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Revolutionary War Exploration and Discovery Online

by Allen Wright

Do you think you may have an ancestor who helped win American independence from Great Britain? Well here is a site to see.

[Revwarapps.org](http://revwarapps.org) is a website with a collection of almost 28,000 pension applications and other public records about veterans of the American Revolution. It focuses on veterans who served in the southern states: South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland.

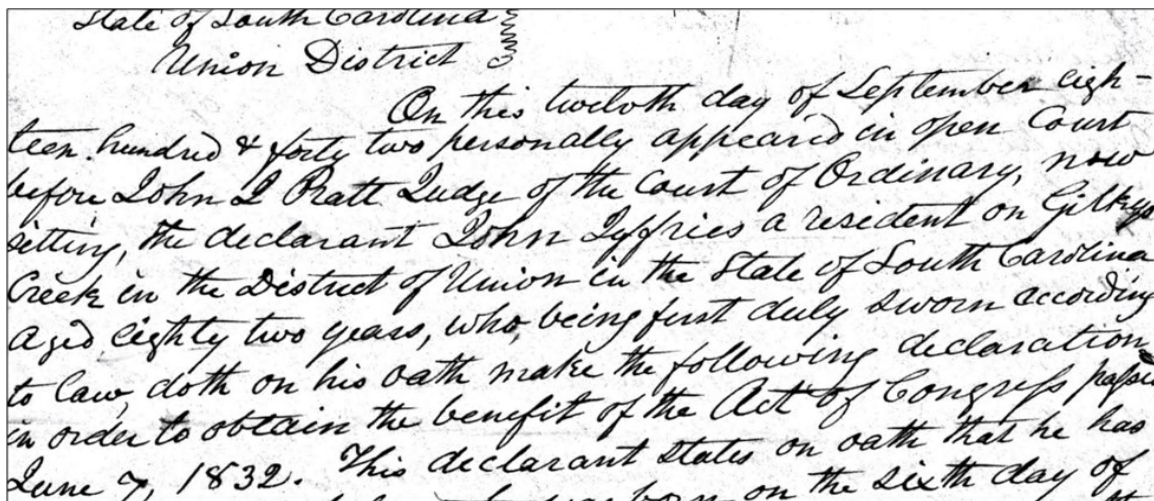
First, an explanation. Although the list includes hundreds of names, there were many revolutionary veterans who are not listed. Continental soldiers were not eligible for pensions until 1818 and even then had to meet qualifications. Militiamen (non-Continental soldiers) were not eligible until 1832. There were other reasons why a veteran might not be listed. A good overview of the Pension and Bounty lands Acts is offered by clicking the tab "Legislation" (<http://revwarapps.org/revwar-pension-acts.htm>).

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From the Revwarapps home page, I found several of my ancestors. Here is the pension application for my 4th great-grandfather, John **JEFFRIES**, listed on the site:

State of South Carolina, Union District On this 12th day of September 1842 personally appeared in open Court before John J. PRATT Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now sitting, the declarant John JEFFRIES [sic] a resident of Gilkey's Creek in the District of Union in the State of South Carolina aged Eighty two years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. This declarant states on oath that he has good reasons to believe he was born on the sixth day of March in the year 1760, near the Wateree Creek in that part of the State of South Carolina now known as Kershaw District. He has at this time in his possession a family Bible a record of his birth transcribed by himself from the original record in the possession of his father & mother in their lifetime. The Bible containing the original record, this deponent believes to be destroyed. This deponent for the states that he was living on Gilkey's Creek in Union District in the State of South Carolina at the time he first entered the service, that he now lives at the same place & has continued to live at the same place ever since the war of the revolution. He states further that he first entered the service as a substitute under Lieutenant Moses GUITON [sic, Moses GUYTON] & James STEEN Colonel & served until discharged but does not now recollect the term of his service. This declarant states that he served two tours of duty as a Substitute one for Moses COLLINS & one for Samuel BRANDON, but does not remember with certainty for which of them he first served. During the war, this declarant states, he was at different times drafted as one of the company of Captain Nathaniel JEFFRIES [sic], the father of this declarant & served various short terms of duty, in cases of emergency, under the command of Col. James STEEN & Lt. Col. William FARR & General Thomas BRANDON. The whole of declarant's services were rendered in the State of South Carolina, as a private soldier of the militia, but the distinct periods of each term of his service he is now unable to state from his old age & loss of memory, & must refer, for the proof of this as well as his actual service to the record of his services as certified by the Comptroller General herewith sent. For proof of his identity & further proof of his services he would refer to the certificates of Drury Herrington, Nicholas CARY, Thomas YOUNG & Major Joseph McJUNKIN, all of whom knew him in the service of his Country in the war of the revolution. This declarant does not now remember ever having received a written discharge, but was discharged by parole. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of Agency of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S/ John JEFFRIES, Senior J. J. PRATT, Judge of the Court of Ordinary Union Dist. So. Ca.

Here is a copy of the first few lines of the original as taken from Fold3. It is easy to see how much easier the revwarapps version is to read.



*State of South Carolina
Union District*
*On this twelfth day of September eight-
teen hundred & forty two, personally appeared in open Court
before John J. Pratt Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now
sitting, the declarant John Jeffries a resident on Gilkey's
Creek in the District of Union in the State of South Carolina
aged eighty two years, who, being first duly sworn according
to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration
in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed
June 7, 1832. This declarant states on oath that he has*

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Most of the applications required supporting affidavits. One supporting **JEFFRIES'** claim was sworn to by my 3rd great-grandfather, Nicholas **CORRY**, who lived nearby and served with him. **CORRY's** daughter Rebecca later married **JEFFRIES'** son Nathaniel II.

*Person [sic, personally] Came Nicholas **CORRY** Esquire before me the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn saith that John **JEFFRIES** Esquire served a tour of Duty in the American Army under the Command of Colonel James **STEEN** and was stationed at the ten mile house near Charleston in the winter of 1779 and said deponent saith he believes said **JEFFRIES** served until he was fairly discharged in the said Army Sworn and subscribed to this 3rd day of October 1834 before me. S/ Isaac **PEELER**, JP S/ Nicholas **CORRY**, Esqr. State of South Carolina, Union District [sic]*

Revwarapps also provides links to other websites that offer various information about the American Revolution. One link is to a website with information about free African Americans in the Revolution and another provides information about British Loyalists. Other links may lead to online publications and journals such as *The Journal of the American Revolution* and *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution*.

Two links lead to websites providing information about known battles and skirmishes in North Carolina and South Carolina. Maps highlight where the actions took place. You can search or browse by year or county. It is surprising how much action took place in the South that did not make it into the history books. For instance, in "Reminiscences of the Revolutionary War" from a prior issue, John **JEFFRIES** refers to "**BRANDON's** defeat in June 1780." Revwarapps gives a brief account of that skirmish including a map and some of the participants.

The website revwarapps.org is maintained by historian William T. **GRAVES**, author of *Backcountry Revolutionary*. The site offers a tremendous resource for genealogists and historians looking for information about the American Revolution in the southern states. Like all good websites, it requires some exploration, but it is easy to use and the information it offers is tremendous. If you are interested in an ancestor you think participated in America's war for independence in the South and lived long enough to apply for a pension, be sure to give it a look. If you are just looking for historical information about the war in that part of the country, the site provides outstanding insight as well.

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Recent Denton SAR Web Site Updates

The Denton SAR Web Site at <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/> has some recent additions, and there are more to come. Many back copies of the Chapter newsletter

Available Years:

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Back newsletters can be found listed in the Docs drop-down on the Chapter web home page.

I am working on a Chapter Color Guard page. If you have any old pictures or documents from the Chapter, please let me so we can discuss placing them on the web site or in the archive.

If you have suggestion for the web site, please let me know. Bill wsmerch@gmail.com

Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour



August 16, 2024 saw the kick off this monumental Bicentennial celebration. The hundreds of events planned will trace Lafayette's footstep on the exact dates and in the exact order he followed on his tour of America as the "Guest of the Nation" between 1824 and 1825.

Celebration and party at every stop.

An introductory video is here:

<https://vimeo.com/855470022>

Did your Patriot meet Lafayette on his tour? Check out the map on the Tour website, research your Patriot's life and/or family in 1824-1825.

Was he still alive? Was he or his ancestors on the Tour route?

Any family documentation for that period of time?

September 1824

September 1, 1824 — Hampton, NH
 September 1, 1824 — Greenland, NH
 September 1, 1824 — Portsmouth, NH
 September 2, 1824 — Boston, MA
 September 2, 1824 — Concord, MA
 September 2, 1824 — Lexington, MA
 September 2, 1824 — Bolton, MA
 September 3, 1824 — Sterling, MA
 September 3, 1824 — West Boylston, MA
 September 3, 1824 — Worcester, MA
 September 3, 1824 — Charlton, MA
 September 3, 1824 — Sturbridge, MA
 September 3, 1824 — Stafford Springs, CT
 September 4, 1824 — Tolland, CT
 September 4, 1824 — Hartford, CT
 September 4, 1824 — Cromwell, CT
 September 4, 1824 — Middletown, CT
 September 5, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 6, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 7, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 8, 1824 — Brooklyn, NY

September 9, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 10, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 11, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 12, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 13, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 14, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 15, 1824 — West Point, NY
 September 15, 1824 — Newburgh, NY
 September 15, 1824 — Poughkeepsie, NY
 September 16, 1824 — Staatsburg, NY
 September 16, 1824 — Clermont, NY
 September 17, 1824 — Albany, NY
 September 18, 1824 — Troy, NY
 September 19, 1824 — Albany, NY
 September 20, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
 September 21, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
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September 23, 1824 — Manhattan, NY
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 September 23, 1824 — Newark, NJ
 September 23, 1824 — Elizabeth, NJ
 September 24, 1824 — Rahway, NJ
 September 24, 1824 — Woodbridge, NJ
 September 24, 1824 — New Brunswick NJ
 September 25, 1824 — Princeton, NJ
 September 25, 1824 — Trenton, NJ
 September 26, 1824 — Trenton, NJ
 September 26, 1824 — Bordentown, NJ
 September 27, 1824 — Morrisville, PA
 September 27, 1824 — Bristol, PA
 September 27, 1824 — Holmesburg, PA
 September 28-30, 1824 — Philadelphia PA

Bench for Denton

SAR 250th Anniversary of America

Memorial Bench Program



STATUS:

1. I have contacted a local provider and received a price quote.
2. I have contacted the DAR for partnership. They are discussing it.
3. I have contacted a resource in Denton to get permission to put it at the Courthouse. Waiting for response.

Howdy Compatriots, my Patriot is John Morey from Massachusetts.

John Morey Bio

My Patriot ancestor John Morey (or Mory) was born in Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts in 1763.

According to his pension, John joined the Continental Army in May 1777. He would have been 14. John enlisted for 3 years in Captain Samuel Carr's Company of Colonel James Wesson's 9th Massachusetts Regiment. The 9th was assigned to Brigadier General Ebenezer Learned's 4th Massachusetts Brigade.

The 9th Massachusetts Regiment took part in the Saratoga Campaign and Valley Forge.

In April 1778, John was discharged due to the effects of yellow fever.

In July 1780, he reenlists for six months in the 9th MA. He is discharged in December 1780.

John moved to Windham County, Vermont by 1785 and married Martha T. Owen on December 28. They had five boys and eight girls.

He is in Vermont on the 1790 and 1800 Census. On the 1810 Census, he is in Maine.

John enlisted in Captain Peter Chadwick's Company of the 34th US Infantry in May 1813 for one year. He had his right hand crippled by a blow at Fort Learned in August 1813. He was discharged in March 1814.

He is back in Vermont by 1818 where he applies and receives a pension for his Revolutionary War service. He moves to Franklin County, Massachusetts in 1823. He is convicted of polygamy in 1826 and sentenced to six months. He passes away on June 18, 1832. His grave whereabouts is unknown. His widow Martha lived until 1847 and died in Maine.

Todd Wilber

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Morey, John

9 Massachusetts Regiment.

(Revolutionary War.)

CARD NUMBERS.

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John Morey

Appears in a

Pay Roll for Six Months Men

raised by the town of Charlton

for service in the Continental Army during 1780.

When marched July 11, 1780

When discharged December 7, 1780

Time in service, 5 months, 4 days.
including 8 days to return home.

Remarks: —

Join a Military Company Tol.
John Morey - d. c.

Six Months Town Rolls.

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Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard



Denton SAR Color Guard marching in the Denton 4th of July parade.



Future CHAPTER Scheduled events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sept 13, Friday	Post Colors	Muster 1:15-1:30	Denton

Other Individual opportunities in North Texas

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sept 17, Tuesday	Preston Trails NSAR Constitution week cele,	4:30-6:30	Contact Bill Watts
Sept 27-Oct 20	Membership booth at Texas State Fair		Contact Bill Watts
Oct 4-5	Annual TX Hispanic Genealogical conf Membership table		Contact Bill Watts
Oct 6, Sunday	Vietnam Vet memorial service.	More info will be posted	Contact Bill Watts

Join the Denton Chapter Color Guard

Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome. Color guard members wanting to attend are to contact Color Guard Commander David Cook.

It is significant to note that several events are designated as National Events which earns 20 points toward national and state Color Guard medals.

“We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradely, and practice safety for yourself and others. Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins National Society SAR Color Guard Commander”

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America 250 Decade Of The American Revolution



The National SAR has created this **Decade of the American Revolution** calendar to list Revolutionary War signature events each year that will be the focus of the NSSAR main celebration. Every State Society and all State Chapters should download the programs for the year and celebrate with us in your local area.

December 16, 2023 Boston Tea Party

**August 14, 2024 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's arrival
in the U.S. for his Tour**

September 5, 2024 The First Continental Congress

2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.

2026 Declaration of Independence

2027 Battle of Saratoga

2028 French Alliance

**2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle
Creek**

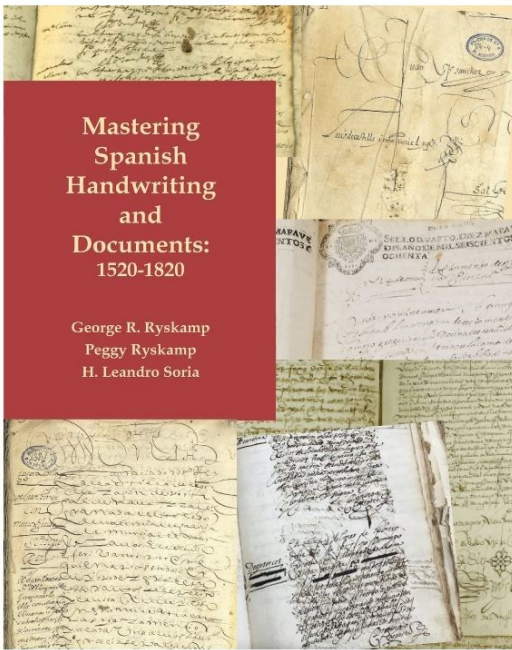
2030 Battle of Kings Mountain

2031 Siege of Yorktown 2032 Battle of Blue Licks

2033 Treaty of Paris

Visit <https://america250sar.org/rd/> for details of each event.

Handwriting Helpers: Books Aid Deciphering Spanish, German, and Early American Script



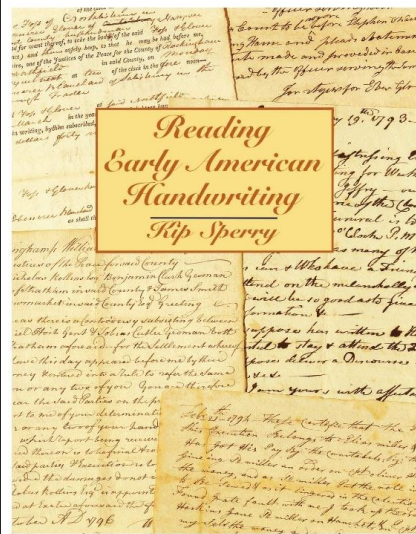
Mastering Spanish Handwriting and Documents: 1520-1820, by George R. Ryskamp, Peggy Ryskamp, and H. Leandro Soria (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2023), is the latest edition to the handwriting resources available in the Denton Public Library's Special Collections area. The book may be of particular interest to local researchers, whose ancestors may have lived what is now Texas for hundreds of years, obtained land through Spanish land grants, or who lived, married, and are buried on Texas soil, and need help understanding the Spanish language records they left behind.

The book addresses what the publishers note as the two hurdles facing English speakers as they attempt to work with Spanish language documents: "...understanding the handwriting and vocabulary as well as grasping the record's institutional, historical, social, and cultural context."

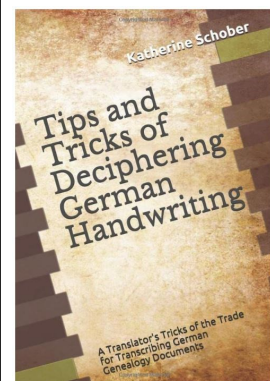
Family history researchers often learn over time that documents they view must be taken within their historical context to be most completely understood. Not only must the researcher be able to be familiar with handwriting forms, but they must also be acquainted with legal terminology, have knowledge of how and why documents were drafted, and be aware of the historical and social thought of the time.

Mastering Spanish Handwriting and Documents explores records left by ordinary people from their everyday lives as examples, and groups them around topics such as salvation, marriage, local economic activity, death, etc. The book analyzes two handwriting styles: *cortesana* and *itálica*, and the transition between the two which unfolded between about 1550-1640.

The book is illustrated with hundreds of images of original documents, with their transcriptions and translations, giving the reader plenty of opportunity to become accustomed to viewing and understanding these unique Spanish handwriting styles.



Reading Early American Handwriting, by Kip Sperry (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1998), focuses on deciphering early American handwriting. Numerous illustrations of alphabets and letter forms dot the book, as well as definitions and terminology, tips on interpreting terms and abbreviations, and more. Numerous reproductions and transcriptions of various documents, such as town, church, court, land, and probate records are included.



Tips and Tricks of Deciphering German Handwriting: A Translator's Tricks of the Trade for Transcribing German Genealogy Documents, by Kathleen Schober (Self-published, 2018), gives an insider's look at translating German documents. Chapters cover topics such as: "Transcribing Genealogy Documents: Make Technology Work for You," "Think Like a German: Spelling Variations in Genealogy Documents," "Top 25 Milestone Words for Finding Your German Ancestor," and "Ten German Words You Won't Find in a Dictionary," among others.

These books are available for in-library use at the Emily Fowler Central Library.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey

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Also see the Denton Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/409893430767486>



Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

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