

SEARCHING FOR YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS

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Slides are Online

- At www.dennisAhogan.com, click on Lectures and Handouts tab
- Select a file and save to your computer, then you can click on links to try out websites
- The handout file:
 - **Course Revolutionary War Handout**

2026

- Soon you will be hearing a lot about our Declaration of Independence. 2026 is the 250th anniversary of its signing - also referred to as the United States Semiquincentennial.
- Many organizations are preparing festivities to commemorate the occasion.
- <https://www.revolution250.org/>

Pomeroy Foundation

- Provides grants for historical markers
- Now offering grants for a special marker for cemeteries containing remains of Revolutionary War Veterans



Primary Sources

You are hoping to identify individuals who participated in some way in the Revolutionary War. This must be supported by primary sources - documentation created at or near the time of the event.

The Revolutionary War

April 19, 1775 - War begins with shots fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.

June 14, 1775 - Continental Congress (13 Colonies) creates the Continental Army with George Washington as the commander.

June 17, 1775 - Battle of Bunker Hill - first major conflict and first American win.

July 4, 1776 - Continental Congress adopts Declaration of Independence

December 1776 to January 1777 - Washington crosses the Delaware River and achieves victory at Trenton, New Jersey

February 1778 - France enters war against Britain

September to October, 1781 - British Army Surrenders

September 3, 1783 - Treaty of Paris officially ends the war

Military Service

Militia (~145,000 soldiers)

community based, irregular training

Minute Men Militia

advanced regular training

Continental Army (~231,000 soldiers + ~12,000 French)

professionally training

[British ~22,000 + Loyalists ~25,000 + Hessian ~ 30,000]

Non-Military Patriotic Service

Oaths of Fidelity

Doctors & Nurses

Teamsters/Suppliers

Lending Money or Munitions

Taxes specific for the war effort

Women:

Boycotting British goods

Spinning Bees

Fundraising for supplies for soldiers

Identify Your Ancestors Who Served

Typically males born 1730 through 1770 are candidates. Search your genealogical database for men born in this timeframe (and living during the war).

Don't limit your search to direct ancestors. Brothers, cousins, uncles, nephews, in-laws may have served and their military records may include important family info.

Identify Your Ancestors Who Served

Any family legends concerning the Revolutionary War?

Any family relics that may be from the Revolutionary War era?

Cemetery Records

[rarely include primary sources - treat as hints]

Findagrave.com

Billiongraves.com

Interment.net

Locateagrave.com

Procure a photo of stone.

Any flags or other markers?

Types of Records

- Pension - Fold3.com &
<https://catalog.archives.gov/search-within/300022>
- Muster Rolls - FamilySearch
- Compiled Service Records
- State Specific Service - DAR has guides
- Where:
 - FamilySearch.org
 - Ancestry.com
 - Fold3.com

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InfoContributions

Blodget, Solomon Info

Title	Blodget, Solomon
Total images	20
State	Massachusetts
Veteran	Blodget, Solomon
Service	Mass.
Pension Number	S. 12,244
Conflict Period	US Revolutionary War
Served for	United States of America

US, Revolutionary War Pensions, 1800-1900

Muster Rolls at FamilySearch



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Name

Events and Relationships

Solomon Blodgett

Principal
United States Revolutionary War Rolls,
1775-1783



Solomon Blodgett

Principal
United States Revolutionary War Rolls,
1775-1783



Military Service 1 July 1777
Massachusetts, United States

Military Service 5 January 1779
Massachusetts, United States

Search

Add Ancestor Information

[NAME](#) [ALTERNATE NAME](#) [SEX](#)

First Names

Solomon

Last Names

Blodgett

Add Life Event

[ANY](#) [BIRTH](#) [MARRIAGE](#) [RESIDENCE](#)

Place

City, County, State, Province, or Country

Year (Range)

From

To

Compiled Service Records



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Upgrade to Pro Tools



All U.S., Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775-1783 results for Solomon Blodgett

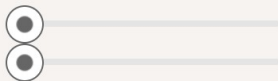


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Solomon
Blodgett



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Researching with Lineage Societies

- DAR, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, <https://www.dar.org>
- SAR, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, <https://www.sar.org>

Researching on the DAR site

- <https://www.dar.org>
- Click GRS, Ancestor, enter patriot info
- Click Search yields a list of all ladies who applied through that patriot
- Click on the Nat'l Number, click on "Purchase Associated Record Copy"
- Click on Preview: Lineage
- Displays the patriot's lineage
- (Many other useful resources are available)

DAR Content Example

died at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA on 3 - Jan - 1866 and his (1st) wife

Esther Ann Spencer born on - - 1828 at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA

died at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA on 30 - Dec - 1865 married on 4 - Mar - 1851

married at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA

3. The Said William Oren Blodget was the child of

Search ▾

Arba Blodget born on 18 - Apr - 1789 at Brimfield Hampshire Co MA

died at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA on 28 - Nov - 1837 and his (1st) wife

Bebe Bullock born on 8 - Mar - 1790 at Rehoboth Hampshire Co MA

died at Sugar Grove Warren Co PA on 21 - Jun - 1878 married on 31 - Dec - 1811

married at Bush Chautauqua Co NY

9. The Said Arba Blodget was the child of

Search ▾

Solomon Blodgett born on 4 - Apr - 1756 at Brimfield Hampshire Co MA

died at Gorham Ontario Co NY on 21 - May - 1844 and his (1st) wife

Hepzibah Brown born on 26 - Mar - 1759 at Brimfield Hampshire Co MA

died at Easton Ontario Co NY on 17 - Feb - 1793 married on 19 - Sep - 1782

married at Brimfield Hampshire Co MA

Researching on the SAR site

- <https://www.sar.org>
- Click Genealogy, Patriot Research System
- Click on the Patriot Research System box
- Click on Descendent search, yields a list of all men who applied through that patriot
- Click on an applicant
- Click patriot's name, displays patriot details
- Click on View Application Detail, displays the patriot's lineage
- (Many other useful resources are available)

SAR Content Example

State of Service: MA Qualifying Service: Private / Patriotic Service

DAR #: A011

Birth: 04 Apr 1756 Brimfield / Hampshire / MA

Death: 21 May 1844 Gorham / Ontario / NY

Patriotic Service Description:

1. Private in Captain Abel Thayer's company, Colonel Fellows's (8th) regiment; company return dated Dorchester, October 1775
2. Captain Thomas Barns's (Light Infantry) company, Colonel Thomas Nixon's regiment; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 2 April 1777 to 31 December 1779
3. Captain William Toogood's company, Colonel Nixon's regiment; return of men in camp on or before 15 August 1777, dated Camp near Peeksk 16 February 1779; reported deserted 12 April 1778; returned 14 May 1778
4. Captain Barnes's company, Colonel Nixon's (6th) regiment; pay abstract made up from 17 May 1779, to 31 August 1779; reported returned from captivity 17 May 1779
5. Prisoner of war

Sources:

1. Rev War Graves Register. Clovis H. Brakebill, compiler. 672pp. SAR. 1993
2. SAR Rev War Graves Register CD. Progeny Publishing Co: Buffalo, NY
3. Rev War Pension #S12244
4. Secretary of the Commonwealth, MA Soldiers, and Sailors of the Rev War, MA. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co, 1901, Vol 2, page, 199

Spouse: (1) Hepzibah Brown; (2) Thankful Blair

Children: Arba; Martin; Augustus; Lorin; Melinda; Cyrenus; Garnder;

Joining a Lineage Society

<https://www.americanancestors.org/video-library/applying-revolutionary-war-lineage-societies>