Joseph Collins

Lyn
[illegible]
Goslen Lynsey
Timothy Brads
Samuell Jonson
Samuell Mowers
Phillip Kortland
Jonathan Cook
Daniel Gott

Lyn
Robert Potter Senr.
Joseph Brade
Daniell Jonson
John Hawks
Joseph Manfield
Henry Rhoades
Widdow Hathorn

Jeremiah Swaine of Reading
Wm Rayment of Beverley
Sam Jonson
Sam Swinson
Wm Robbins
Thomas Cole Junr
James Nicolls
} Reading

Sam Lockhorne Junr
Jno Longer
Joshua Lovell
Jno Buell
} of Hingham

Wm Dodd Junr of Ipswich
Jno Boynton
Joseph Merrick of Salem Village
Tho Raymond of Village

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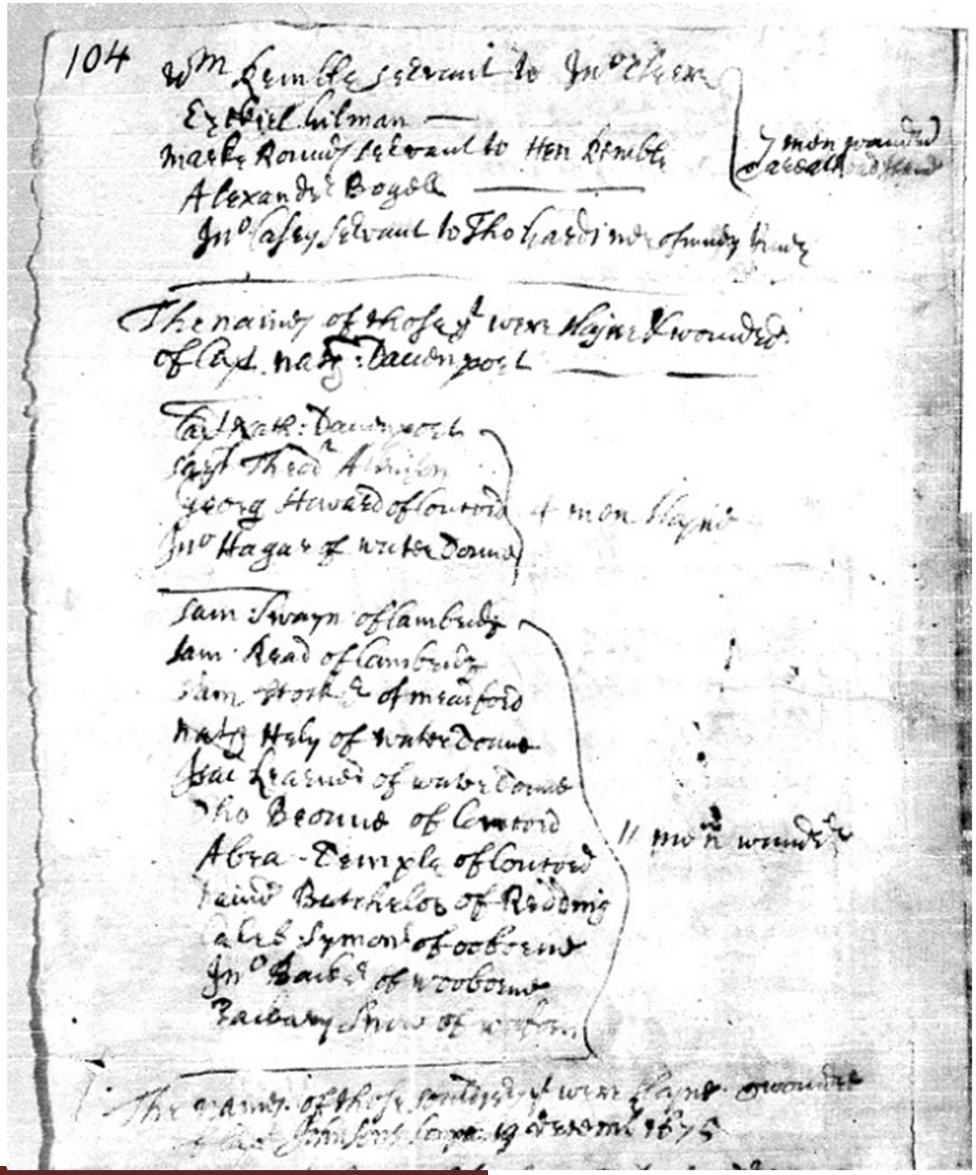
King Philip's War
1675-1676

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Muster Roll without ranks

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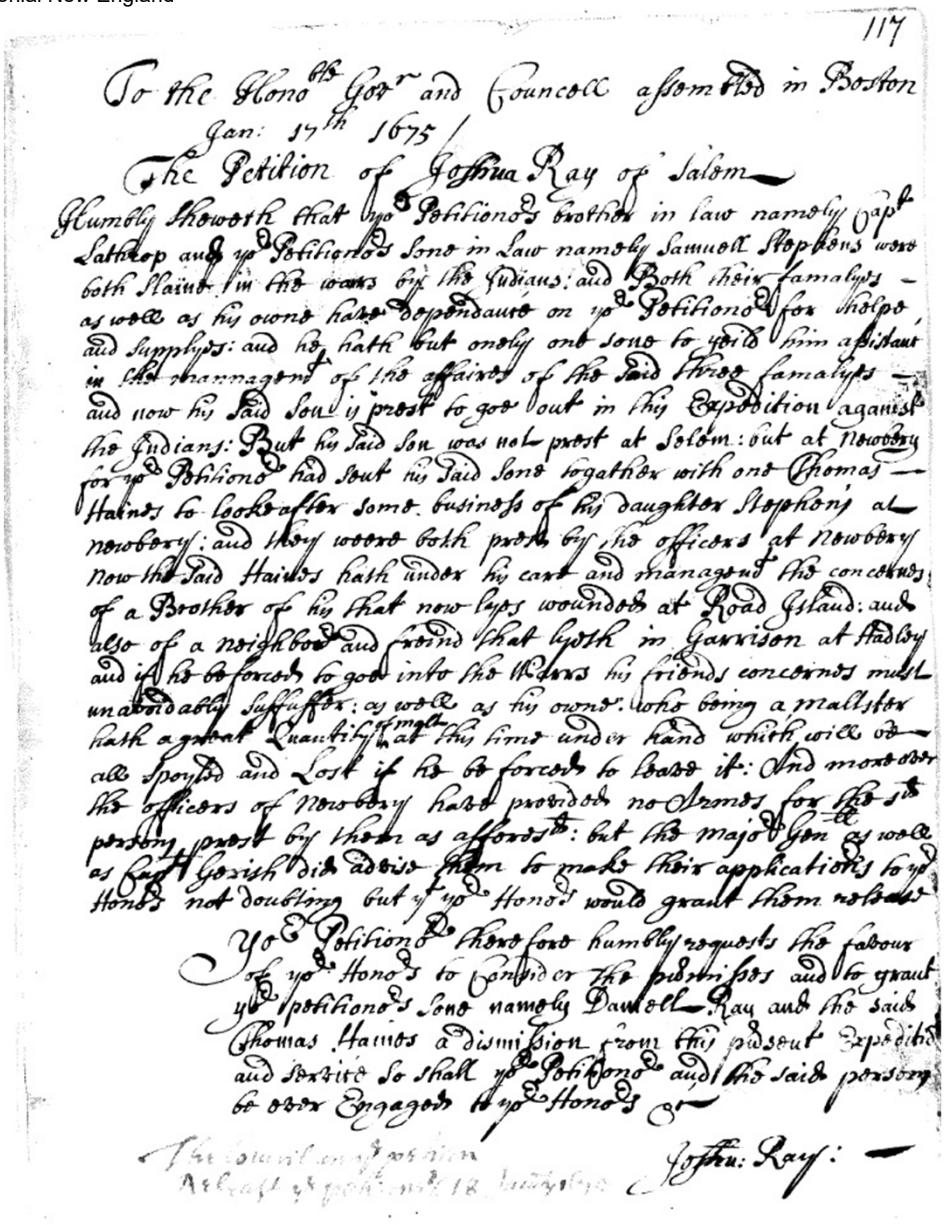


Listing of wounded and killed



Town muster roll King Philip's War

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To the Honoble Gov[r] and Councell assembled in Boston
Jan: 17th 1675/

The Petition of Joshua Ray of Salem

Humbly Sheweth that yo[r] Petitionrs brother in law namely Capt Lathrop and yo[r] Petitionrs Sone in Law namely Samuell Stephens were both Slaine in the warr by the Indians: and Both their famalys as well as his owne have dependance on yo[r] Petitionr for helpe and Supplyes: and he hath but onely one Sone to yeild him assistance in the Managem[t] of the affaires of the said three famalys and now his said Sone is prest to goe out in the Expedition against the Indians: But his said Son was not prest at Salem: but at Newbery for yo[r] Petitionr had sent his said Sone together with one Thomas Haines to look after some businesse of his daughter Stephens at Newbery: and they were both prest by the officers at Newbery now the said Haines hath under his care and management the concernes of a Brother of his that now lyes wounded at Road Island: and also of a neighbor and friend that lyeth in Garrison at Hadley and if he be forced to goe into the warrs his friends concernes must unavoidably Suffer for: as well as his owne. who being a maltster hath a great Quantity of malt at this time under hand which will all Spoyle and Lost if he be forced to leave it: And moreover the officers of Newbery have provided no Armes for the said persons prest by them as afforesd: but the major Gen[ll] as well as Capt Gerrish did advise them to make their applications to yo[r] Honor not doubting but yo[r] Honor would grant them redresse

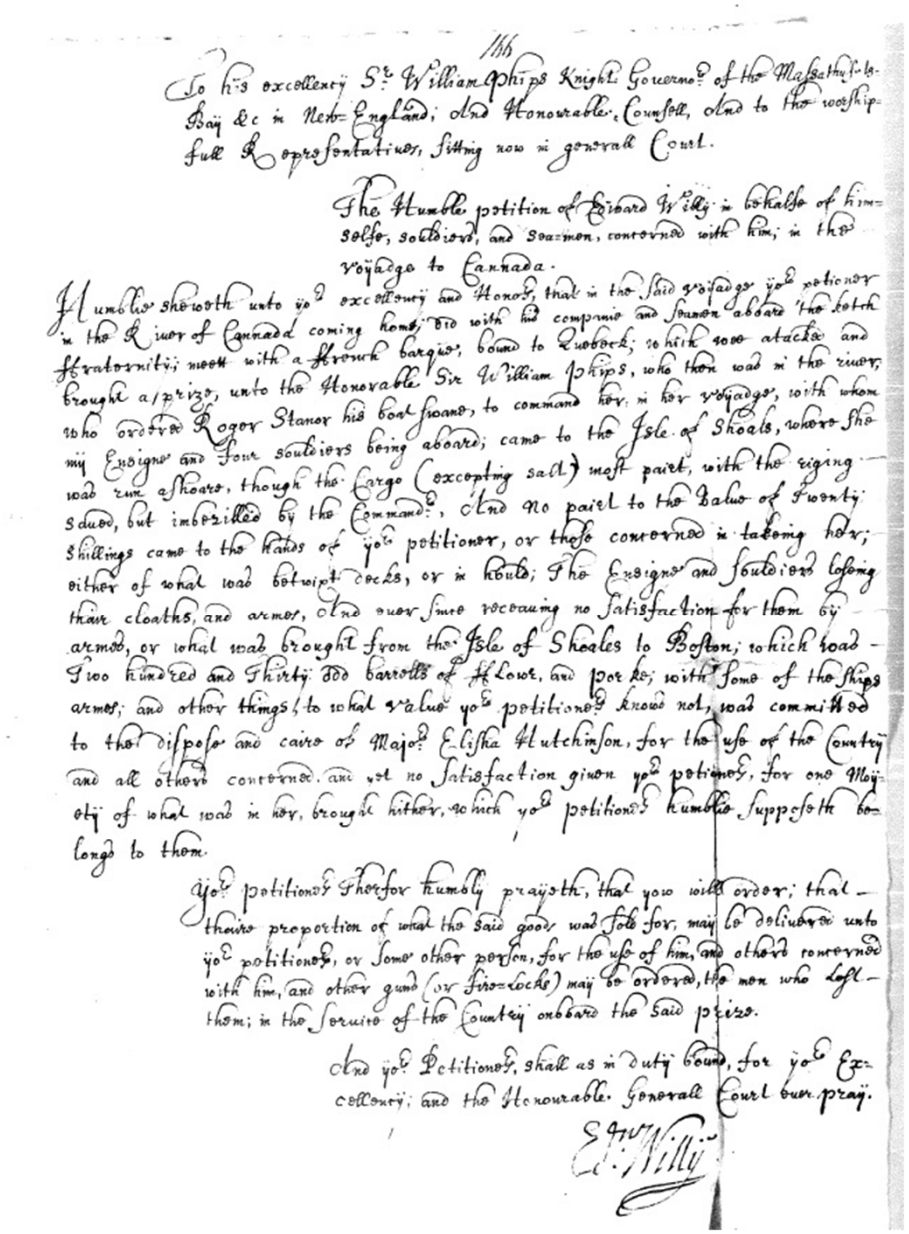
Yo[r] Petitionr therefore humbly requests the favour of yo[r] Honor to consider the premisses and to grant yo[r] petitionrs Sone namely Daniell Ray and the said Thomas Haines a dismission from this present Expedition and Service So shall yo[r] Petitionr and the said persons be ever Engaged to yo[r] Honor &c

Josh: Ray:

Letter regarding the fighting with the Narragansett

King William's War
1689-1697

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To his excellency Sr William Phips Knight Governr of the Massathusetts Bay &c in New England; and Honorable Counsell, and to the worshipfull Representatives, Sitting now in generall Court.

The Humble petition of Edward Willy in behalfe of himselfe, souldiers, and seamen, concerned with him, in the voyadge to Cannada.

Humbly sheweth unto yr excellency and Honors, that in the said voyadge yr petitioner in the River of Cannada coming home, did with his company and seamen aboard the both ffrabotrnitis, meett with a ffrench barque, bound to Quebeck; which was attacke and brought a prize, unto the Honorable Sir William Phips, who then was in the river, who ordered Rogor Stanor his boat swane, to command her in her voyadge, with whom my Ensigne and four souldiers being aboard; came to the Isle of Shoals, where She was run ashoare, though the Cargo (excepting salt) most part, with the rigging Sunck, but imbezilled by the Commandr, and no part to the Value of Twenty Shillings came to the hands of yr petitioner, or those concerned in takeing her; either of what was betwixt decks, or in hould; The Ensigne and Souldiers loseing their cloaths, and armes, and ever since receaving no Satisfaction for them by armes, or what was brought from the Isle of Shoales to Boston; which was Two hundred and Thirty odd barrells of flower, and porke; with some of the ships armes; and other things; to what value yr petitioner knows not, was committed to their disposo and care of Majr Elisha Hutchinson, for the use of the Country and all others concerned, and yet no Satisfaction given yr petitioner, for one Moyety of what was in her, brought hither, which yr petitioner humbly supposeth belongs to them.

Yr petitioner therfor humbly prayeth, that you will order; that their proportion of what the said goods was sold for, may be delivered unto yr petitioner, or some other person, for the use of him, and others concerned with him, and other guns (or fire-locks) may be ordered, the men who left them; in the Service of the Country onboard the said prize.

And yr Petitioner, shall as in duty bound, for yr Excellency; and the Honourable. Generall Court ever pray.

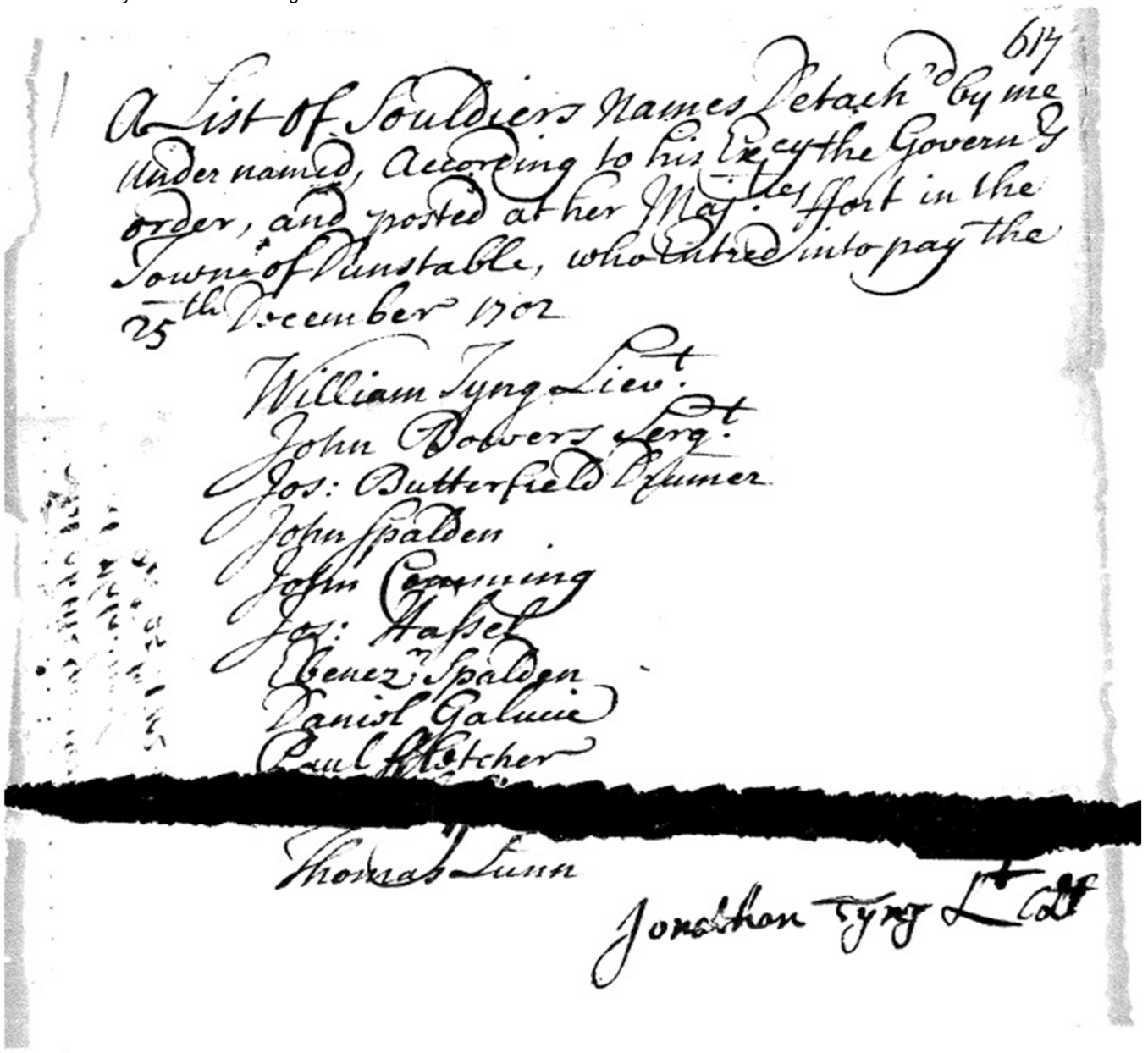
E. Willy

Sailor requesting share in privateering capture

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1702-1713

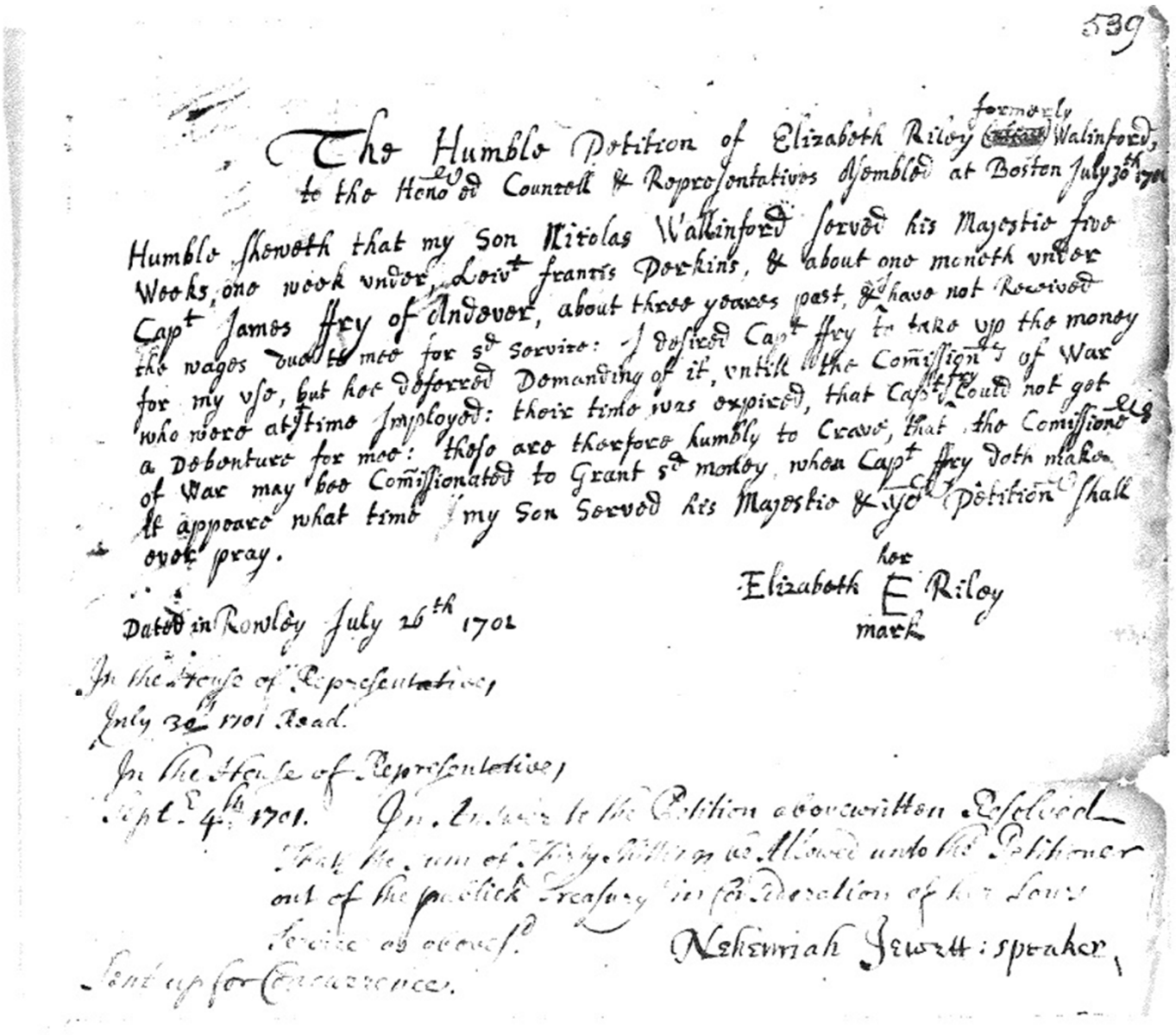
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A List of Souldiers Names Detach'd by me
Under named, According to his Ex.cy the Govern.r
order, and posted at her Maj.tes fort in the
Towne of Dunstable, who Inlisted into pay the
25th December 1702

William Tyng Lieu.t
John Bowers Serg.t
Jos: Butterfield Plumer
John Spalden
John Cumming
Joj: Hasel
Ebenez.r Spalden
Danil Galusie
Paul Fletcher
[redacted]
Thomas Lunn
Jonathan Tyng Lieu.t

1702 – Detachment list for soldiers going to a fort at Dunstable, Massachusetts



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The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Riley formerly Walinford,
to the Honoꝛd Councell & Representatives ꝺsembled at Boston July 30th 1702

Humble showeth that my Son Nitolas Wallinford ſerved his Majeſtie five Weeks, one week vnder Capt Lovt Francis Perkins, & about one moneth vnder Capt James ffrey of Andover, about three yeares past, & have not Received the wages ꝺue to mee for ſd ſervice: I ꝺeſired Capt ffrey to take vp the money for my vſe, but hee ꝺeferred Domanding of it, vntill the Comiſſionꝛs of War who were at ſame time Imployed: their time was expired, that Capt could not get a Debenture for mee: thoſe are therefore humbly to Creave, that the Comiſſione of War may bee Comiſſionated to Grant ſd money, when Capt ffrey doth make it appeare what time my Son ſerved his Majeſtie & yͤ Petition ſhall ever pray.

Elizabeth her E mark Riley

Dated in Rowley July 26th 1702

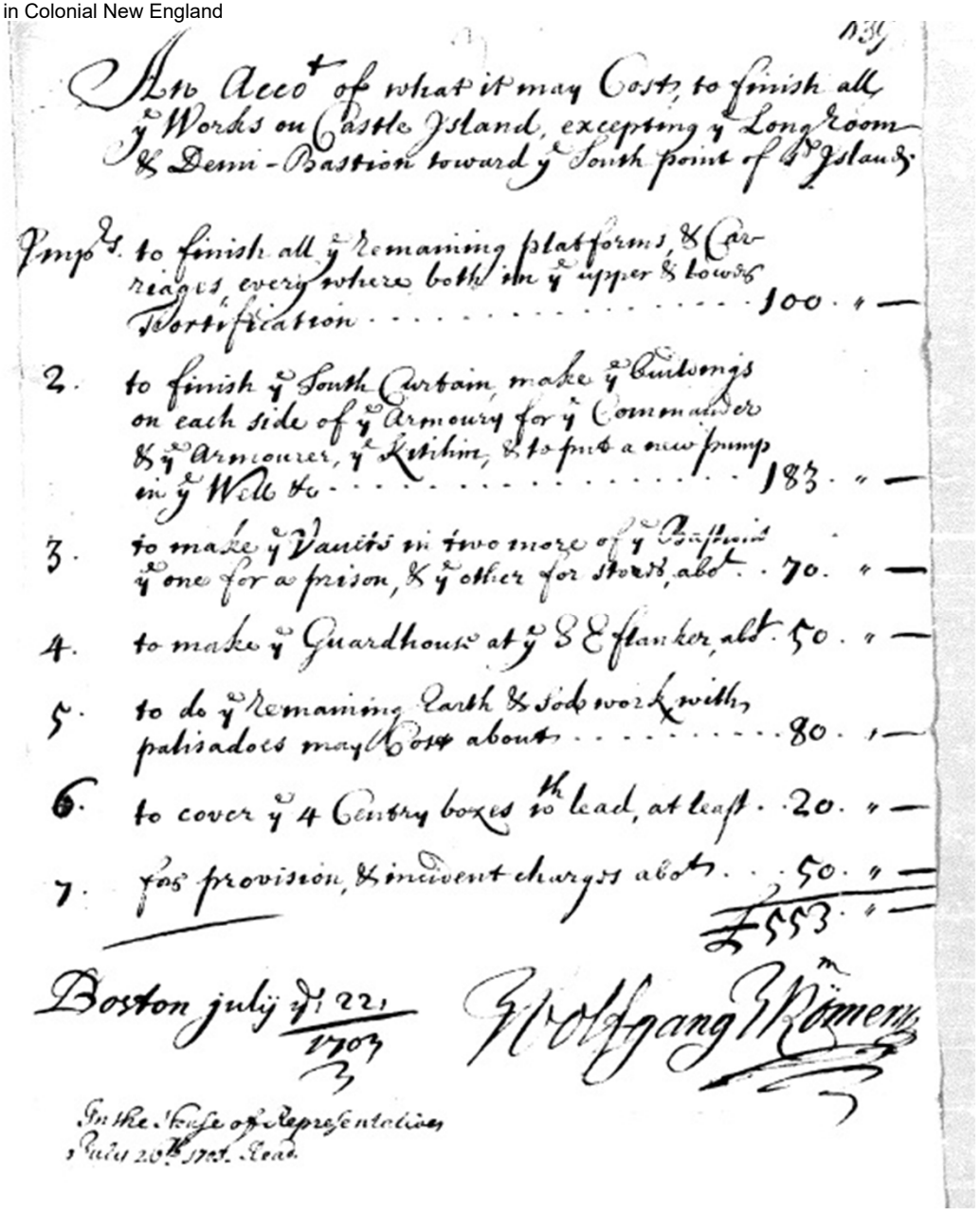
In the House of Repreſentatives,
July 30th 1702 Read.

In the House of Repreſentatives,
Sept. 4th 1702. In Anſwer to the Petition aboue written Reſolved That the ſum of Fifty ſhillings be allowed unto the Petitioner out of the publick Treaſury in conſideration of her Sons ſervice as aboue ſ.

Nehemiah Jewett: ſpeaker,

Sent up for Concurrence.

1702 – Mother requesting the wages of her deceased son Nicholas Wallingford



An Acco[t] of what it may Cost, to finish all y[e] Works on Castle Island, excepting y[e] Long Room & Demi-Bastion toward y[e] South point of y[e] Island:

Imp[s]. to finish all y[e] Remaining platforms, & Carriages, every where both in y[e] upper & lower Fortification ..... 100. 0 —

2. to finish y[e] South Curtain, make y[e] Buttonings on each side of y[e] Armoury for y[e] Commander & y[e] Armourer, y[e] Kitchin, & to put a new pump in y[e] Well &c ..... 183. 0 —

3. to make y[e] Vaults in two more of y[e] Bastions y[e] one for a prison, & y[e] other for Stores, abo[t] .. 70. 0 —

4. to make y[e] Guardhouse at y[e] S & E flanker, abt. 50. 0 —

5. to do y[e] Remaining Earth & Sod work with palisadoes may Cost about ..... 80. 0 —

6. to cover y[e] 4 Centry boxes with lead, at least .. 20. 0 —

7. for provision, & incident charges abo[t] ... 50. 0 —

£553. 0 —

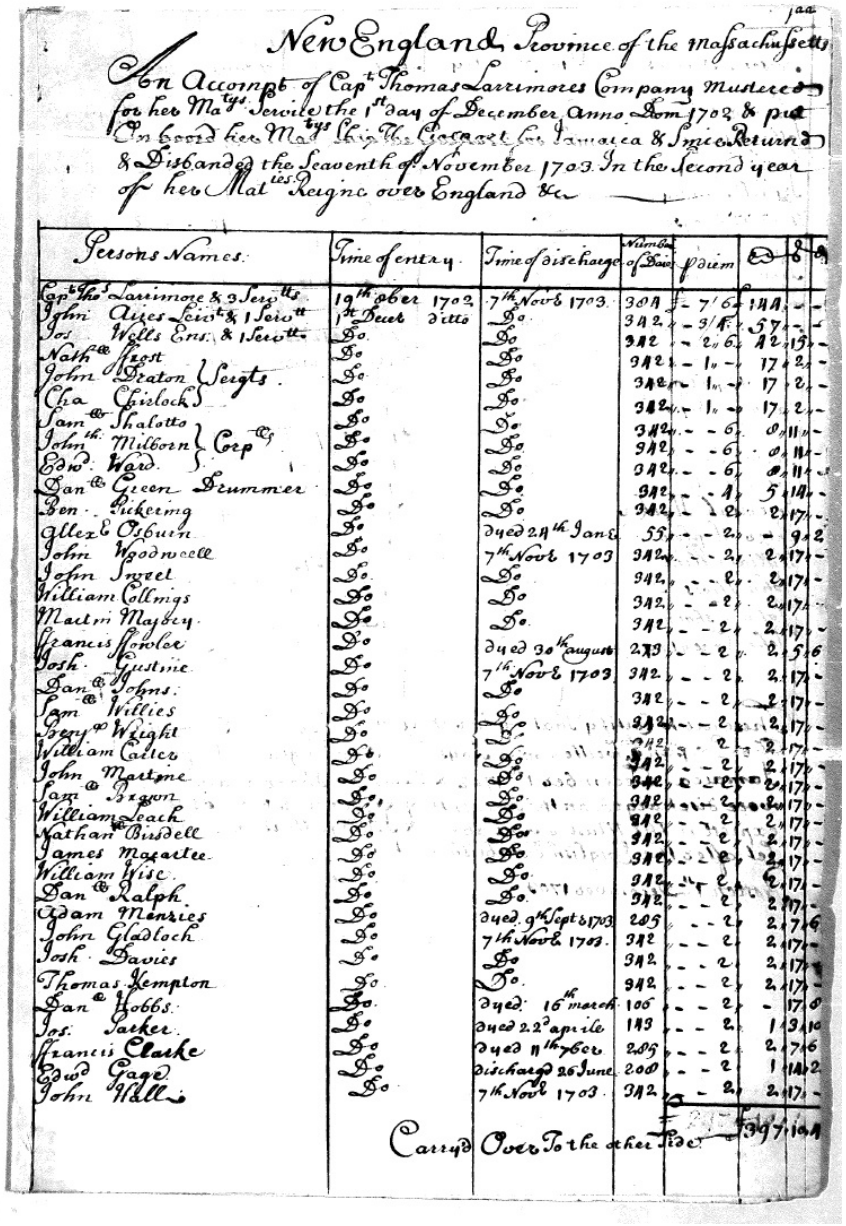
Boston July y[e] 22, 1703

Wolffgang Römer

In the House of Representatives July 26[th] 1703. Read.

1703 - Military Construction Invoice

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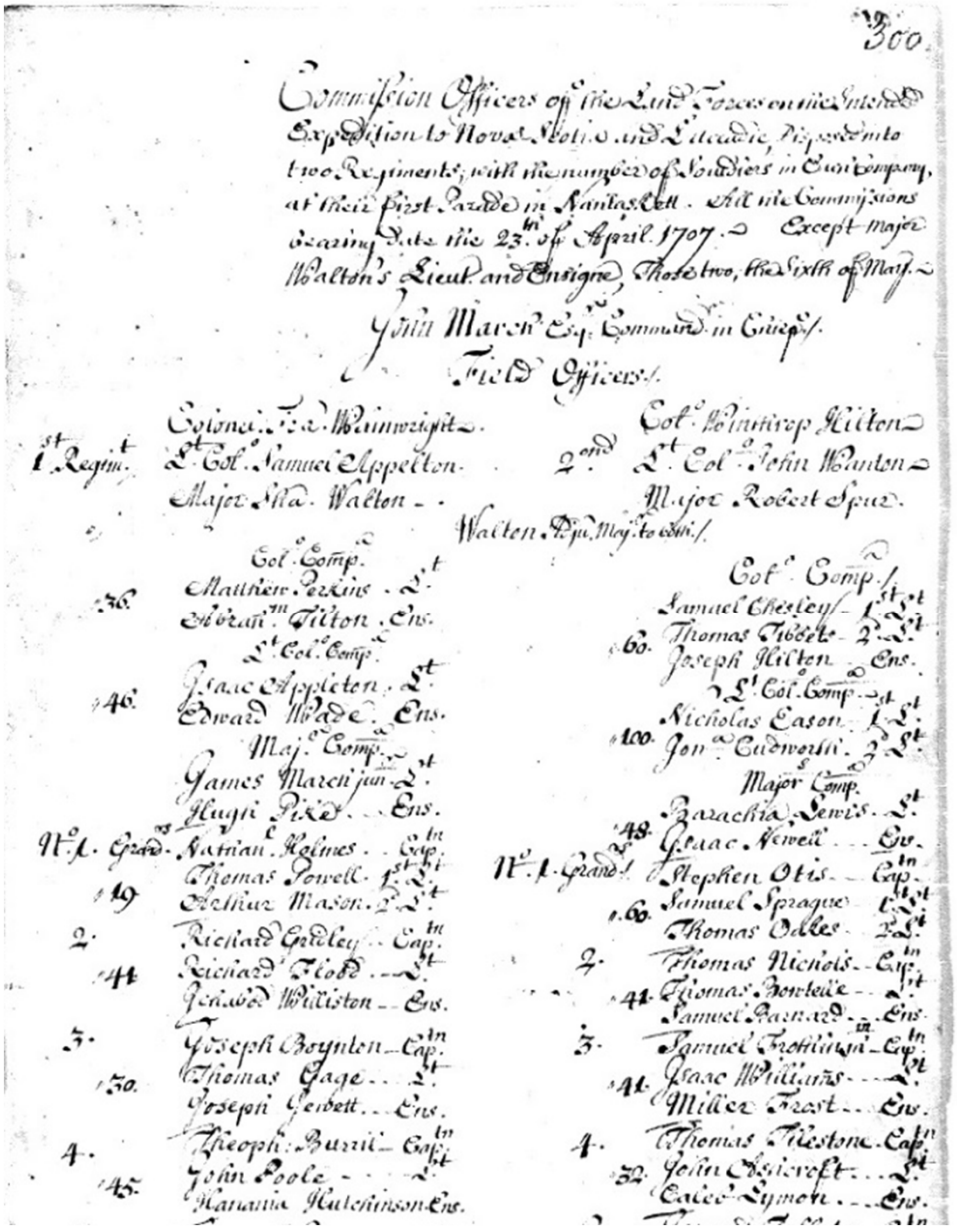
New England Province of the Massachusetts

An Accompt of Capt Thomas Larrimores Company Mustered for her Mats Service the 1st day of December Anno Dom 1702 & put On board her Mats Ship The Garland for Jamaica & since Returned & Disbanded the Seaventh of November 1703 In the Second year of her Mats Reigne over England &c

Persons Names	Time of entry	Time of discharge	Number of Days	p diem	£	s	d
Capt Tho Larrimore & 3 Serv[ts]	19th ober 1702	7th Novr 1703	304	7/6	114	-	-
John Ayres Lieu[t] & 1 Serv[t]	1st Decr ditto	Do	342	3/4	57	-	-
Jos Wells Ens & 1 Serv[t]	Do	Do	342	2/6	42	15	-
Nath[l] Frost	Do	Do	342	1/-	17	2	-
John Draton Serg[ts]	Do	Do	342	1/-	17	2	-
Chr Chirlock	Do	Do	342	1/-	17	2	-
Sam[l] Shalotte	Do	Do	342	-/6	8	11	-
John Milborn Corp[ll]	Do	Do	342	-/6	8	11	-
Edw[d] Ward	Do	Do	342	-/6	8	11	-
Dan[l] Green Drummer	Do	Do	342	-/4	5	14	-
Ben Pickering	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Alex[r] Osburn	Do	dyed 24th Jan[y]	55	-/2	-	9	2
John Woodwell	Do	7th Novr 1703	342	-/2	2	17	-
John Sweet	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
William Collings	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Martin Mayhey	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Francis Fowler	Do	dyed 30th Augus[t]	233	-/2	2	5	6
Josh Justine	Do	7th Novr 1703	342	-/2	2	17	-
Dan[l] Johns	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Sam[l] Willies	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Jerry Wright	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
William Carter	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
John Martine	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Sam[l] Bryon	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
William Leach	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Nathan[l] Busdell	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
James Macartee	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
William Wise	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Dan[l] Ralph	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Adam Menries	Do	dyed 9th Sept[r] 1703	205	-/2	2	7	6
John Gladloch	Do	7th Novr 1703	342	-/2	2	17	-
Josh Davies	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Thomas Jempton	Do	Do	342	-/2	2	17	-
Dan[l] Hobbs	Do	dyed 16th march	106	-/2	-	17	8
Jos Tucker	Do	dyed 22d aprile	143	-/2	1	3	10
Francis Clarke	Do	dyed 11th Octor	285	-/2	2	7	6
Edw[d] Gage	Do	discharged 26 June	200	-/2	1	14	2
John Hall	Do	7th Novr 1703	342	-/2	2	17	-
		Carryd Over To the other Side			397	10	4

1702 – Muster Roll with ranks

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Commission Officers of the Land Forces on the Intended Expedition to Nova Scotia and Acadie, Disposed into two Regiments, with the number of Soldiers in Each Company, at their first Parade in Nantasket. All the Commissions bearing Date the 23th of April 1707. Except Major Walton's Lieut. and Ensigne, Those two, the Sixth of May.

John March Esq. Comm^d in Chief.

Field Officers.

1st Regim.t — Colonel Fra. Wainwright. — 2nd — Col. Wintrop Hilton.
Lt Col. Samuel Appelton. — Lt Col. John Wanton.
Major Wm. Walton. — Major Robert Spur.
Walton Dep. Maj.r to Com.r

Col. Comp.
Matthew Perkins 2.t
36. Abrah.m Tilton Ens.

Lt Col. Comp.
Isaac Appleton 2.t
46. Edward Wade Ens.

Maj.r Comp.
James March jun.r 2.t
Hugh Pike Ens.

N.o 1. Grad.s — Nathan.l Holmes Capt.n
Thomas Powell 1.st 2.t
19 Arthur Mason 2.t
2. Richard Gridley Capt.n
44 Richard Flood 2.t
Edward Williston Ens.
3. Joseph Boynton Capt.n
50. Thomas Gage 2.t
Joseph Herbert Ens.
4. Theoph.s Burril Capt.n
45. John Poole 2.t
Hananiah Hutchinson Ens.

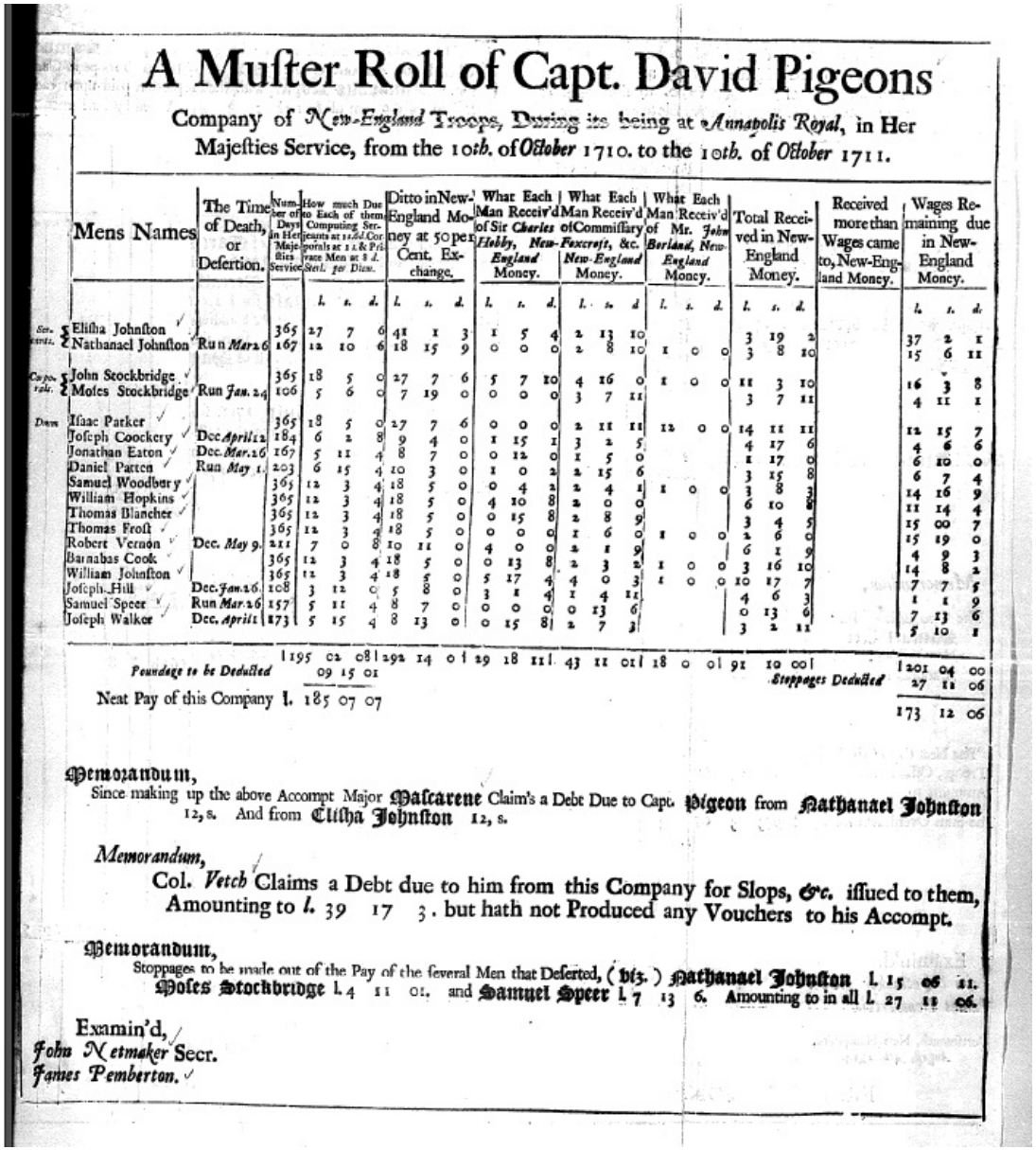
Col. Comp.
Samuel Chesley 1.st 2.t
60. Thomas Noble 2.d 2.t
Joseph Hilton Ens.

Lt Col. Comp.
Nicholas Eason 1.st 2.t
100. Jon.a Cudworth 2.d 2.t

Major Comp.
Zacheus Lewis 2.t
48. Isaac Newell Ens.

N.o 1. Grad.s — Stephen Otis Capt.n
Samuel Sprague 1.st 2.t
60. Thomas Oakes 2.d 2.t
2. Thomas Nichols Capt.n
41. Thomas Bowtell 2.t
Samuel Barnard Ens.
3. Samuel Trowbridge Capt.n
41. Isaac Williams 2.t
Miller Frost Ens.
4. Thomas Weston Capt.n
52. John Ashcroft 2.t
Caleb Lymon Ens.

1707 – Officer Parade Muster Roll



A Muſter Roll of Capt. David Pigeons

Company of *New-England* Troops, During its being at *Annapolis Royal*, in Her Majeſties Service, from the 10*th.* of *October* 1710. to the 10*th.* of *October* 1711.

	Mens Names	The Time of Death, or Deſertion.	Number of Days in Her Majeſties Service	How much Due to Each of them Computing Serjeants at 12*s.*6*d.* Corporals at 11*s.* & Private Men at 8*s.* Sterl. per Diem. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	Ditto in New-England Money at 50 per Cent. Exchange. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	What Each Man Receiv'd of Sir *Charles Hobby*, *New-England* Money. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	What Each Man Receiv'd of Commiſſary *Foxcroft*, &c. *New-England* Money. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	What Each Man Receiv'd of Mr. *John Borland*, *New-England* Money. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	Total Received in New-England Money. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*	Received more than Wages came to, New-England Money.	Wages Remaining due in New-England Money. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Ser.	Eliſha Johnſton		365	27	7	6	41	1	3	1	5	4	2	13	10				3	19	2		37	2	1
Serjts.	Nathanael Johnſton	Run *Mar.*26	167	12	10	6	18	15	9	0	0	0	2	8	10	1	0	0	3	8	10		15	6	11
Corpo.	John Stockbridge		365	18	5	0	27	7	6	5	7	10	4	16	0	1	0	0	11	3	10		16	3	8
rals.	Moſes Stockbridge	Run *Jan.* 24	106	5	6	0	7	19	0	0	0	0	3	7	11				3	7	11		4	11	1
Drum	Iſaac Parker		365	18	5	0	27	7	6	0	0	0	2	11	11	12	0	0	14	11	11		12	15	7
	Joſeph Cookery	Dec. *April* 12	184	6	2	8	9	4	0	1	15	1	3	2	5				4	17	6		4	6	6
	Jonathan Eaton	Dec. *Mar.*26	167	5	11	4	8	7	0	0	12	0	1	5	0				1	17	0		6	10	0
	Daniel Parten	Run *May* 1.	203	6	15	4	10	3	0	1	0	2	2	15	6				3	15	8		6	7	4
	Samuel Woodbury		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	1	0	0	3	8	3		14	16	9
	William Hopkins		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	4	10	8	2	0	0				6	10	8		11	14	4
	Thomas Blancher		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	0	15	8	2	8	9				3	4	5		15	00	7
	Thomas Froſt		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	2	6	0		15	19	0
	Robert Vernon	Dec. *May* 9.	211	7	0	8	10	11	0	4	0	0	2	1	9				6	1	9		4	9	3
	Barnabas Cook		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	0	13	8	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	16	10		14	8	2
	William Johnſton		365	12	3	4	18	5	0	5	17	4	4	0	3	1	0	0	10	17	7		7	7	5
	Joſeph Hill	Dec. *Jan.*26	108	3	12	0	5	8	0	3	1	4	1	4	11				4	6	3		1	1	9
	Samuel Speer	Run *Mar.*26	157	5	11	4	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	13	6				0	13	6		7	13	6
	Joſeph Walker	Dec. *April* 1	173	5	15	4	8	13	0	0	15	8	2	7	3				3	2	11		5	10	1
				195	02	08	292	14	01	29	18	11	43	11	01	18	0	01	91	10	00		201	04	00
	Poundage to be Deducted				09	15	01															*Stoppages Deducted*	27	11	06
	Neat Pay of this Company		*l.*	185	07	07																	173	12	06

Memorandum,
Since making up the above Accompt Major **Maſcarene** Claim's a Debt Due to Capt. **Pigeon** from **Nathanael Johnſton** 12, s. And from **Eliſha Johnſton** 12, s.

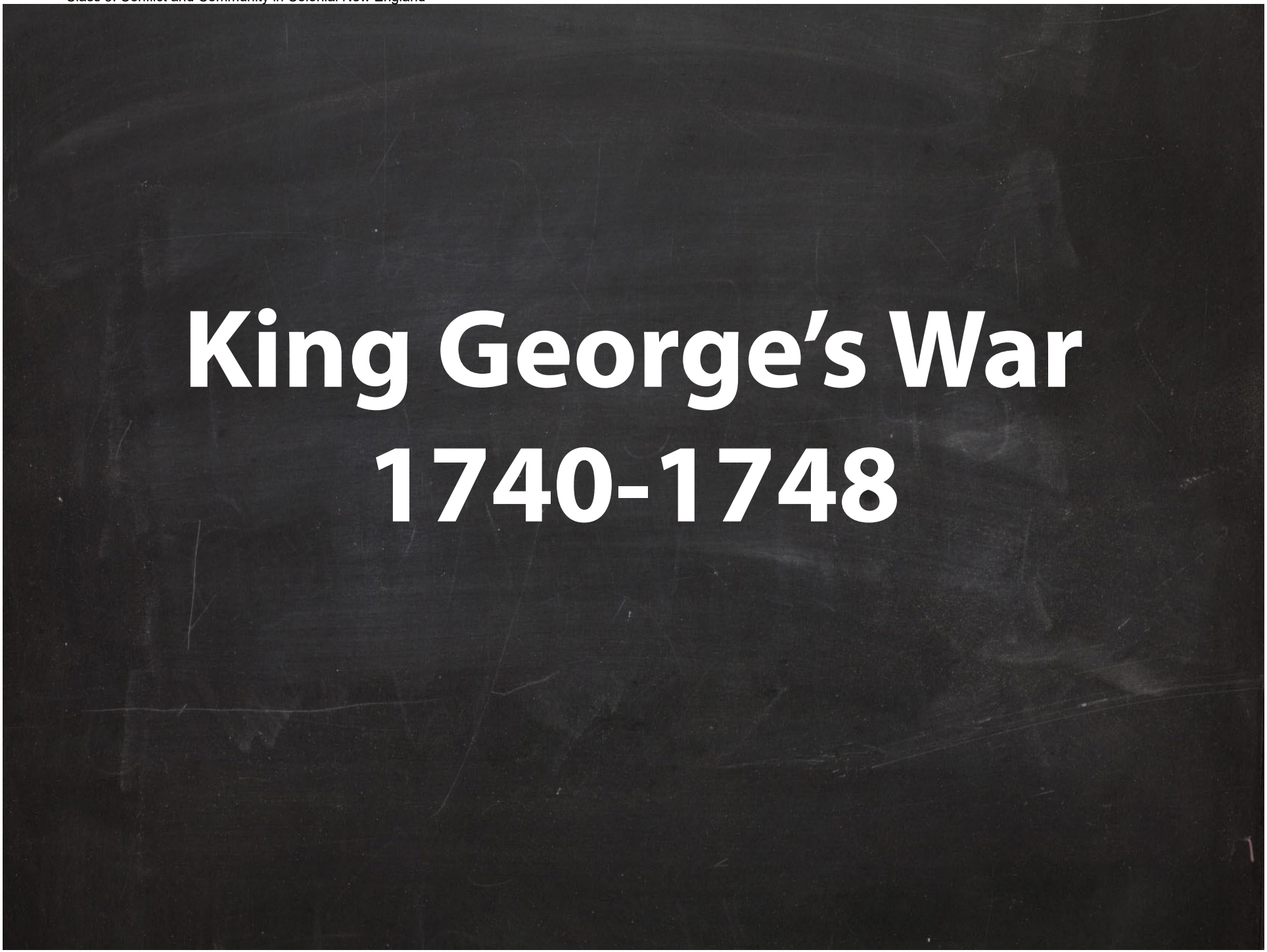
Memorandum,
Col. *Vetch* Claims a Debt due to him from this Company for Slops, *&c.* iſſued to them, Amounting to *l.* 39 17 3. but hath not Produced any Vouchers to his Accompt.

Memorandum,
Stoppages to be made out of the Pay of the ſeveral Men that Deſerted, (*viz.*) **Nathanael Johnſton** *l.* 15 06 11. **Moſes Stockbridge** *l.* 4 11 01. and **Samuel Speer** *l.* 7 13 6. Amounting to in all *l.* 27 11 06.

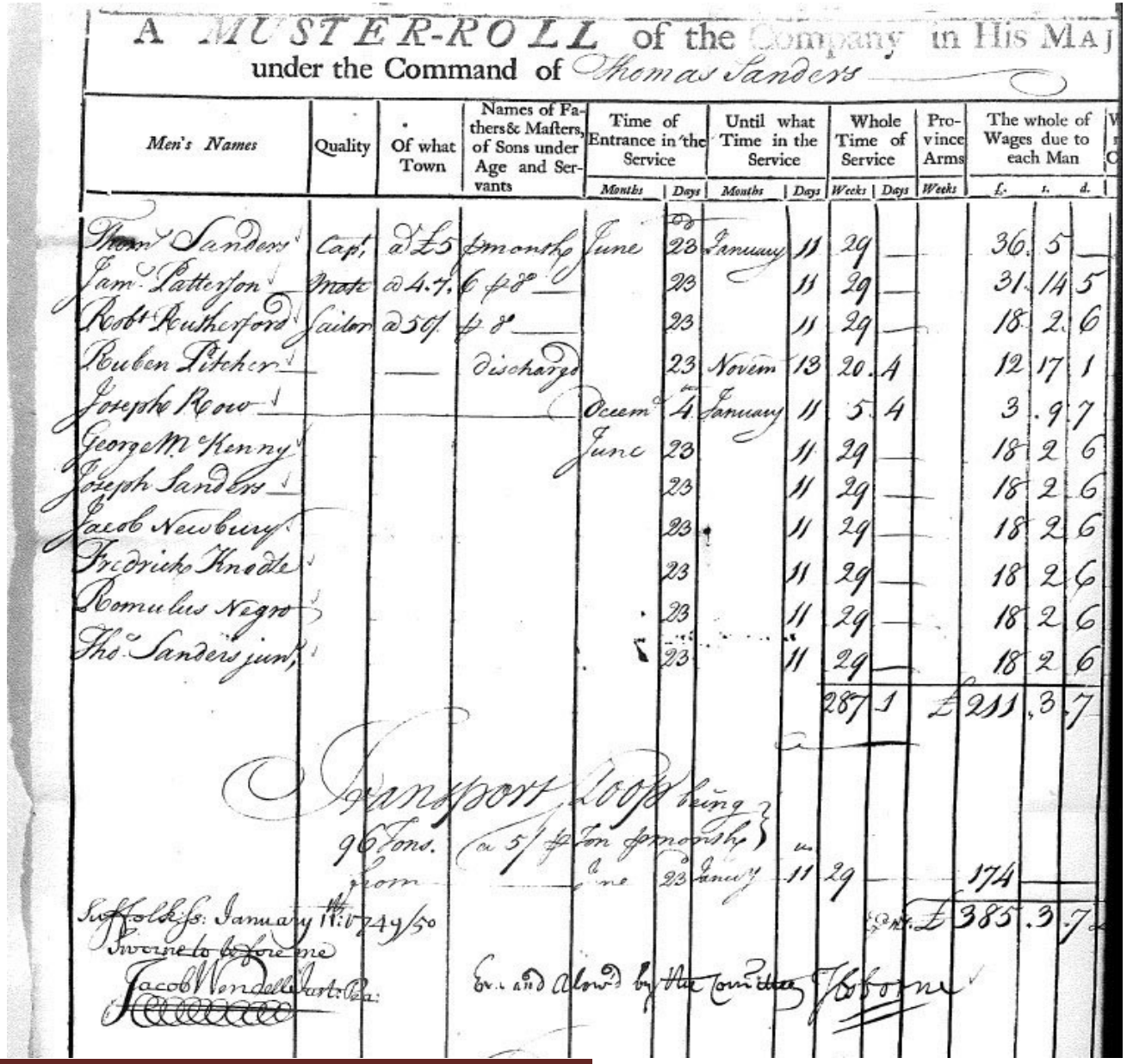
Examin'd,
John Netmaker Secr.
James Pemberton.

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A MUSTER-ROLL of the Company in His Maj
under the Command of Thomas Sanders

Men's Names	Quality	Of what Town	Names of Fathers & Masters, of Sons under Age and Servants	Time of Entrance in the Service		Until what Time in the Service		Whole Time of Service		Province Arms	The whole of Wages due to each Man		
				Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	£.	s.	d.
Thom[s] Sanders	Capt.	@£5	4 months	June	23	January	11	29	—		36.	5	—
Jam[s] Patterson	Mate	@4.7.	6 p[r] 8[d]		23		11	29	—		31.	14	5
Robt Rutherford	Sailor	@50/	p 8[d]		23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Ruben Pitcher		—	discharged		23	Novem	13	20	4		12	17	1
Joseph[e] Row				Decem[r]	4	January	11	5	4		3	9	7
George M[c] Kenny				June	23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Joseph Sanders					23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Jacob Newbury					23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Fred[k] Knode					23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Romulus Negro					23		11	29	—		18	2	6
Tho[s] Sanders jun[r]					23		11	29	—		18	2	6
								287	1	£	211	3	7
Transport Loop being 96 Tons.		@5/	p Ton p Month	June	23	January	11	29	—		174		
											£	385	3	7

Suffolk ss: January 11: 1744/50
Sworne to before me
Jacob Wendell Just. Pa:

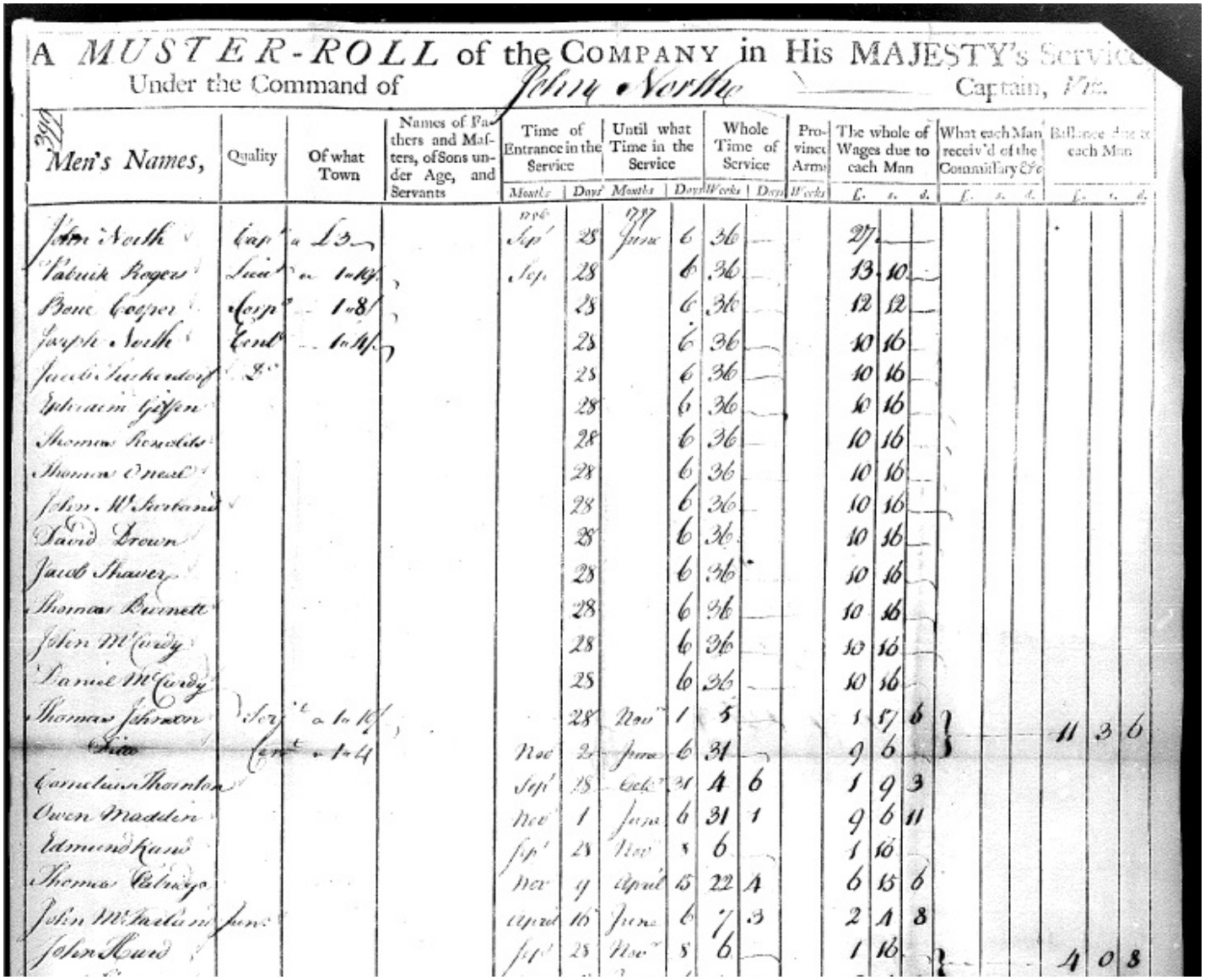
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Naval Muster Roll

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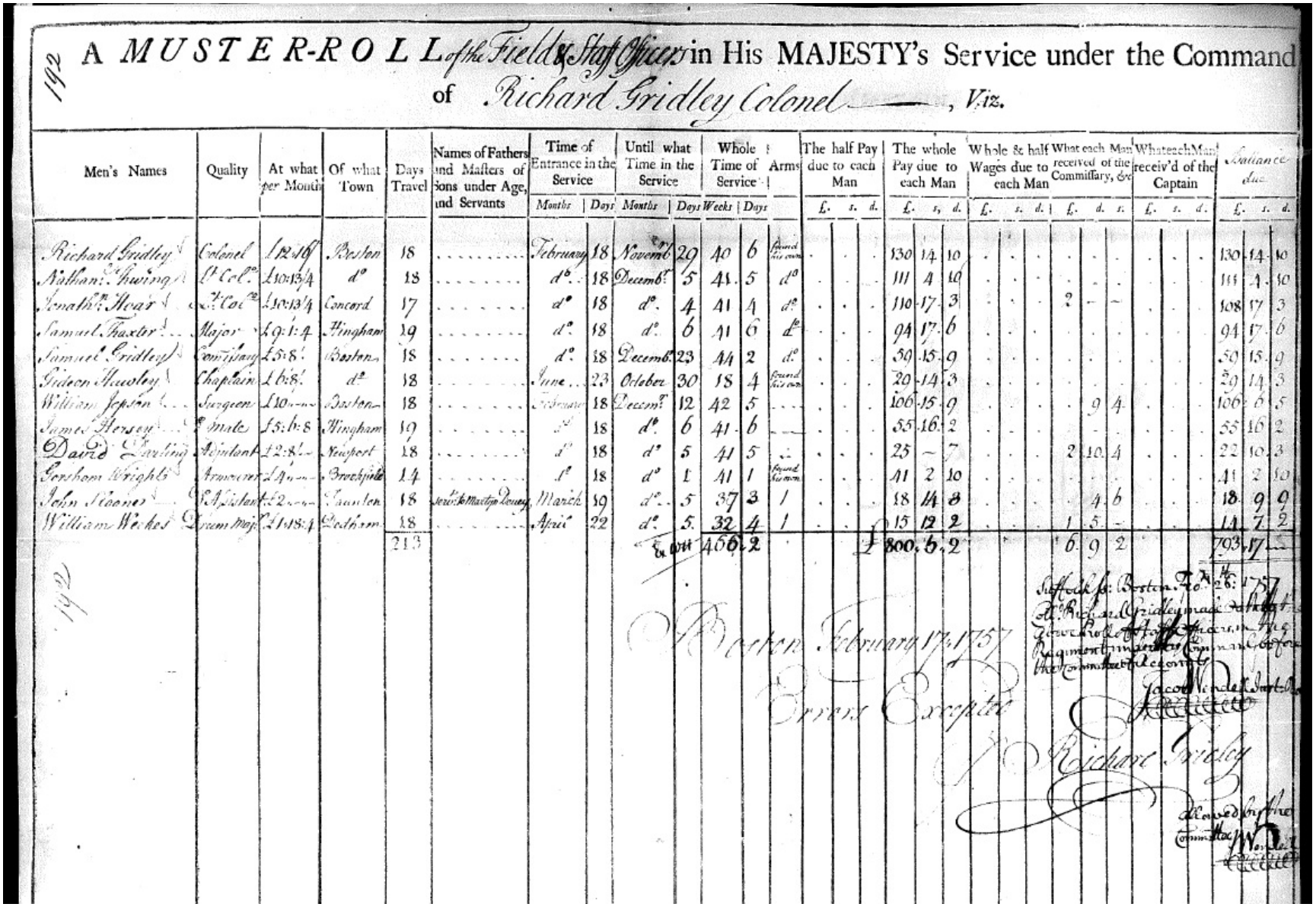


A MUSTER-ROLL of the COMPANY in His MAJESTY's Service
Under the Command of John North Captain, &c.

Men's Names,	Quality	Of what Town	Names of Fathers and Masters, of Sons under Age, and Servants	Time of Entrance in the Service		Until what Time in the Service		Whole Time of Service		Province Arms	The whole of Wages due to each Man			What each Man receiv'd of the Commissary &c			Ballance due to each Man		
				Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
John North	Capt	a L3			28	June	6	36			27								
Patrick Rogers	Lieu			Sep	28		6	36			13	10							
Benj. Cooper	Serj				28		6	36			12	12							
Joseph North	Centl				28		6	36			10	16							
Jacob Luckendorf					28		6	36			10	16							
Ephraim Gilson					28		6	36			10	16							
Thomas Rosedale					28		6	36			10	16							
Thomas O'neal					28		6	36			10	16							
John M'Sartand					28		6	36			10	16							
David Brown					28		6	36			10	16							
Jacob Shaver					28		6	36			10	16							
Thomas Burnett					28		6	36			10	16							
John M'Cardy					28		6	36			10	16							
Daniel M'Cardy					28		6	36			10	16							
Thomas Johnson	Serj	a L6			28	Nov	1	5			1	17	6				11	3	6
Silas	Centl	a L4		Nov	2	June	6	31			9	6							
Cornelius Thornton				Sep	18	Oct	1	4	6		1	9	3						
Owen Madden				Nov	1	June	6	31	1		9	6	11						
Edmond Kane				Sep	28	Nov	1	6			1	16							
Thomas Eldridge				Nov	9	April	5	22	4		6	15	6						
John M'Pherson	Serj			April	16	June	6	7	3		2	1	8						
John Ward				Sep	28	Nov	5	6			1	16					4	0	8

1757 – Company Muster Roll

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A MUSTER-ROLL of the Field & Staff Officers in His MAJESTY's Service under the Command of Richard Gridley Colonel ——, Viz.

Men's Names	Quality	At what per Month	Of what Town	Days Travel	Names of Fathers and Masters of Sons under Age, and Servants	Time of Entrance in the Service		Until what Time in the Service		Whole Time of Service		Arms	The half Pay due to each Man	The whole Pay due to each Man	Whole & half Wages due to each Man	What each Man received of the Commissary, &c	What each Man receiv'd of the Captain	Balance due
						Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Richard Gridley	Colonel	£12:16	Boston	18		February	18	Novemb.	29	40	6	found his own		130 14 10				130 14 10
Nathan. Tyng	Lt Col.	£10:13:4	d°	18		d°	18	Decemb.	5	41	5	d°		111 4 10				111 4 10
Jonath. Hoar	2d Col.	£10:13:4	Concord	17		d°	18	d°.	4	41	4	d°		110 17 3		?		108 17 3
Samuel Thaxter	Major	£9:1:4	Hingham	19		d°.	18	d°.	6	41	6	d°		94 17 6				94 17 6
Samuel Gridley	Commissary	£5:8	Boston	18		d°.	18	Decemb.	23	44	2	d°		50 15 9				50 15 9
Gideon Hawley	Chaplain	£6:8	d°	18		June	23	October	30	18	4	found his own		20 14 3				20 14 3
William Jepson	Surgeon	£10	Boston	18		[illegible]	18	Decem.	12	42	5			106 15 9		9 4		106 6 5
James Hersey	1st Mate	£5:16:8	Hingham	19		d°	18	d°.	6	41	6			55 16 2				55 16 2
David Darling	Assistant	£2:8	Newport	18		d°	18	d°	5	41	5	d°		25 — 7		2 10 4		22 10 3
Gorham Wright	Armourer	£4	Brookfield	14		d°	18	d°	1	41	1	found his own		41 2 10				41 2 10
John Stoones	2d Assistant	£2	Taunton	18	Servt to Martyn Dewey	March	19	d°.	5	37	3	1		18 14 8		4 6		18 9 0
William Weekes	Drum Maj.	£1:18:4	Dedham	18		April	22	d°.	5	32	4	1		15 12 2		1 5 —		14 7 2
				213						456	2		£	800 6 2		6 9 2		793 17 —

Suffolk ss: Boston. Feb. 26: 1757
Lt. Richd Gridley made oath that
the Roll by him
Regiment
Commander
Jacob Wendell Justice

Boston February 17, 1757

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Richard Gridley

Allowed by the
Committee
Jacob Wendell

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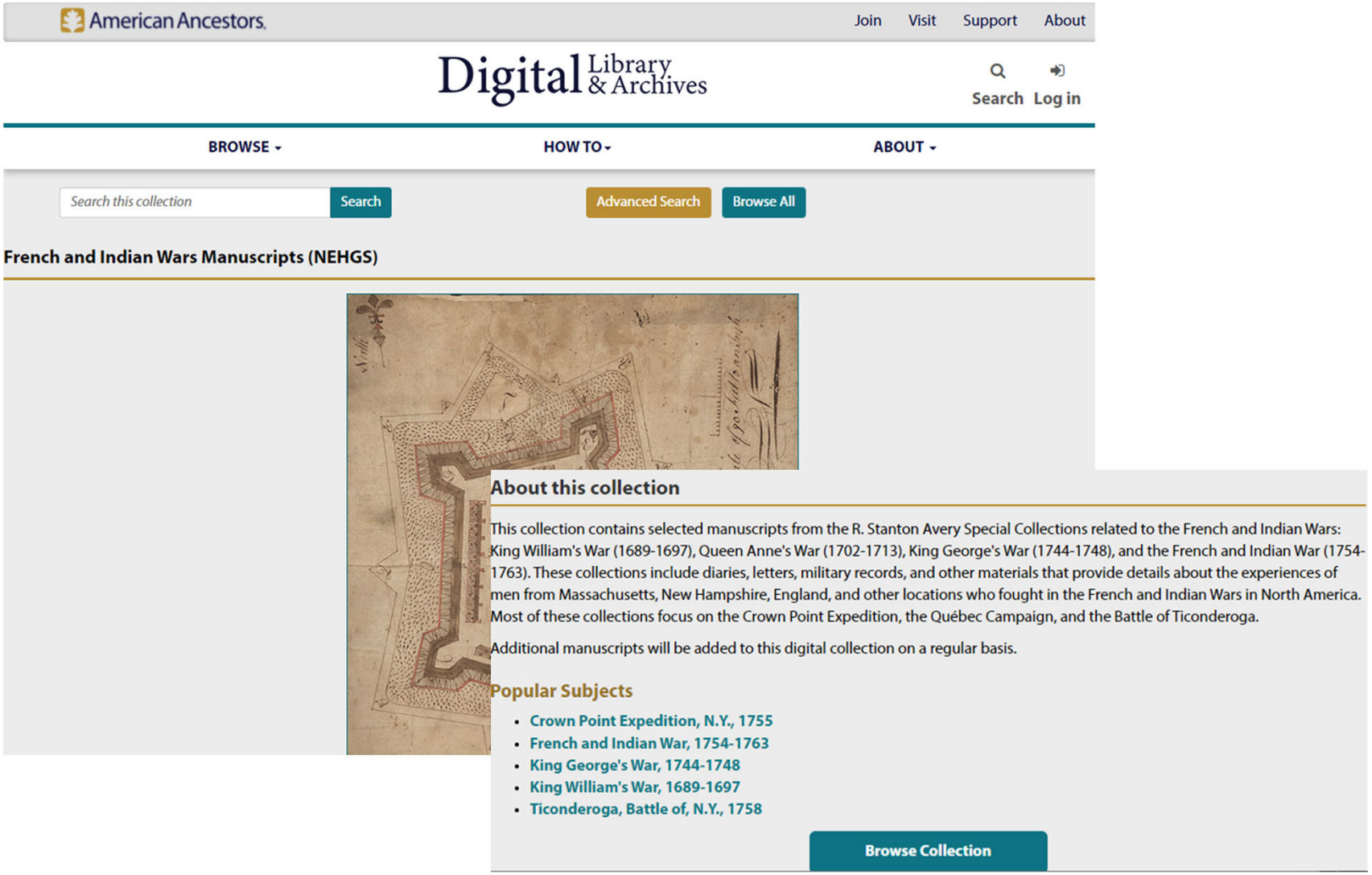
1757 – Muster Roll of Officers

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Commission promoting Charles Frost signed by Thomas Danforth.

Mss 1055

Commission promoting Charles Frost to sergeant major signed by Thomas Danforth, President of Province of [Maine] in New England.



Commission signed by William Stoughton and Isaac Addington

Addington, Isaac, 1645-1715

Mss 1055

Commission signed by William Stoughton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, and Secretary Isaac Addington appointing John Hill Captain of Fort Mary in Saco and in…



Copied original documents about John Hill

Mss 1055

List of soldiers' names that were under the command of John Hill copied from the original document dated 23 February 1693 and 8 November 1693 [verso has an undated copy of a 12 May 1692 letter by Elisha Hutchinson to John Hill requesting that Hill take a gro…



Copy of letters to Captain Frost

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Letter, 8 November 1675, by Sergeant Major Richard Waldron to Captain Frost and Sergeant Neall regarding garrisoning a house with 10 soldiers (undated copy); Letter, 9 September 1675, by Richard Alexander, Sergeant to the Garrison, to Captain Frost regarding th…



Diary and account book of Capt. William Sweat

Sweat, William, 1730-1808

Mss A 1104

Leather bound account book with the first 16 pages being the 1758 almanac by Nathaniel Ames. Diary contains a narrative of the expedition against Ticonderoga during the French and Indian War. The diary begins on page 96 with May 2nd 1758, proceeds to Ma…



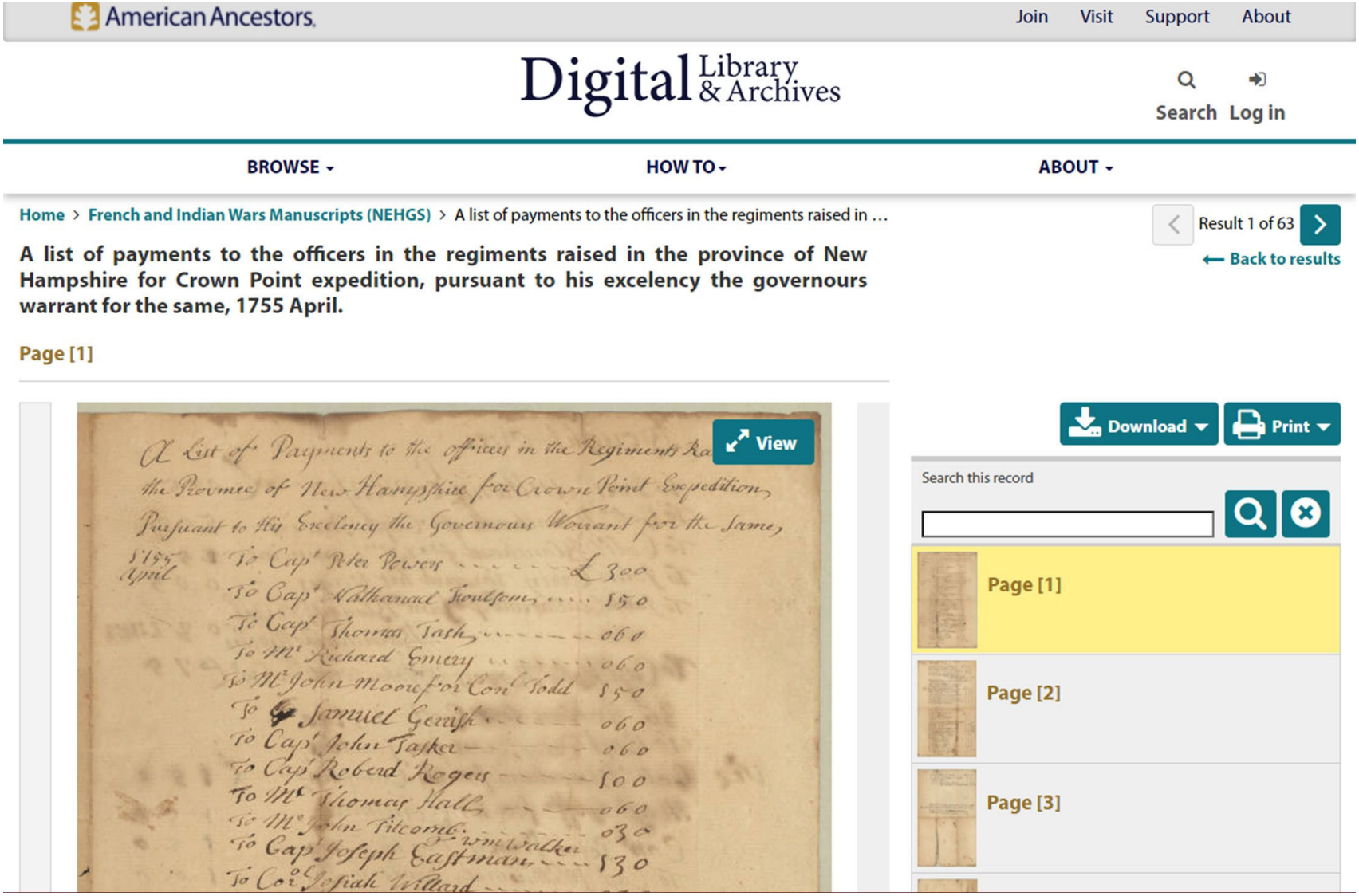
Diary of John Thomas, 1747-1748, 1755.

Thomas, John, 1724-1776

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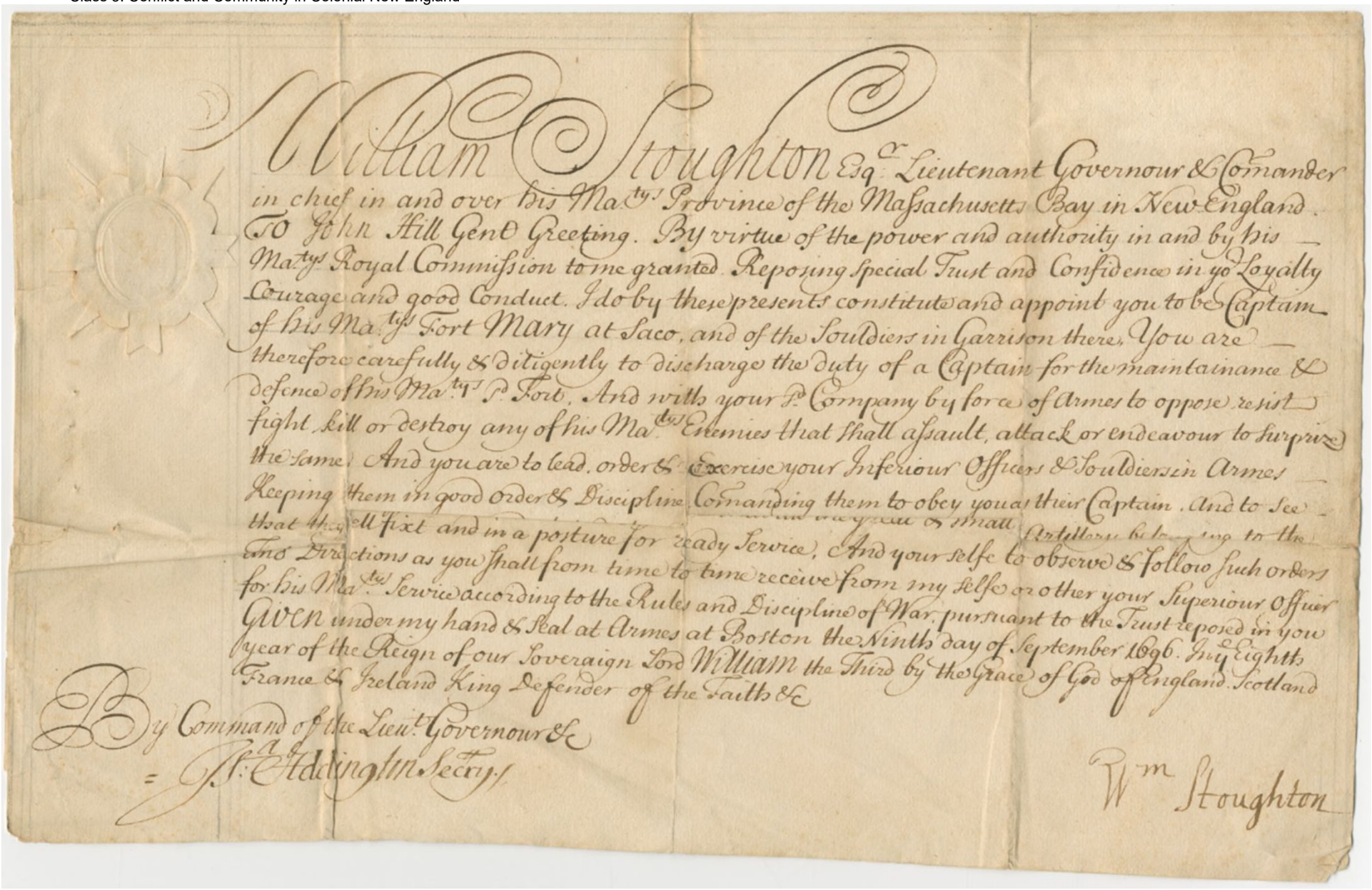
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William Stoughton Esq.r Lieutenant Governour & Comander in chief in and over his Ma.tys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. To John Hill Gen.o Greeting. By virtue of the power and authority in and by his Ma.tys Royal Commission to me granted. Reposing special Trust and Confidence in yo.r Loyalty Courage and good Conduct. I do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Captain of his Ma.tys Fort Mary at Saco, and of the Souldiers in Garrison there. You are therefore carefully & diligently to discharge the duty of a Captain for the maintainance & defence of his Ma.tys s.d Fort. And with your s.d Company by force of Armes to oppose resist fight, kill or destroy any of his Ma.tys Enemies that shall assault, attack or endeavour to surprize the same. And you are to lead, order & Exercise your Inferiour Officers & Souldiers in Armes keeping them in good order & Discipline Comanding them to obey you as their Captain. And to see that they all fixt and in a posture for ready Service. And your selfe to observe & follow such orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from my selfe or other your Superiour Officer for his Ma.tys Service according to the Rules and Discipline of War pursuant to the Trust reposed in you GIVEN under my hand & Seal at Armes at Boston the Ninth day of September 1696. in the Eighth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

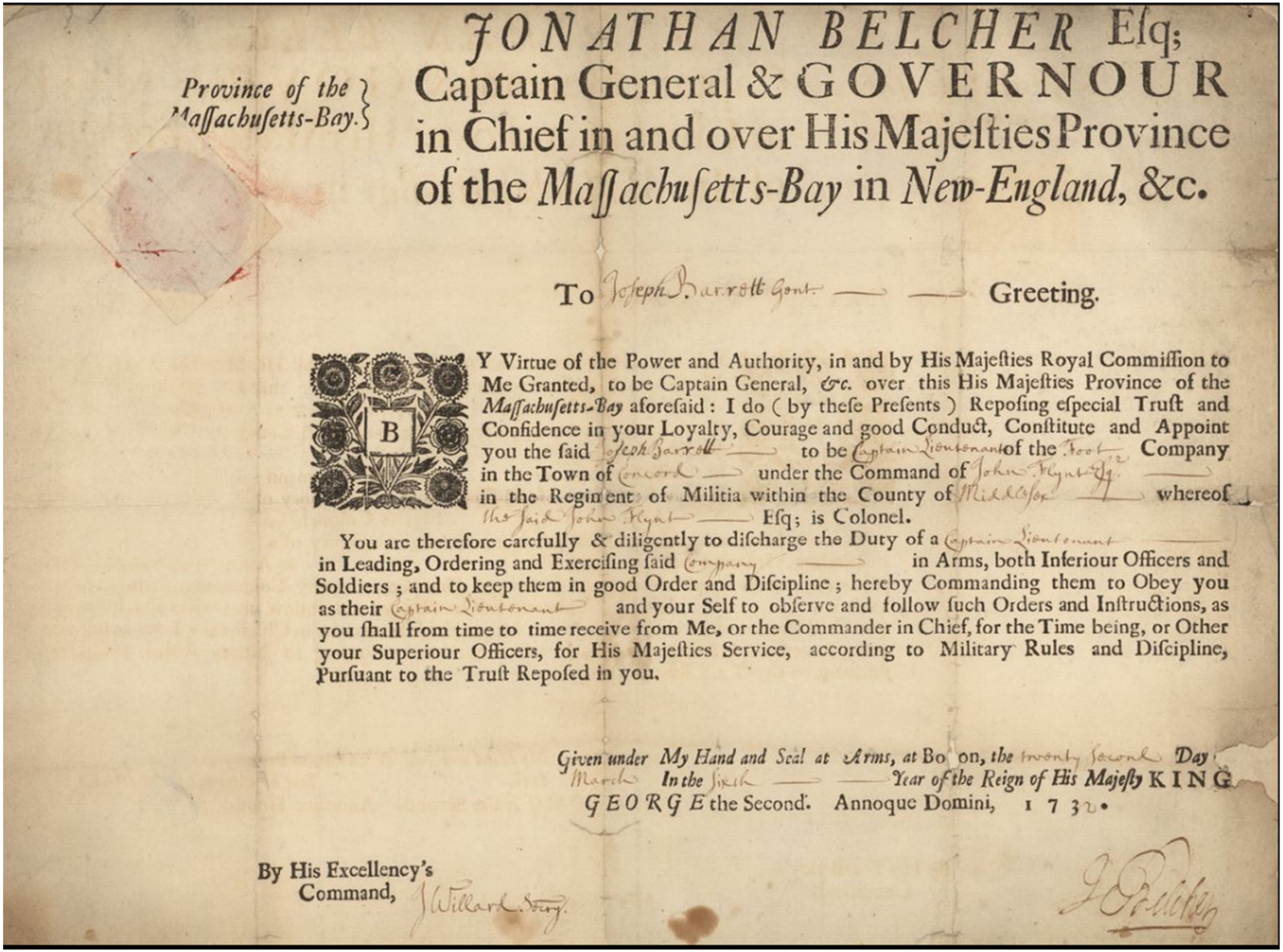
By Command of the Lieu.t Governour &c

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1699 – Military Commission

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JONATHAN BELCHER Esq;
Captain General & GOVERNOUR
in Chief in and over His Majesties Province
of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, &c.

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

To Joseph Barrett Gent —— —— Greeting.

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Y Virtue of the Power and Authority, in and by His Majesties Royal Commission to Me Granted, to be Captain General, &c. over this His Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* aforesaid: I do (by these Presents) Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, Constitute and Appoint you the said Joseph Barrett —— to be Captain Lieutenant of the Foot —— Company in the Town of Concord —— under the Command of John Flynt Esq. —— in the Regiment of Militia within the County of Middlesex —— whereof the said John Flynt —— Esq; is Colonel.

You are therefore carefully & diligently to discharge the Duty of a Captain Lieutenant —— in Leading, Ordering and Exercising said Company —— in Arms, both Inferiour Officers and Soldiers; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline; hereby Commanding them to Obey you as their Captain Lieutenant —— and your Self to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as you shall from time to time receive from Me, or the Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or Other your Superiour Officers, for His Majesties Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline, Pursuant to the Trust Reposed in you.

Given under My Hand and Seal at Arms, at Boston, *the* twenty Second *Day of* March *In the* Sixth —— *Year of the Reign of His Majesty* KING GEORGE the Second. Annoque Domini, 1732.

By His Excellency's Command, J Willard Secry.

J Belcher

1732 – Military Commission

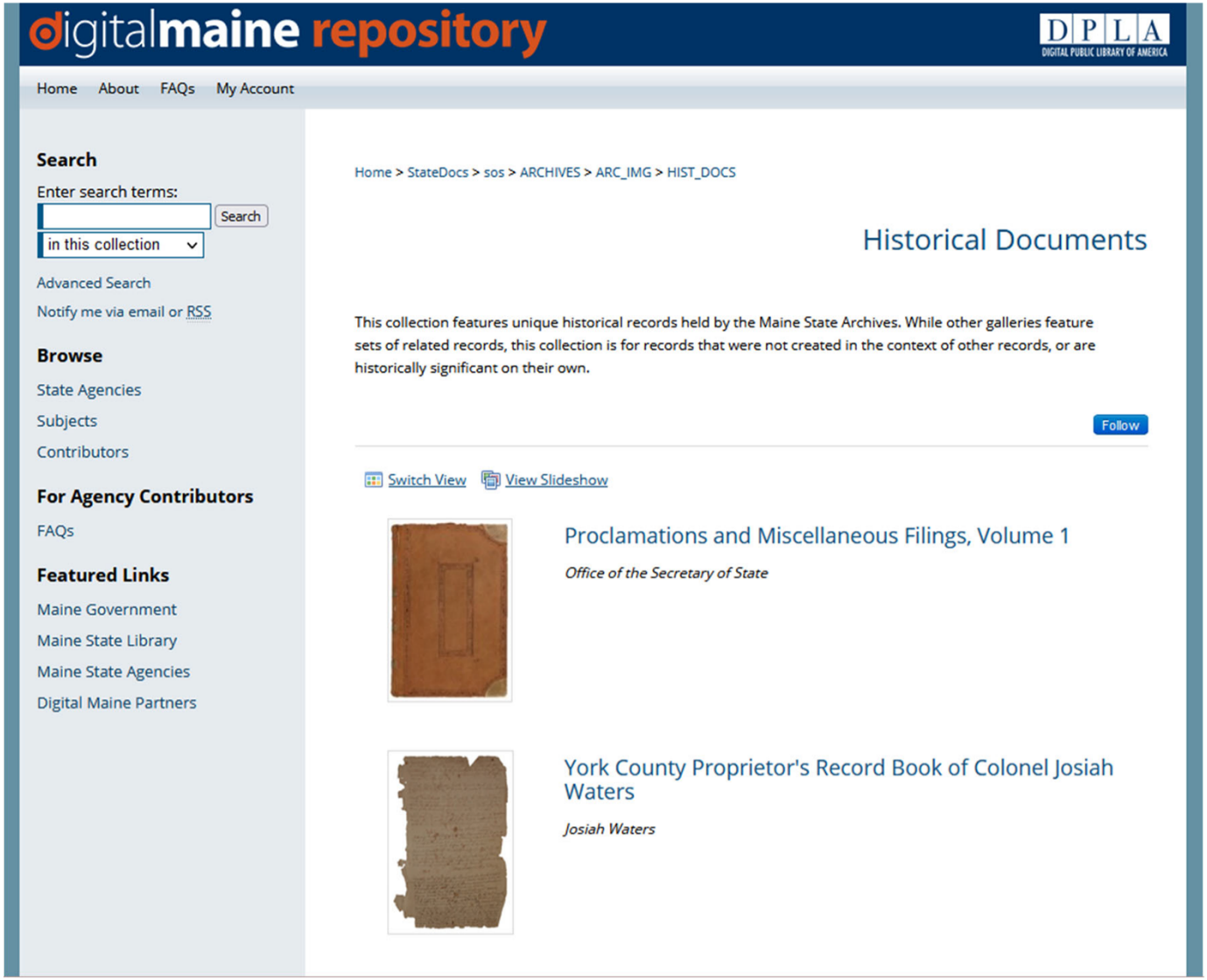
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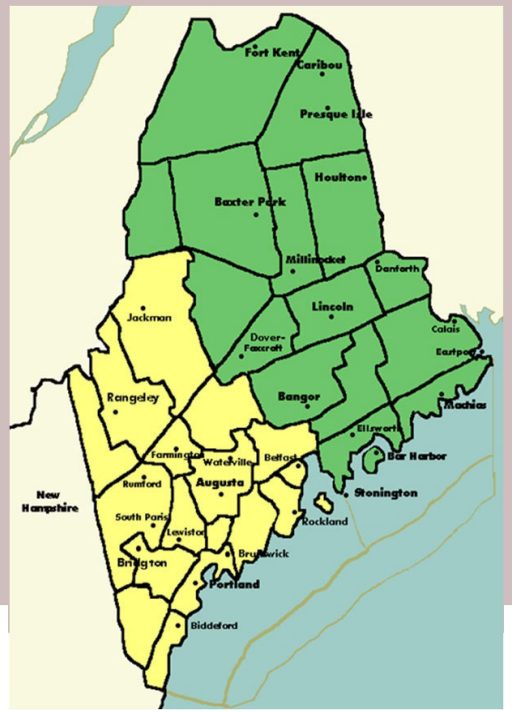


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Hours:
Research by appointment only
Wed–Sat: 1:00 pm–4:00 pm
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Updated information about visiting the Library during COVID-19

Directions



Watch this video and get introduced to the Brown Research Library.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: *The Connecticut State Library has reopened to the public by appointment only on Monday, May 17, 2021. Appointments are available Monday through Friday. For more information on scheduling an appointment, researchers should visit the main State Library page at https://ctstatelibrary.org. Please note that the Museum of Connecticut History will remain closed until further notice. State Archives staff continue to service state and municipal agency record requests by email and phone. State agency and municipal historical documents record transfers have resumed. Private donations of historical documents have resumed as well.*

Since 1855 the Connecticut State Library has acquired historical records from the three branches of State government. In 1909, the General Assembly made the State Library the official State Archives. The Archives contains more than 49,000 cubic feet of records documenting the evolution of state public policy and its implementation, the rights and claims of citizens, and the history of Connecticut and its people.

Reference services and access to archival records are available through History & Genealogy.

For a chronological history see: *Time-Line of Important Dates in the History of Connecticut's Public Records and State Archives Programs* (PDF).

October 9 is Electronic Records Day!

October is Connecticut Archives Month!

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Records of the General Assembly

- Militia
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Genealogical Resources

A guide to the New Hampshire State Library's Genealogy collection, with tips on how to research your family history.

Guide to Collection

The New Hampshire State Library houses approximately 2400 titles of published family histories for New Hampshire and New England. This collection is enhanced by the unique name index to early town records on microfilm (sometimes referred to as the "Sargent" Name Index). The town records, ranging in years for each town but falling roughly between the years 1640 to 1830/40, can provide birth and marriage dates, as well as listings of such items as tax inventories.

Other major resources available include:

- town and county histories
- annual town reports
- federal census records for NH (1790-1930)
- NH newspapers on microfilm
- genealogical columns of the "Boston Transcript"
- legislative biographies (1890 +)
- city and county directories
- military indexes to 1900

Quick Links

- Bureau of Vital Records Frequently Asked Questions
- Forms for Vital Records Requests
- Historical Societies in NH
- Town Reports
- Ancestry (available within the library)
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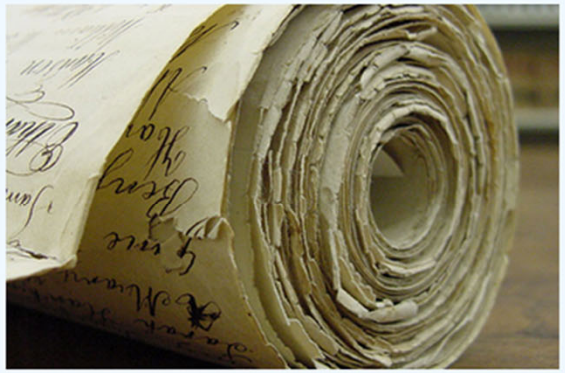
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The State Archives is home to more than 10 million letters, photographs, and important state documents that form a permanent, tangible record of Rhode Island's rich history.



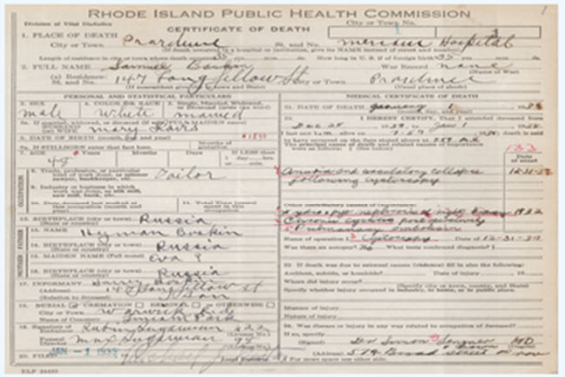
Where is that Record? ➔

Looking to access public records? This chart shows which agency holds commonly-requested public records.



Research and Events ➔

Learn more about scheduling a visit to the State Archives or participating in events and programs.



Birth, Marriage, and Death Records ➔

Discover your family story! Search and view or request certified copies of Rhode Island vital records.

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Rhode Island State Archives

- Muster Rolls, Accounts and Correspondence relating to Crown Point Expedition from RI
- Misc. Documents relating to the French and Indian War. Including conflicts at Ft. George, Ft. Ontario and Ft. Schuyler
- List of Men in the Canadian Expedition and Crown Point Expedition

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Review & Tips

- Learn as much as you can about your colonial New England ancestor
- Learn as much as you can about your colonial ancestor's community
- What conflicts occurred during their lifetime?
- Does the geography align?
- Start to build a timeline of your ancestor's community and situate their life events in that timeline.

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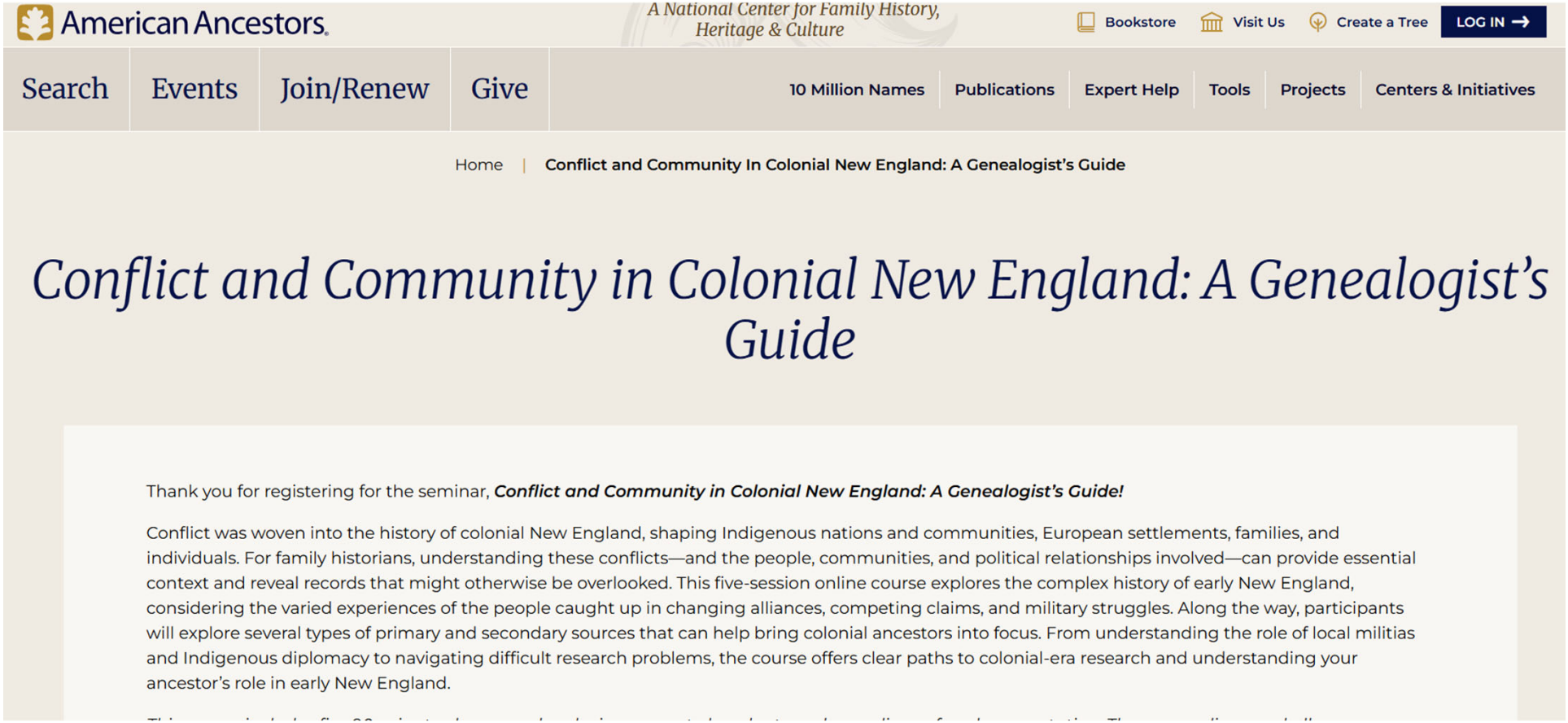


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