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On the 125 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced about 35,500 "miscellaneous" numbered records (the "Manuscript File"), originals and copies, pertaining to Revolutionary War military operations, service of individuals, pay and settlement of accounts, and supplies. The records are part of the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, Record Group 93. Most of the original records are dated from 1775 to the early 1790's, but some were created in the 19th century, generally in connection with settling accounts and granting pensions to former servicemen and their heirs. Most copies of records were made by the War Department in the 1890's.

The War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records

An act of August 7, 1789 (1 Stat. 49), established a Department of War in the Federal Government. The act provided that the Secretary of War should have custody of the records in the office of the Secretary at War, the head of the previous War Department established by the Continental Congress in 1781. Most of these records were destroyed on November 8, 1800, by a fire that swept through the building occupied by the Secretary of War. Further losses occurred in August 1814 when British troops entered Washington and burned Government buildings. At that time the War Department's Revolutionary War records were in a fireproof room and were not injured by the flames, but some were destroyed or carried away by persons who entered the room after the fire. As a result of these events there were, until 1873, few records of the Revolutionary War period in War Department custody.

In 1873 Secretary of War William Belknap purchased a private collection of Revolutionary War records for the War Department from Prof. Charles Joy of Columbia University in New York. The purchased items consisted mainly of records associated with the activities of Timothy Pickering, Quartermaster General of the Army from 1780 to 1785, and of Samuel Hodgdon, Commissary General of Military Stores and Assistant Quartermaster in Pennsylvania during the latter part of the war. Secretary of War Belknap also purchased smaller quantities of Revolutionary War records from other persons. In 1888 the records he accumulated were transferred to the State Department, which was contemplating the publication of the archives of the Government of the Revolutionary War period.

By War Department orders of July 3 and 16, 1889, a Record and Pension Division was established in the War Department to take custody of the military records of the volunteer armies of the United States and to transact the pension and other business of the Department related to those records. The Division was designated the Record and Pension Office of the War Department by an act of May 9, 1892 (27 Stat. 27). Col. Fred C. Ainsworth became Chief of the Office, and at his instigation Congress passed acts on July 27, 1892 (27 Stat. 275), and August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 403), that directed the other executive departments of the Federal Government to transfer military records of the Revolutionary War in their possession to the War Department. As a result, the records that the War Department had sent to the State Department in 1888 were returned, accompanied by personnel returns, oaths of allegiance, and other military records removed from the George Washington Papers in the State Department. The War Department also received military records of the Revolution from the Pension Bureau of the Interior Department and from the Treasury Department's Office of the Auditor for the Interior Department. The transfer of these records was accomplished by several separate transactions between 1894 and 1913. During the 1890's Colonel Ainsworth also borrowed thousands of Revolutionary War records from the States of Delaware, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. These were returned after copies had been made and added to the files of the Record and Pension Office.

Two additional accessions of importance early in the 20th century substantially completed the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records. In 1909 a body of records pertaining mainly to the activities of the Quartermaster General's Department during the Revolution was received from Henry G. Pickering, the great-grandson of Q.M. Gen. Timothy Pickering. In 1914 and 1915 the War Department made photographic copies of Revolutionary War records in the possession of individuals and public and private institutions in Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Virginia to supplement original records and copies of records already in its custody.

The Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File)

Establishment of the Manuscript File

Most of the Revolutionary War records collected by the War Department were distributed among a few large series of records according to their physical character or subject matter. Thus, the photographic copies of records made in several States in 1914 and 1915 were kept together as one series because of their common physical character and origin. Similarly, most of the original records in book form--mainly orderly books, letter books, receipt books, and account books--were uniformly rebound and consecutively numbered to form a distinct record series

based on their physical character as bound records. Muster rolls, pay lists, personnel returns, guard reports, and other records showing the military service of groups of persons belonging to particular regiments and other organizations were placed in a large file of Revolutionary War rolls because of similar subject matter. Most of the remaining records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records were designated "miscellaneous" records, consecutively numbered, and placed in a fourth large series of records that came to be known as the "Manuscript File." The File was begun in 1898 and additions were made as late as 1937.

Arrangement

The first and largest part of the Manuscript File was arranged in 1898 and 1899 and consists of miscellaneous numbered records 1-30074. The plan of arrangement seems to have provided for four major categories of records based mainly on the States and organizations to which the records pertained. Records judged to relate to troops of particular States, whether in Continental Army or militia units, were arranged in alphabetical order by name of State and thereunder by kinds of records, such as commissions or pay receipts, and then numbered. Records relating to Continental troops at large (those not raised by any one State) were arranged and numbered next. These records, too, were filed somewhat by kinds of records but in no further discernible order. Records pertaining to the activities of Continental Army staff departments--the Commissary General of Military Stores Department, the Commissary General of Issues Department, the Paymaster General's Department, and the Quartermaster General's Department--were formed into a third record category arranged by name of department, thereunder generally by bodies of records of the same kind, and numbered. The remaining records were arranged and numbered as "miscellaneous" records, even though all records placed in the Manuscript File were, by definition, supposed to be of a miscellaneous character.

Many of the records in the Manuscript File that were arranged as pertaining to a particular State or organization were not actually created by that State or organization. For example, miscellaneous numbered records 1-1080, arranged as records pertaining to Connecticut troops, include commissions issued by the Continental Congress to Connecticut officers, resignations of individual Connecticut officers addressed to George Washington, and letters received by the Paymaster General concerning the accounts of Connecticut officers and enlisted men.

When additional records were added to the Manuscript File after 1899, they were given higher numbers and placed at the end of the file rather than interfiled among related records filed earlier. An attempt was made to repeat the rudimentary arrangement scheme followed in 1898 and 1899, but that scheme

was only imperfectly duplicated, partly because the additional records were added piecemeal over several decades instead of being accumulated, systematically arranged, and filed all at one time as were the first 30,000 records.[1]

Although the Manuscript File includes records numbered from 1 to 50208, it actually contains only about 35,500 discrete numbered items. Miscellaneous numbered records 31756-31862 were transferred to the Navy Department on November 2, 1906, as naval records. Numbers 35501-49983 in the filing scheme were reserved for the photographic copies of records made by the War Department in several States in 1914 and 1915. These records were kept apart from the Manuscript File and constitute a separate series not reproduced in this microfilm publication. (A record numbered 35501, apparently the result of an error in numbering, is in the Manuscript File and has been reproduced in this publication.) Numbers 50000-50201 were assigned to a body of pension and half-pay application files for Revolutionary War servicemen, and these files also constitute a separate record series not reproduced in this publication. Explanations concerning a few other records not in the Manuscript File are given in the notes to the rolls on which these records otherwise would have been filmed.

Generally, each discrete paper or volume placed in the Manuscript File was given a separate file number and its pages, if more than one, were paginated. Occasionally, discrete but closely related papers such as lists of pensioners were all given the same file number and each sheet consecutively numbered as if it were a page in a volume. File numbers were stamped or written either directly on the records or on the heavy paper sheets on which many records were mounted. In preparing the records for microfilming, many had to be removed from the paper sheets to which they were attached because the latter covered writing on the backs of the records. In such cases the part of the mounting sheet containing the file number was preserved and filmed with the record to identify it. A few records at the end of the Manuscript File, mainly fragments, are not numbered.

Content

The records in the Manuscript File are varied in both physical character and subject matter. Physically, most of the records are unbound papers, but there are also a few paper-

[1] Appendix A depicts the arrangement of the Manuscript File in outline form. It shows that the records in the first part of the file (1-30074) are divided among fairly distinct divisions and subdivisions based mainly on specific States and Continental Army staff organizations. The remaining records are progressively more intermixed with regard to such distinctions and are accordingly outlined with less precision.

covered bound volumes. Many of the papers were once part of bound volumes that were unbound before being added to the Manuscript File. About a third of the documents in the file consist of handwritten and printed copies of records, mainly records of soldiers of particular States. The remaining items are original records.

The subject matter of the records in the Manuscript File mainly concerns services performed by individual military officers and enlisted men, the settlement of their pay and other accounts, the operations of several large staff departments of the Continental Army responsible for supplying and paying troops, and military operations. Certain kinds of records predominate. These include pay accounts of officers and enlisted men; accounts of supplies received and delivered; assignments of pay; certificates of nonindebtedness; commissions; correspondence between military officers about military operations; letters sent and received by heads of Continental Army staff departments to and from subordinates and other military officers, civil officers, and private citizens about departmental matters (such as supplies, transportation, pay, and settlement of accounts); enlistment papers; letters of administration; military orders; oaths of allegiance and of office; pay orders and orders for the delivery of supplies; powers of attorney; receipts for supplies, pay, and other sums of money; resignations; returns of supplies and personnel; and statements of service performed by individuals. There are usually hundreds of each of these kinds of records.

Among the kinds of records existing in smaller quantities (generally from two to three documents to dozens in each category) are abstracts of payrolls; abstracts of records of issuance of supplies; pay accounts of civilians; books showing receipt and delivery of supplies; contracts for supplies; personal letters sent and received by Army staff officers; courts-martial proceedings; military discharges; estimates of needed supplies; final settlement certificates; inspection reports; inventories and invoices of supplies; lists of supplies, military organizations, and pensioners; minutes of councils of war; muster rolls and payrolls; pension certificates; petitions to State legislatures; recommendations concerning the discharge of officers; registers of certificates issued in settlement of accounts; and resolutions of State legislatures and the Continental Congress concerning military matters.[2]

The War Department obtained the records placed in the Manuscript File from a variety of sources over a period of years. The sources of many of the records can be determined from stamps and annotations on them and from accompanying memorandums. The

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[2]Appendix B is a list of the principal kinds of records in the Manuscript File in the numerical order in which they are filed and microfilmed.

three principal sources thus identified are (1) other executive departments of the Federal Government, (2) State governments, and (3) private citizens. Most of these records were received from the first two sources. There are also many records that are not stamped, annotated, or accompanied by identifying memorandums.[3]

Indexes

Assigning file numbers and page numbers to the records placed in the Manuscript File made it possible for the War Department to index them and three findings aids were compiled. The largest one is titled "Special Index" and contains entries for names of persons mentioned in the numbered records--mainly military officers and enlisted men, Continental and State government officials, and civilians. This index has been microfilmed as Special Index to Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1783 (M847). The second finding aid is a smaller index that lists the names of officers and enlisted men for whom there are oaths, commissions, and resignations. The third finding aid is a subject index that contains entries mainly for names of ships, places, and organizations, and that also lists some records by type, such as commissions and oaths of allegiance. None of these compilations index the unnumbered records at the end of the Manuscript File. All of them index other record series in addition to the Manuscript File.

Related Records

Besides the Manuscript File and the indexes cited above, Record Group 93 contains the other large record series previously mentioned as being part of the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records: the photographic copies of records made in 1914 and 1915, the numbered record books, and the file of muster rolls and related personnel records. The muster rolls and related personnel records have been microfilmed as Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-83 (M246). Record Group 93 also contains compiled military service records for Revolutionary War servicemen. These are summaries on cards of each soldier's service, compiled from records in the file of muster rolls and related personnel records and from some of the numbered record books.

Pension and bounty land warrant application files based on the services of Revolutionary War military and naval personnel are in Records of the Veterans Administration, Record Group 15. They have been reproduced as Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty

[3]Appendix C is a chronological list of the sources of those records in the Manuscript File that are stamped, annotated, or accompanied by memorandums identifying sources.

Land Warrant Application Files (M804) and as Selected Records From Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files (M805).

Correspondence, armed vessels' bonds, logbooks, and other original records and copies of records pertaining to naval and privateer activities during the Revolution are in Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library, Record Group 45.

Records of prize cases heard on appeal from colonial and State courts by committees of the Continental Congress and by the Court of Appeals in Cases of Capture are in Records of the Supreme Court of the United States, Record Group 267, and are reproduced as The Revolutionary War Prize Cases: Records of the Court of Appeals in Cases of Capture, 1776-87 (M162).

Journals, correspondence, and other records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses are in Records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Convention, Record Group 360. These records have been reproduced on microfilm as Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-89 (M247) and Miscellaneous Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-89 (M332). International and Indian treaties are in General Records of the United States Government, Record Group 11; the Indian treaties have been reproduced as Ratified Indian Treaties, 1722-1869 (M668).

Fiscal records of the Government of the Revolutionary War and Confederation period are in Records of the Bureau of Accounts (Treasury), Record Group 39; Records of the Bureau of Public Debt, Record Group 53; General Records of the Department of the Treasury, Record Group 56; and Records of the United States General Accounting Office, Record Group 217. A few postal records for the same period are in Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group 28.

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APPENDIX A

OUTLINE OF ARRANGEMENT OF THE MANUSCRIPT FILE

This appendix shows the main divisions of the Manuscript File. In general, the records are arranged according to names of States and to Continental Army staff departments and other organizations to whose personnel or activities they pertain. The number of the microfilm roll on which a particular record has been reproduced can be determined by consulting the table of contents of this microfilm publication.

I. Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States; Continental Troops at Large; Continental Army Staff Departments; and Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (1-30074)

A. Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States (1-17471)

1. Connecticut (1-1080)
2. Delaware (1081-1166)
3. Georgia (1167-1267)
4. Maryland (1268-1593)
5. Massachusetts (1594-2460)
6. New Hampshire (2461-3889)
7. New Jersey (3890-4096)
8. New York (4097-14392)
9. North Carolina (14393-14576)
10. Pennsylvania (14577-15549)
11. Rhode Island (15550-15700)
12. South Carolina (15701-15976)
13. Vermont (15977-16486)
14. Virginia (16487-17471)

B. Records Pertaining to Continental Troops at Large (17472-20420)

C. Records Pertaining to Continental Army Staff Departments (20421-28636)

1. Commissary General of Military Stores Department, Field Commissary of Military Stores Department, and Commissary of Military Stores Department (20421-21829)

2. Commissary General of Issues Department (21830-22237)

3. Paymaster General's Department (22238-22538)

4. Quartermaster General's Department (22539-28636)

D. Records Pertaining to Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (28637-30074)

II. Additional Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States; Continental Troops at Large; Continental Army Staff Departments; and Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (30075-31755)

A. Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States and Continental Troops at Large (30075-30462)

B. Records Pertaining to Continental Army Staff Departments (30463-30849)

1. Commissary General of Military Stores Department, Field Commissary of Military Stores Department, and Commissary of Military Stores Department (30463-30631)

2. Paymaster General's Department (30632-30745)

3. Quartermaster General's Department (30746-30849)

C. Records Pertaining to Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (30850-31755)

III. Further Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States; Continental Troops at Large; Continental Army Staff Departments; and Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (31863-35501, 49984-49999, 50202-50208, and unnumbered records)

A. Records Pertaining to Troops of Particular States, Continental Troops at Large, and Continental Army Staff Departments (31863-33529)

B. Records Pertaining to Miscellaneous Troops, Organizations, Persons, and Subjects (33530-35501, 49984-49999, 50202-50208, and unnumbered records)

APPENDIX B

LIST OF PRINCIPAL KINDS OF RECORDS IN THE MANUSCRIPT FILE

This list shows the principal kinds of records in the Manuscript File. The number of the microfilm roll on which a particular record has been reproduced can be determined by consulting the table of contents of this microfilm publication.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
1-369	Includes acknowledgments of enlistment, pay orders, military orders, and receipts for pay.
369 1/2-770	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, oaths of allegiance and of office, pretensions to rank, resignations, and certificates of nonindebtedness.
771-1080	Includes statements of service, commissions, and correspondence relating to accounts and to rank and resignations of officers.
1081-1166	Includes clothing accounts, receipts for apprehending deserters, and resolutions of the Delaware Legislature.
1167-1267	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, receipts for money and clothing, statements of service, pay orders, and correspondence concerning settlement of accounts.
1268-1593	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, commissions, pay orders, and resignations.
1594-1907	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men and certificates of nonindebtedness.
1908-2234	Includes commissions, correspondence concerning settlement of accounts and rank of officers, receipts for money and supplies, oaths of allegiance and of office, and certificates of nonindebtedness.
2235-2460	Includes resignations, recommendations concerning officers' discharges, supply

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
	returns, and lists of organizations and individuals.
2461-3018	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, receipts for supplies and money, pay orders, and commissions.
3019-3397	Includes receipts for money, resignations, powers of attorney, promissory notes, and enlistment papers.
3398-3889	Includes statements of service, petitions to the New Hampshire Legislature by former servicemen, receipts for supplies, letters, pay orders, accounts, payrolls, and muster rolls.
3890-4096	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, commissions, certificates of non-indebtedness, correspondence concerning settlement of accounts and pensions, resignations, recommendations concerning officers' discharges, powers of attorney, receipts for money, enlistment oaths, and copies of acts of the New Jersey Legislature.
4097-4455	Mainly accounts of officers and enlisted men and certificates concerning such matters as assignment of pay, receipt of money, issuance of letters of administration, performance of service, and nonindebtedness of officers.
4456-4749	Mainly pay orders and correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts.
4750-5359	Mainly pay orders.
5360-5960	Mainly pay orders and some military orders.
5961-6542	Mainly pay orders.
6543-6860	Mainly powers of attorney and receipts for pay.
6861-7279	Mainly receipts for pay and supplies.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
7280-7466	Includes appointments of officers, petitions to the New York Legislature for pay, enlistment papers, certificates of nonindebtedness, letters of administration, and resignations.
7467-7859	Mainly pay accounts of officers and enlisted men and statements of service.
7860-12774	Mainly pay orders.
12775-13176	Pay orders, powers of attorney, and assignments.
13177-13866	Receipts for pay.
13867-14369	Includes assignments of pay, correspondence concerning pay, payroll abstracts, impressment warrants, letters of administration, and lists of certificates issued for pay.
14370-14392	Includes pay orders, supply and pay accounts, and lists of certificates issued for pay.
14393-14576	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, certificates of nonindebtedness, final settlement certificates, commissions, resignations, correspondence concerning pay, and pay orders.
14577-14775	Mainly accounts of officers and enlisted men and related records.
14776-15198	Mainly receipts for pay and for money received for recruiting expenses.
15199-15549	Mainly pay orders, enlistment oaths, bounty receipts, and correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts.
15550-15700	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, resolutions of the Rhode Island General Assembly and Council of War concerning military affairs, statements of service, certificates of nonindebtedness, resignations, recommendations concerning officers' discharges, and pay receipts.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
15701-15976	Includes accounts of enlisted men, final settlement certificates, receipts for final settlement certificates, pay orders, and correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts.
15977-16486	Includes accounts of officers and enlisted men, accounts of civilians, statements of service, pay orders, receipts for pay and other sums of money, and resolutions of the Vermont General Assembly concerning pay of officers and men.
16487-16865	Mainly accounts of officers and enlisted men.
16866-17132	Mainly statements of service, certificates of money due enlisted men, correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts, and pay orders.
17133-17471	Includes receipts for pay and other sums of money, pay orders, paroles, enlistment papers, correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts, and lists of officers and enlisted men.
17472-17940	Mainly pay and supply accounts of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including regiments commanded by Colonels Gist, Grayson, Spencer, Warner, Moylan, Baylor, and Hartley; Pulaski's and Lee's Legions; the German and Invalid Regiments; and artillery regiments.
17941-18256	Mainly certificates of pay and final settlements received, certificates of non-indebtedness, statements of service, and commissions of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including the 1st and 2d Regiments of Light Dragoons, the German Regiment, and troops commanded by Capt. Bartholomew von Heer.
18257-18456	Mainly correspondence concerning settlement of accounts and resignations of officers of various organizations including the German Regiment, the 2d Canadian Regiment, and regiments commanded by

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
	Colonels Hazen, Spencer, Hartley, Crane, and Lamb.
18457-18746	Enlistment papers, including oaths and bounty receipts, of enlisted men of Pulaski's Legion, "Congress's Own" Regiment, and Capt. Bartholomew von Heer's Company of Light Dragoons.
18747-18976	Mainly pay orders and orders for delivery of supplies of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including the 23d Continental Infantry Regiment, the 2d Regiment of Light Dragoons, and regiments commanded by Colonels Hazen, Grayson, and Lamb.
18977-19397	Mainly pay orders of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including Lamb's Regiment and the 23d Continental Infantry Regiment.
19398-19760	Mainly powers of attorney and receipts for pay and other sums of money of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including Hazen's and Lamb's Regiments, and receipts of persons paid for furnishing supplies and services to Pulaski's Legion and to Hazen's and Moylan's Regiments.
19761-20155	Mainly receipts for pay, receipts for bounty money and other sums of money, and final settlement certificates of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including the 2d Artillery Regiment and Forman's and Hazen's Regiments.
20156-20420	Resignations, personnel and supply returns, certificates of nonindebtedness, accounts and reports concerning settlement of accounts, discharges, appointments, military orders, letters of administration, and other records of officers and enlisted men of various organizations including the German Regiment, the 2d Artillery Regiment, and regiments commanded by Colonels Hazen, Crane, Proctor,

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
	Spencer, Sherburne, Baylor, and Gist.
20421-20542	Mainly accounts, including accounts for expenses, pay, and supplies received and delivered.
20543-20718	Includes receipts for guns and other supplies, certificates of proof of shot and shells, letters addressed to Commissary General of Military Stores Samuel Hodgdon, and estimates, returns, inventories, and invoices of military stores and tools.
20719-20941	Mainly orders for delivery of supplies and receipts for supplies.
20942-21059	Mainly returns of arms, accoutrements, ordnance, and military stores.
21060-21154	Mainly returns of arms, accoutrements, ordnance, military stores, supplies needed, and work performed.
21155-21266	Mainly returns of arms, accoutrements, ordnance, military stores, firewood, personnel, and work performed.
21267-21393	Mainly returns of arms, accoutrements, ordnance, military stores, personnel, work performed, and provisions.
21394-21806	Includes records of delivery of supplies, letters addressed to Commissary of Military Stores and Asst. Q.M. Samuel Hodgdon, contracts for shot and shells, pay orders, receipts for money, returns of ordnance and military stores, commissions, and appointments.
21807-21829	Books showing delivery and receipt of military stores, returns of ordnance and military stores, and returns of personnel and work performed.
21830-21962	Includes accounts and returns of provisions and related stores, receipts for provisions, and certificates of money due for retained rations.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
21963-22237	Mainly returns of provisions and related stores.
22238-22538	Letters addressed to Paymasters General William Palfrey and John Pierce, returns of money disbursed, and other records of pay and settlement of accounts.
22539-23070	Includes abstracts of wood and provisions issued, accounts of disbursements, accounts of supplies purchased and sold, and supply contracts.
23071-26610	Mainly letters to Q.M. Gen. Timothy Pickering from subordinates and other military and civil officers concerning activities of the Quartermaster General's Department.
26611-26916	Includes estimates, extracts of correspondence, invoices, lists of persons owed money by the United States for services and supplies, oaths of allegiance, and oaths of office.
26917-27306	Orders for delivery of supplies, pay orders, and receipts for supplies and money.
27307-28286	Returns of provisions, personnel, animals, wagons, boats, clothing, and other supplies.
28287-28610	Includes accounts, appointments, receipts, sales reports, and correspondence.
28611-28636	Includes account and memorandum books.
28637-28834	Includes pay accounts of officers and other persons, copies of legislative acts concerning Army supplies, and statements of service.
28835-29090	Mainly letters to and copies and drafts of letters and reports from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce and Commissioner of Army Accounts Joseph Howell concerning pay and settlement of accounts.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
29091-29371	Includes letters to and drafts of letters from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce and Commissioner of Army Accounts Joseph Howell concerning pay and settlement of accounts, correspondence between military officers relating to military affairs, and letters to and from Samuel Hodgdon concerning personal affairs.
29372-29564	Includes inventories and lists of supplies and personnel, supply estimates and accounts, pay orders, military orders, receipts for pay and supplies, registers of certificates issued in settlement of accounts, and supply and personnel returns.
29565-29802	Includes powers of attorney, drafts of letters from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce concerning settlement of accounts, lists of members of the Cincinnati Society, and letters addressed to Samuel Hodgdon concerning personal affairs.
29803-30074	Includes powers of attorney, assignments of pay and land, letters of administration, statements of service, letters addressed to the Pension Commissioner, drafts of letters from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce concerning settlement of accounts, and letters received and sent by Samuel Hodgdon and by Timothy Pickering concerning personal affairs.
30075-30462	Records pertaining to Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and Continental troops at large, including powers of attorney, assignments of pay and land, letters of administration, and correspondence concerning claims for pay.
30463-30631	Includes returns, correspondence, accounts, receipts, invoices, and orders for

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
	delivery of supplies.
30632-30745	Mainly letters to and drafts of letters from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce concerning settlement of accounts.
30746-30849	Includes letters concerning official and personal affairs to and from Q.M. Gen. Timothy Pickering, supply returns, and accounts of Asst. Q.M. Samuel Hodgdon.
30850-31123	Includes lists of military stores, final settlement certificates, letters to and drafts of letters from Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce and Commissioner of Army Accounts Joseph Howell concerning settlement of accounts, and copies of lists of and correspondence about South Carolina troops.
31124-31469	Mainly commissions of Virginia officers and resignations, certificates of nonindebtedness, and other records of Virginia and Pennsylvania officers.
31470-31755	Includes inspection reports of Major General von Steuben, letters to and from George Washington, contracts for rations, council of war minutes, correspondence between military officers, court-martial proceedings, Continental Congress resolutions concerning Army staff departments, and returns and lists of persons and supplies captured at Yorktown.
31863-31924	Military orders, receipts for money and supplies, returns of personnel, and other records pertaining mainly to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Rhode Island troops.
31925-32646	Mainly pay orders, assignments of pay, and pay receipts of New York troops.
32647-32761	Military orders, returns of provisions, receipts for supplies and money, letters, accounts, and other records pertaining

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
	mainly to North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Continental troops at large, the Commissary General of Issues Department, and the Commissary General of Purchases Department.
32762-33201	Records pertaining to the Quartermaster General's Department, mainly receipts for forage and other supplies.
33202-33529	Statements of money owed to officers and enlisted men of the 3d New Hampshire Regiment.
33530-33809	Pension certificates of widows of Massachusetts servicemen; and returns of provisions, letters, accounts, military orders, receipts for supplies and pay, and other records removed from pension application files of Connecticut servicemen.
33810-34127	Mainly returns of provisions and of personnel, letters, accounts, military and pay orders, receipts for supplies and pay, and other records removed from pension application files of Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York servicemen.
34128-34390	Mainly returns of provisions, letters, accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virginia servicemen.
34391-34543	Mainly accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York servicemen; copies of records concerning Benedict Arnold and John André; and pension certificates of Massachusetts servicemen.

Miscellaneous Numbered Records	Description
34544-34850	Mainly returns of provisions and other supplies, personnel returns, letters, accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of Connecticut, Virginia, Georgia, and Massachusetts servicemen.
34851-35192	Mainly returns of provisions, letters, accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania servicemen.
35193-35317	Mainly returns of provisions and of personnel, letters, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and South Carolina servicemen.
35318-35501	Includes lists of Virginia invalid pensioners; records removed from pension application files of servicemen of Virginia and other States, such as returns of provisions and other supplies, letters, accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, and receipts for supplies and money; returns, letters, and other records concerning quartermaster and military stores; and drafts of letters from Commissioner of Army Accounts John Pierce concerning settlement of accounts.
49984-49999; 50202-50208; and Unnumbered Records	Mainly copies of commissions, correspondence, and other records, including some pre-Revolutionary War records; and returns, accounts, military and pay orders, receipts, and other records removed from pension application files of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Virginia servicemen.

APPENDIX C

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SOURCES OF RECORDS IN THE MANUSCRIPT FILE

Many records in the Manuscript File bear stamps and annotations or are accompanied by memorandums that indicate the date and the source from which the War Department received or copied the records. These sources are listed below in chronological order. Although not every record was examined, this list is believed to show the sources of most if not all of the records that are stamped or otherwise externally identified. No attempt has been made to determine and include in this list the sources of records that are not stamped or labeled to show their previous custodians.

The record numbers shown generally refer to only the first and the last numbered record in the Manuscript File identified as coming from the particular source cited. These numbers are usually not inclusive because the War Department intermixed records from several sources in the course of arrangement before numbering them. In a few cases where the numbers given are inclusive, this fact is stated. The record numbers have been given in this appendix merely to indicate how widely records from any one source were distributed in the Manuscript File. Errors and peculiarities in spelling and punctuation that occur in the stamps and other source indicators have been corrected. The abbreviations "R.P.O." or "R.&P. Office," "M.S.O.," and "A.G.O." or "A.G." refer to the War Department's Record and Pension Office, Military Secretary's Office, and Adjutant General's Office, respectively; the numbers that follow the abbreviations are correspondence file numbers of those offices.

November 24, 1894

Records are stamped "Received from State Dept., Nov. 24, 1894, R.P.O. 401310," and include miscellaneous numbered records 457 and 35500. They consist of records that the War Department transferred to the State Department in 1888 and that the latter agency returned in 1894 with the addition of records removed from the Washington Papers in the State Department.

January 26, 1895

Records are stamped "Received from Auditor for the Interior Department, January 26, 1895, R.P.O. 406095," and include miscellaneous numbered records 400 and 20200. The Auditor for the Interior Department was an official of the Treasury Department.

May 7, 1895

Records are stamped "Received from Auditor for the Interior Department, May 7, 1895, R.P.O. 415343," and include miscellaneous numbered records 4300 and 30861.

October 1895

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was made in the R. & P. Office, War Dept., in October, 1895, from a transcript, made by order of the General Assembly of Vermont in 1843, of records originally filed as vouchers in the office of the Treasurer of that State. After this copy was made the transcript was returned to the Adjutant General of Vermont, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 431636." The records stamped are numbered 16474-16478 inclusive.

October 12, 1895

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy, printed by the State of New Hampshire, was not verified in the Record and Pension Office by comparison with the original record, that record not having been received Oct. 12, 1895, among the others loaned to the office by the State. R. & P. 431372." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 3567 and 31749 and are from Isaac W. Hammond's (ed.) Rolls of the Soldiers in the Revolutionary War (Concord, N.H., 1885-89), published as volumes 14-17 of the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers.

November 1895

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was made in the R. & P. Office, War Dept., in November, 1895, from the original record, which was then returned to the Adjutant General of New Hampshire, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 431372." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 2621 and 3846 and are manuscript copies.

November 1895

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was verified, and the corrections indicated hereon were made, in the R. & P. Office, War Department, in November, 1895, by comparing the copy with the original record, which was then returned to the Adjutant General of New Hampshire, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 431372." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 3436 and 3849 and are printed copies of the original records with manuscript annotations.

November 1895

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was made in the R. & P. Office, War Dept., in November, 1895, from the original record, which was then returned to the Adjutant General of Vermont, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 431636." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 15977 and 16473.

October 1896

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was made in the R. & P. Office, War Department, in October, 1896, from the original record, which was then returned to the Comptroller of New York, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 454712." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 4620 and 30211 (7467-14392, inclusive). The original records from which these copies were made are described in the introduction of James A. Robert's New York in the Revolution as Colony and State (Albany, 1898), published by the New York (State) Comptroller's Office.

September 1897

Records are stamped as follows: "This copy was made in the R. & P. Office, War Dept., in September, 1897, from the original record, which was then returned to the Secretary of State of Delaware, by whom it had been loaned to the R. & P. Office. R. & P. 488296." The records include miscellaneous numbered records 1089 and 30120.

March 1899

Records contain the manuscript annotation, "Original in possession of A. S. Salley, Orangeburg, S.C., 503202," and consist of miscellaneous numbered records 31078-31104, inclusive. The original records were copied in the Record and Pension Office in March 1899 and returned to A. S. Salley.

December 11, 1903

Miscellaneous numbered record 31752 is stamped "Record & Pension Office, War Department, Dec. 11, 1903, 758996." The record was received from the Interior Department where it was removed from a pension application file in the Pension Office.

May 3, 1904

Records are stamped "Record & Pension Office, War Department,

May 3, 1904, 788291," and consist of miscellaneous numbered records 31863-31894, inclusive. The records were received from the Interior Department where they were removed from pension application files in the Pension Office.

November 11, 1905

Records are stamped "Received from the Interior Department, November 11, 1905, M.S.O. 1070292," and include miscellaneous numbered records 31898 and 33529. Many of them were removed from pension application files in the Pension Office.

April 13, 1909

Records are stamped "Received April 13, 1909, from Henry G. Pickering, Boston, Mass., through the Quartermaster General of the Army, A.G.O. 1512033." They consist of miscellaneous numbered records 33530 and 33531.

January 16, 1913

Records are stamped "Received from Pension Office, January 16, 1913, A.G. 1998509," and include miscellaneous numbered records 33583, 49986, and unnumbered records filed after miscellaneous numbered record 50208. Most of these records were removed from pension application files.

October 21, 1914

Miscellaneous numbered record 33532 is stamped "Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Oct. 21, 1914, 2221509." This document was received from the Public Archives Commission of Delaware, where it was copied from the original record.

March 10, 1916

Miscellaneous numbered record 33533 is accompanied by an envelope stamped "Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Mar. 10, 1916, 2377718." The record is an 1803 French Army commission signed by Napoleon Bonaparte. The officer to whom the commission was issued had served in the American Revolution, as stated on the face of the document. A French citizen gave the commission to the U.S. Ambassador in Paris and the State Department transferred it to the War Department.

July 16, 1923

Miscellaneous numbered record 34430 is contained in an envelope that is annotated as follows: "Photostat copies of

records on file in the Old Files, A.G.O., the Congressional Library, and the New York State Library relative to Benedict Arnold and Major André. Received in the Division from Colonel William A. Graham. Filed July 16, 1923."

April 3, 1924

Miscellaneous numbered records 49992-49994, inclusive, were received by the War Department from a private citizen about April 3, 1924, according to a memorandum filed with the records.

September 9, 1924

Miscellaneous numbered record 35320 is accompanied by a memorandum stating that the lists of Virginia invalid pensioners that constitute the record were received from the Navy Department on September 9, 1924.

January 30, 1926

A memorandum dated January 30, 1926, filed with miscellaneous numbered records 33534-33582 indicates that the first 16 of these records (33534-33549, inclusive) were received from the Office of Naval Records and Library of the Navy Department.

February 8, 1926

A memorandum dated February 8, 1926, filed with miscellaneous numbered records 34431-34543, inclusive, indicates that these records were received from the Office of Naval Records and Library of the Navy Department.

1929-1937

Several copies of original records numbered between 49995, and 50208 are accompanied by memorandums or correspondence showing that the War Department received the copied documents from private citizens and from the Navy Department at various times during the period 1929-37.

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