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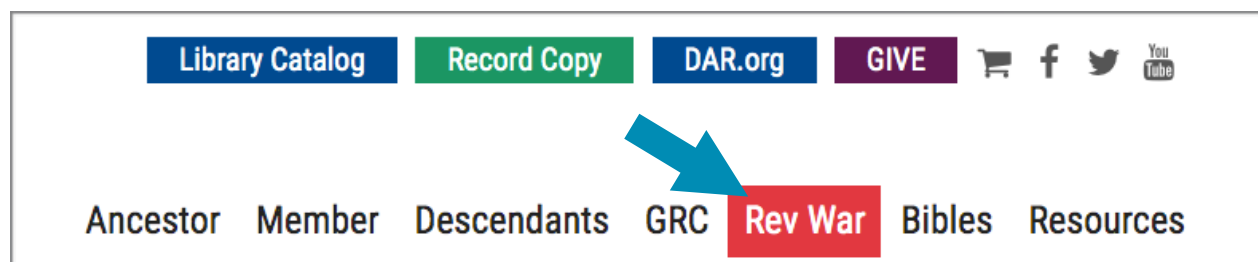
Daughters of the American Revolution
GENEALOGY RESEARCH

User Guide

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At-Home Use

The Revolutionary War Records Collection is a part of the Genealogical Record Search (GRS) available through the NSDAR website. It can be found on the GRS under the "Rev War" tab or at services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search.

The Revolutionary War Records Collection contains two searchable indexes, a downloadable research guide on Forgotten Patriots and the DAR's newest database, the Patriots of Color database, with an introductory explanation on each resource.

Patriot Records Project Index ❯

Patriot Records Project Index: This index contains every readable name of numerous Revolutionary War records. The documents span over 75 years, starting at the very beginning of the Revolutionary War through the last petitions for remuneration. The online collection currently consists of records from the 13 original colonies/states as well as some of the newer states including Maine, Vermont, and Ohio. The collection also includes some French and Spanish records. Over 60 records have been indexed, and millions of names of patriots are now searchable.

Revolutionary War Pension Index ❯

The Revolutionary War Pension Index: In the years prior to the availability of the federal Revolutionary War pensions on microfilm and now online, DAR staff genealogists and volunteers visited the Pension Office and later the National Archives to abstract, type up, and index thousands of pensions needed to prove the Revolutionary War service of pending ancestors of prospective members. They did not, however, abstract every Revolutionary War pension. **More...**

Patriots of Color ❯

Patriots of Color: This is a new database of names of individuals from a wide variety of origins and backgrounds (African, African American, Native American, Latin American, etc.), who assisted the Revolutionary War effort on the Patriot side. The database builds upon the work done by DAR's *Forgotten Patriots Project* in highlighting the important contributions made by these individuals to the cause of American independence.
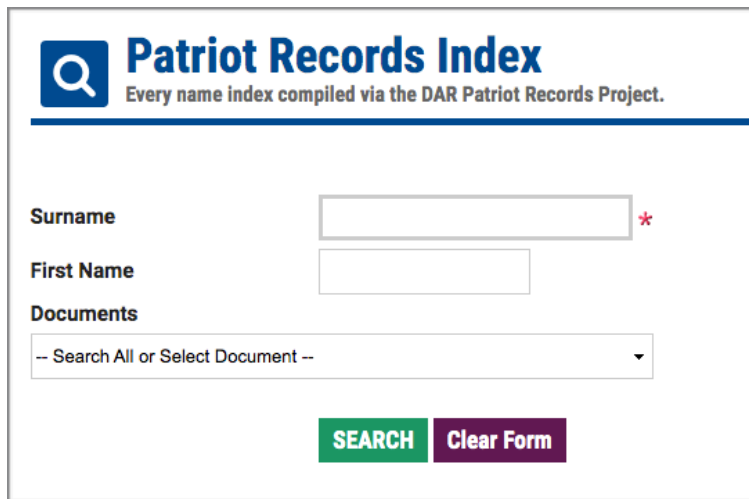
Forgotten Patriots Research Guide ❯

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources, and Studies: Since its founding in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has collected and published information about the American Revolution. Included in this tradition have been articles, grave markings, or placement of historical plaques that note the involvement of African Americans and American Indians in the struggle. It is in that vein that the Forgotten Patriot has been developed and published. **More...**
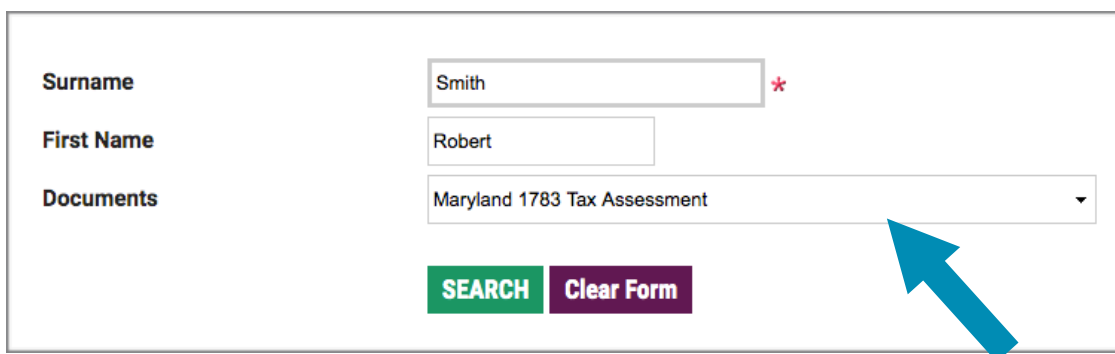
Patriot Records Project Index

The Revolutionary War Digital Library consists of approximately 100 collections of digitized documents and microfilm relating to the Revolutionary War curated by and housed online at the NSDAR. For more information about this collection see the *Revolutionary War Digital Library* section further on in this document. While the entire collection is only available in person at the Library, the index can be searched anywhere! It is important to note that the entire collection is not yet indexed therefore not all of the materials are available outside of the Library.

Indexing of the Revolutionary War Library is a volunteer project known as the Patriot Records Project (PRP). Volunteers diligently work to index all of the names that appear in the records, and the resulting index is then made searchable online. If you are a DAR member interested in becoming a volunteer for this project, please reach out to your chapter chair or click "Volunteer Now" on the PRP member page, https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/patriot-records-project/patriot-records-project.

It is simple and easy to search through this collection! To do so type a name in the search box and browse through the results. If the initial query pulls up too many results to search through try selecting a document to narrow the scope of your search. (See arrow below.)

The results will list the name, possible certificate number, location, and document collection in which it was found.

When viewing the search results you will see a small blue question mark next to the collections listed in the document column. If you click on this blue question mark detailed information about the colle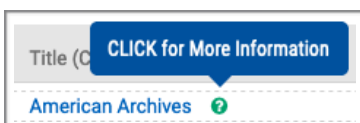ction will appear in a pop-up box. This blue question mark will always appear next to collection titles for easy access to the information.

To view the source document click on the hyperlinked name in blue text. The document will appear in the NSDAR document viewer, which allows for the user to zoom in and out on a page as well as rotate it. The user is also able to browse through the rest of the document using all of the controls in the blue section along the top of the image.

NOTE: Clicking on the name will open a new window or tab. If nothing loads when clicking on the name check your computer settings to make sure that NSDAR is enabled to open new windows.

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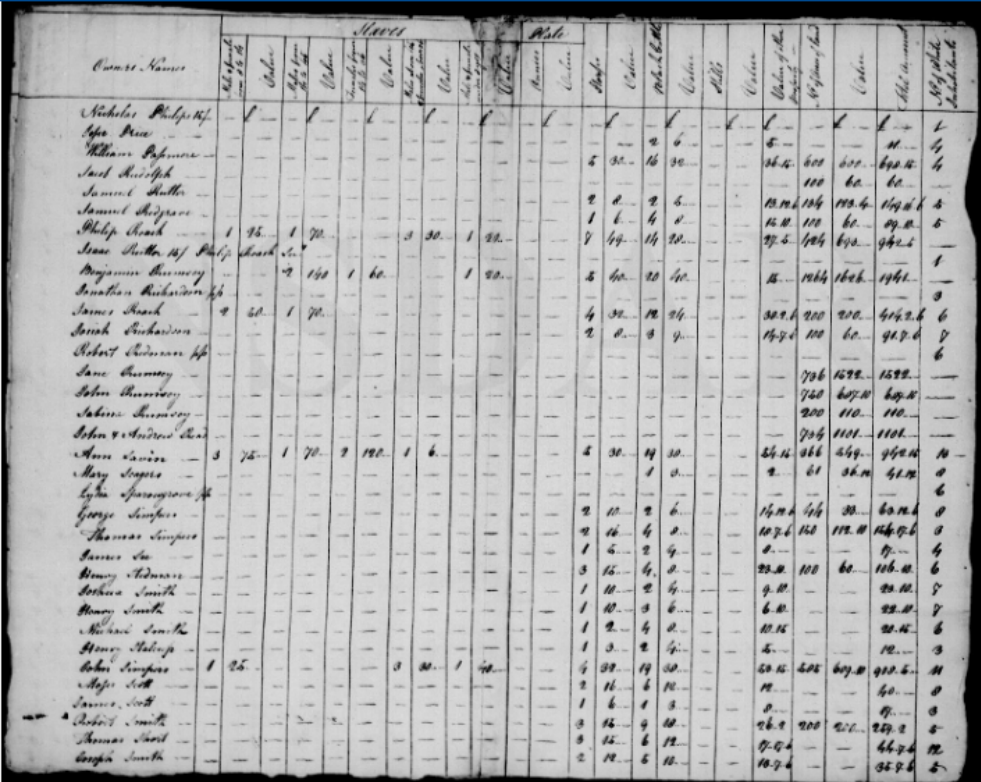
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Documents from this page cannot be printed outside of the Library, however, copies can be purchased through the Library's Search Services, found at https://www.dar.org/library/services/search-services. For easy access to the Search Service Photocopy Service order forms there is also a hyperlink to the form found on the main page of the Revolutionary War Tab.

To order photocopies of images from these databases, please use LG-3001, the Photocopy Request Form.

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This database is searchable in two ways, alphabetically by surname and by state/source.

SEARCH BY SURNAME | SEARCH BY STATE/SOURCE

Select to search by surname and state/source.

To search by surname, simply click on the "Search by Surname" box. After the alphabetical list appears, click on the first letter of the surname. A more detailed alphabetical list will appear with the first three letters of a surname. After selecting from the additional search criteria, a list of individuals who meet that criteria will appear.

NOTE: If a name is spelled in multiple ways, it will be included in each set of search results in which it may appear. For example if a surname may be spelled HAYNES/HAINS/HANES it will be included in the results from HAI, HAN. and HAY.

To search by State/Source, select "Search by State/Source." Similarly to searching by surname, an alphabetical list will appear. Select the first letter of the surname.

The state/source search also allows for a user to "Search All Names," for both individual states and the entire database.

After a letter or set of letters is selected, a list of search results will appear. The basic search results will include information on the individual, including state, surname, and (when applicable) first name, DAR Ancestor number, notes on the individual, pension number, and residence.

For a more in depth record on the individual, click on the Patriot's name to view their full record.

Massachusetts

Surname:	TILER
First Name	JAMES
Notes on Individual:	Seaman on the Nantucket brig Hanover.
Residence:	Nantucket

Pennsylvania

Surname:	TILL
First Name	HANNAH
Ancestor #:	A211724
Notes on Individual:	Patriotic Service. Cook.
Residence:	No residence given.

Rhode Island

Surname:	TILLINGHAST
First Name	CATO
Residence:	No residence given.

Surname:	TILL
First Name:	HANNAH
State:	Pennsylvania
Ancestor #:	A211724
Notes on Individual:	Patriotic Service. Cook.
Residence:	No residence given.
Reference:	GWPR5

Reference Descriptions

GWPR5   George Washington Papers: Series 5, Financial Papers, 1750-1796, MSS 44693. Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Electronic version available at the Library of Congress. ☐

The full view of the record includes a direct link to the DAR Ancestor Database, if the Patriot is already established. It also includes information on the resource in which the individual was mentioned.

Many records include multiple references and reference codes. When available, there is a link to the resource or a link to a catalog record for the resource.

Some reference descriptions may contain information on how to read the reference codes that are listed in the "Reference" section at the top of the page. This may include a specific volume or page number/range in a particular resource.

In the example on the right, the individual is found on page 174 of the resource DRM, as well as on page 607 of the 11th volume of resource MSS.

References:	DRM:174, MSS:11:607

In the Library

More resources relating to the Revolutionary War are accessible on-site at the NSDAR Library. In addition to the searchable indexes previously discussed the full Revolutionary War Digital Library is accessible and searchable via title and collection. Full digital copies of the *State Source Guides* and *America's Women in the Revolutionary Era: A History Through Bibliography* are also available on this portal.

Revolutionary War Digital Library ⊙

Patriot Records Microfilm : Access all digitized records by document or roll number. This option is only available for staff and library vistors.

State Source Guides ⊙   Available only from within the DAR complex.

State Source Guides for Genealogists and Historians: The DAR Library has a series of publications that focus on research in nine of the original states during the American Revolution. The series is designed to provide detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for each state for the period of the Revolutionary War along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published and which supplement the original sources. This section is only available within the DAR Library.

America's Women in the Revolutionary Era ⊙   Available only from within the DAR complex.

America's Women in the Revolutionary Era 1760-1790: A History Through Bibliography: An authoritative guide to women's and girls' lives in the era of the American Revolution. DAR Library researchers made an effort to locate every relevant published resource about Revolutionary women possible, including books, articles, dissertations and online documents, in order to aid researchers, understand existing literature and illuminate gaps to encourage future research.

Revolutionary War Digital Library

The Revolutionary War Digital Library is a curated collection of materials focused on the Revolutionary War, comprised of primary and secondary resources that can be used to help prove service of patriots. The Digital Library currently includes collections in English, French, and Spanish, and contains records from the Continental Army and 17 states covering approximately 75 years, starting at the onset of the Revolutionary War and extending through the last petitions for remuneration.

Collections and individual rolls, reels, and volumes are named after the title on the digitized film so that these records can be compared to those from other genealogical websites such as Ancestry or FamilySearch. It is the hope of the Library to continue adding materials to the Digital Library in order to create a more comprehensive collection.

Roll Count	Title (Click to Display Rolls)	Names Indexed
1	American Archives ❓	
12	Auditor of Public Accounts ❓	
1	Bute Co Oaths of Allegiance ❓	639
1	Calendar of Historical Manuscripts ❓	49,475
1	Civil and Military List of Rhode Island ❓	
1	Collections of the New York Historical Society ❓	15,645
4	Compiled Military Service Records ❓	11,069
948	Compiled Military Service Records ❓	
7	Connecticut American Revolution Documents, 1765-1844 ❓	
36	Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War Accounts Series 1 ❓	145,575
1	Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War Accounts Series 1, Vol. 23 ❓	3,230
17	Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War Accounts Series 2 ❓	233,152
3	Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War Accounts Series 3 ❓	13,785
8	Connecticut Revolutionary War Orderly Books ❓	25,053
3	Connecticut Revolutionary War Papers and Private Collections ❓	33,174
2	Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island Continental Loans ❓	16,626
1	Correspondence and Journals of the Maryland Council of Safety ❓	
1	Delaware and Maryland Continental Loans ❓	5,424
3	Delaware Archives Unpublished Manuscripts ❓	11,702
1	Delaware Final Pension Payment Files ❓	2,224
2	Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York ❓	
16	Early American Orderly Books ❓	88,490
5	Georgia Final Pension Payment Vouchers ❓	
1	Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army ❓	24,436
1	Hojas de Servicio Militares de America ❓	

The leftmost column of the Digital Library shows how many rolls are in each collection and the rightmost column notes how many names are indexed in each collection. If there is no number next to a collection in the "Names Indexed" column it means that the indexing for this collection has not yet been done.

Within each individual collection the individual rolls will be listed along with the number of images and the roll number. The roll number may help with locating materials from citations as well as creating them.

Images	Title (Click to view images)	Roll Number	
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146	COL WEBB 1776	3636	🔗
416	COL SB WEBBS REGT 1780	3637	🔗
247	COL SB WEBBS REGT 1781	3638	🔗
40	GEN J CLINTON 1780	3639	🔗
213	2ND REGT DRAG 1776	3640	🔗

Large collections have a filter to help quickly locate a reel based on the organization of the collection.

> **Collection consists of records pertaining to Continental and state troops.**
> **To view records of Continental units, search under "No Filter" and view the results on the first page.**
> CT DE GA MA MD NC NH NJ NY PA RI SC VA VT | No Filter

> **Filter Results - Rev War Pensions and Bounty Land Warrants**
> A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W | No Filter

NOTE: When selecting materials from the Digital Library the digitized film will open at the beginning of the reel.

State Source Guides

The *State Source Guides for Genealogists and Historians* outline the availability of manuscript and archival material for each of the original states during the period of the American Revolution. Written by Genealogists at NSDAR these State Source Guides are a great resource for anyone who needs guidance on the next place to look in their research.
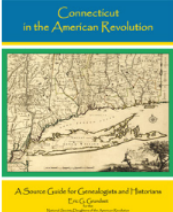
All of the State Source Guides are available as e-books on the Rev War tab and physically in the Library. The Source Guides are also available for purchase through the DAR Store, https://shop.dar.org/.

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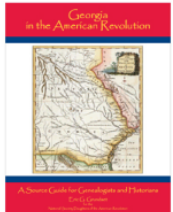
Connecticut in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians

Connecticut in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians provides detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for Connecticut for the period of the Revolutionary War along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published and which supplement the original sources. It is the most extensive gathering of such information ever published, and researchers will find it an essential resource with which to identify materials and studies located in many scattered libraries and archives.

Georgia in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians

Georgia in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians provides detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for the state for the period of the Revolutionary War along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published and which supplement the original sources. It is the most extensive gathering of such information ever published, and researchers will find it an essential resource with which to identify materials and studies located in many scattered libraries and archives. The book comprises more than 300 pages including text pages, map pages, and an index to the text.