

How Can Revolutionary War Pension Application Files Assist Genealogy Research?

Pension files are usually rich in genealogical detail. When Revolutionary War veterans or their dependents applied for a pension, they were required to prove military service and their identity through supporting documentation. Records that may be found in pension files include but are not limited to:

- Narratives of events during service
- Marriage certificates
- Birth records
- Death certificates
- Pages from family Bibles
- Family letters
- Depositions of witnesses
- Affidavits

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Find the original patriots in your family tree in the complete set of Revolutionary War Pension Files.

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U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900

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First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

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Lived In

Any Event

Keyword

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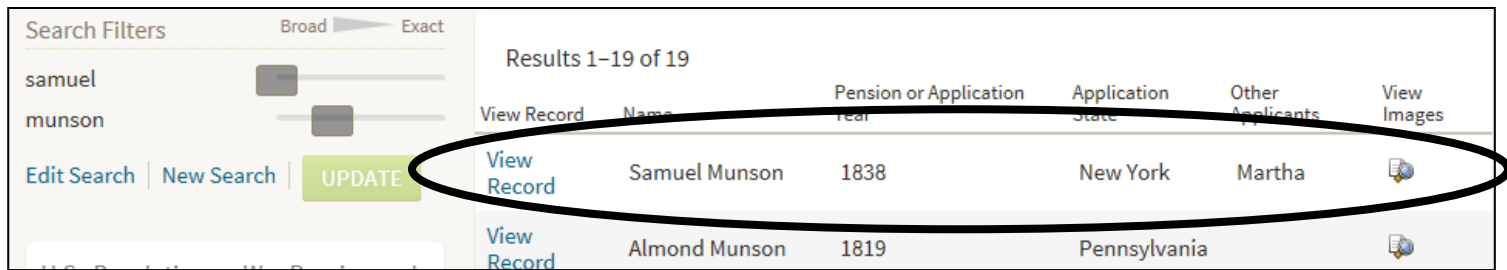
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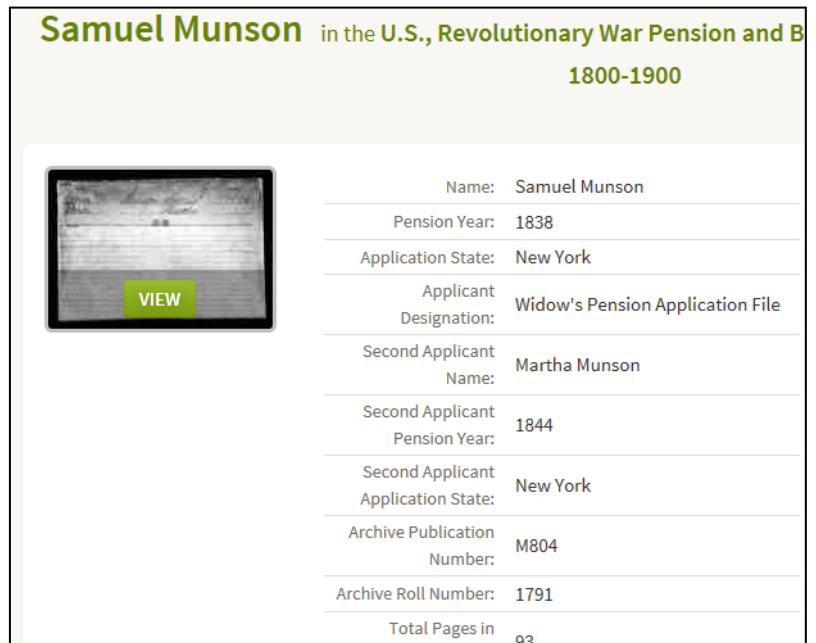
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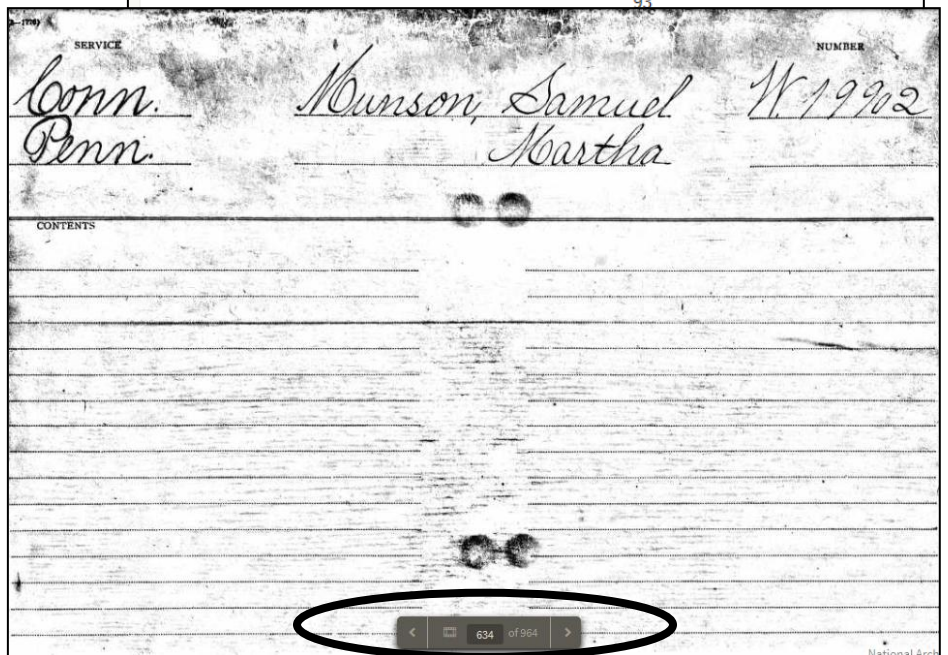


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