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Introduction

On the single roll of this microfilm publication, M2079, are reproduced the accounts of the final pension payments for veterans of the Revolutionary War who resided in Delaware. One voucher was awarded for service in the War of 1812. These records are part of Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury Record Group (RG) 217, and are also part of the records designated as Entry 722, Selected Final Payment Vouchers, 1818B1864, in William F. Sherman, *Inventory of the Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury*, Inventory No. 14 (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1987). M-2079 was funded by the National Institute on Genealogical Research Alumni Association and the National Archives Trust Fund.

Background

Over 30 acts of Congress provided pensions for veterans of the Revolutionary War or their widows. The process was often quite involved, but, if an application was denied, the soldier or his widow could then apply under another Revolutionary War pension act. If pension money was owed to the pensioner, upon his or her death, the pensioner's widow (if the pensioner was the veteran) or heirs (if the pensioner was a veteran's widow) could apply to have the arrears paid to them. If the widow or heirs did not file for the money that was due the pensioner from the time he received his last payment until the time of his death, there is no final payment recorded, only a last payment.

Description of Records

These vouchers for Delaware are arranged alphabetically by name of pensioner. Payment vouchers may include some or all of the following: name of the pensioner; name of the pensioner's spouse; pensioner's county of residence; pensioner's previous county or counties of residence in Delaware or another state; military service of the veteran including rank and organizational information; Congressional pension act that covered the claim; monetary provisions of the pension; final pension payment amount; date that the last pension payment was made; and miscellaneous information, such as the name of the attorney or executor handling the filing of the claim. Some of the vouchers also include the names of the pensioner's surviving children and the dates of death of the veteran and/or his widow.

Sometimes a file provides more than one final payment date for a claim. In some cases several documents in a file are marked as final payment records because frequently the amount of a claim was miscalculated and additional payments were made over a period of time. Occasionally the final payment amount was large enough that it was paid in installments rather than in one lump sum. Receipt by the pension office of additional information about a claim could either prolong payments made to the pensioner under the original claim or entitle the pensioner to supplemental benefits.

The names of pensioners, spouses, and heirs are listed in the table of contents, which also indicates the

pensioner's date of death. In some cases, the voucher indicates the name of the administrator of the pensioner's estate.

Related Records

Records relating to soldiers from the state of Delaware who participated in the Revolutionary War can be found in RG 93, War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records. These have been reproduced in National Archives Microfilm Publication M860, *General Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers*; M881, *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War*; M879, *Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel who Served During the Revolutionary War*; and M880, *Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel and Members of the Departments of the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Military Stores who Served During the Revolutionary War*. Microfilm Publication M904, *War Department Collection of Post-Revolutionary War Manuscripts*, roll 3, Delaware files 1, includes documents relating to the pay of state militia organizations called into Federal service during the years 1787-1788, 1794, and 1799, and service in the Continental Army in 1790.

Additional information pertaining to Revolutionary War service are found in RG 15, Records of the Veterans Administration. Microfilm Publications M804, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*; M805, *Selected Records From Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*; and T316, *Old War Index to Pension Files, 1815-1926*, are pertinent.

Final payment vouchers for Revolutionary War veterans residing in Georgia have been microfilmed as M1746, *Final Revolutionary War Pension Payment Vouchers: Georgia*. Final payment vouchers for veterans who resided in other states have not yet been microfilmed.

Publications

For more detailed information on this topic, consult Calvin B. Walker, *Digest of the Pension Laws of the United States* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1882); *Guide to Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969); Henry Clay Harmon, *A Manual of the Pension Laws of the United States* (Washington, DC: Morrison Publishers, 1867); and Robert Mayo, *Revolutionary War Army and Navy Pension Laws* (Washington, DC: Tower Bookprinters, 1852).

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