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November 22, 2019

The Honorable Kimberly Bassett, Co-Chair (DC) The Honorable Al Jaeger, Co-Chair (ND) Standing Committee on Awards National Association of Secretaries of State 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 401 Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: NASS IDEAS Award nomination, Patriot Paths, Tennessee's Revolutionary War Veterans

Dear Co-Chairs Bassett and Jaeger,

The Tennessee State Library and Archives is leading the way with a new and innovative initiative that leverages archives and GIS technology. It is my pleasure to present for your consideration, "Patriot Paths, Tennessee's Revolutionary War Veterans."

You will find this program to not only be creative in its use of technology, but also interesting and informative with benefits for historians, researchers and genealogists. The program allows the user to visually track key movements of individual patriots with Tennessee connections, both before and after the war by using data culled from pension records.

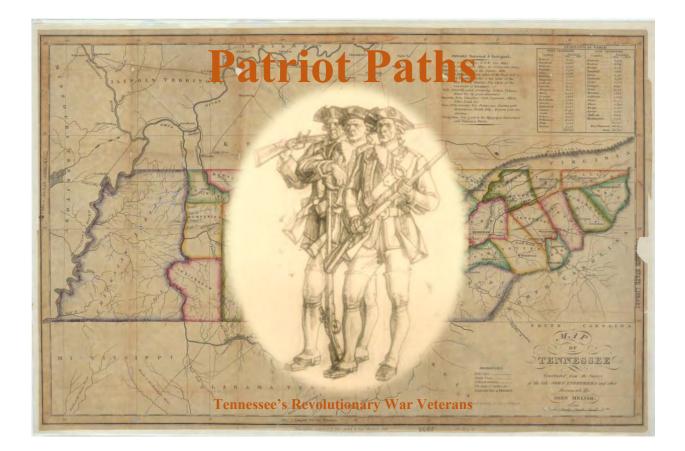
Our hope is this will be a model for other states to create similar aids by utilizing their archival records in conjunction with modern GIS technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tre Hargett Secretary of State

NASS IDEAS Award Application – 2020 State of Tennessee



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Title of Program: Patriot Paths

Project Lead: Chuck Sherrill

Description of the Program: Patriot Paths is a research project that uses Revolutionary War pension records to map the paths that soldiers took before and after their service. Staff and interns at the Library & Archives have pored over pension files to find the dates and places where the soldiers were born, married, enlisted and died. About 2,000 pension files exist for soldiers who came to Tennessee. Historians and genealogists can use the tools to search for veterans and study the patterns of migration. <u>https://tnmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=32a9be43e2b44e00a67edfc5a</u> c2b7227

Category: State Heritage

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

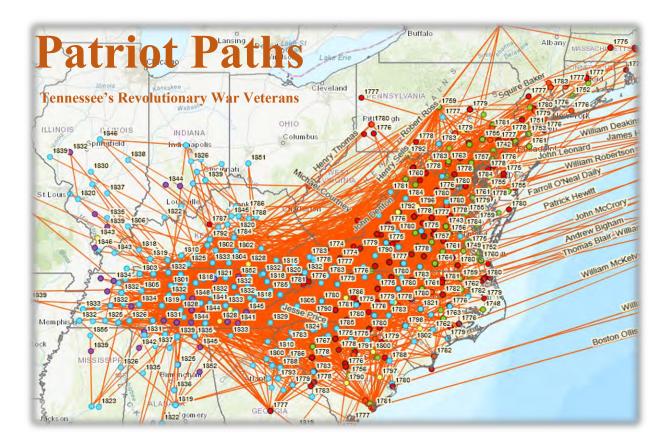
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Please include a summary of the project/program, describing the following:

□ <u>History</u> (including length of time in operation) – Describe the factors that led to the development of the program, including program goals and problems it sought to address.

The intent of the project was to merge historical records of Revolutionary War soldiers with GIS technology in order to create a visual map of the migration patterns of these pioneer settlers of Tennessee. The resulting web site enables researchers not only to study an ancestor's migration but to look for commonalities among families who came from a certain place in the east or settled in a certain Tennessee county. By examining these commonalities researchers can see patterns in migration, learn about the settlement of the state, and discover new information about early Tennessee history. Students and researchers introduced to this data in a visual way are encouraged to dig deeper into primary source materials in the Library & Archives to learn more.

The project began three years ago in early 2017 when an intern was tasked with reading and creating an abstract of data from Revolutionary War pension application files submitted by Tennessee residents from about 1818 to 1850. The intern worked with a sample group to extract information about 100 soldiers and widows. Using this sample, we developed a database format and plan for abstracting data on the approximately 2,400 remaining Tennesseans found in the pension records.



□ <u>Significance</u> – Discuss how the program exemplifies best practices in state government, including its unique, innovative or cost-effective aspects. Please consider how it supports the public policy goals of your office and assists your state office in executing its responsibilities.

Core values of the Tennessee department of state promote the idea that exceptionalism, our highest core value, is a direct result of the values of collaboration, integrity and stewardship. When considering our core values working in concert with our mission statement, this program embodies much of what we seek to achieve for the citizens of Tennessee.

To exceed the expectations of our customers, the taxpayers, by operating at the highest levels of accuracy, cost-effectiveness, and accountability in a customer-centered environment.

There are things we do as a department because they are statutorily required. There are other things we do to add value to the people we serve. This, of course, is an example of the latter.

Through the Patriot Paths project, we were able to utilize interns in a substantive way to enhance their research skills and expand their interest in the value and practical uses of archives. This program included a partnership with Middle Tennessee State University. Students majoring in Public History were exposed to primary source documents working in the professional environment of the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA).

Additionally, the project required collaboration with GIS specialists in the strategic technology services (STS) division of the department of finance and administration. The combined expertise of the GIS specialists and their knowledge of technology combined with the historical research skills of archivists at the library and archives produced this unique use of records and data.

The result has been another resource available to teachers and scholars alike to promote the study of Tennessee history and the use of the TSLA collections by people of all ages. Not the least of this includes exposing school children to conducting research in primary sources and thereby strengthening their ability to find and use reliable information.

□ <u>Impacts/Results</u> –Explain how this program has contributed to the improved functioning of state government (you may highlight both financial and administrative/pragmatic impacts), including its benefits to citizens and other stakeholders, including other government agencies/units.

In addition to what has already been covered in the prior response, this project is now serving as a model for other states. State of Arkansas has already expressed an interest and others are likely to follow. This includes groups such as the national Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) who have expressed interest in using this as a model for a similar project of national scope.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

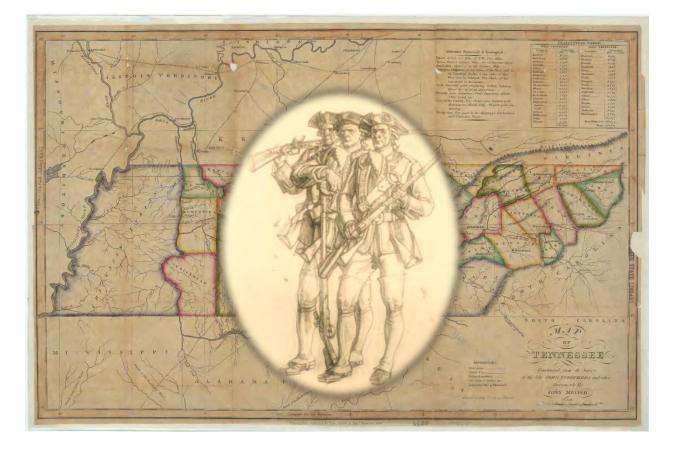
Program materials, including brochures, flyers, or media clippings may be included for review as part of your application, as long as they are digitized (no hard copies, please). If you have multiple types of supporting materials that you want to share, please submit them in a single digital file of reasonable size, so that members can easily access and review them.

Online: https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/patriot-paths

- Addendum I. About the Data and Search Instructions
- Addendum II. PowerPoint slides
- Addendum III. Student Exercise

Addendum I

Patriot Paths Tennessee**'s Revolutionary War** Veterans



About [internal hyperlink] Search Instructions [internal hyperlink]

About this Data

The Revolutionary War had a huge impact on the area that would become the state of Tennessee. Although settlement of the eastern part of the state had begun in earnest in the 1770s, it was the military land grants issued by the State of North Carolina that encouraged Revolutionary War veterans and their families to brave the new western frontier.

North Carolina designated a "Military District" of 100 square miles as land to give soldiers in lieu of payment for their services in the Revolution. Today, Nashville stands at the center of this district. Although many soldiers sold their rights to land speculators, others moved to the area in the years following the Revolution. As these settlers gained a foothold, the value of land in Tennessee grew, and speculators were able to sell their vast acreage to more emigrants. By 1850, over one million people lived in Tennessee.

Many Revolutionary War veterans came to Tennessee. Most came from Virginia and North Carolina, but by no means all. This project only tracks those veterans who applied for a pension from the federal government. Pensions were first available in 1818, but only for those who had served in the Continental Line (George Washington's army). In 1832 the pension laws were changed so that men who fought in state militia could apply. In 1836, widows of veterans could apply.

By searching lists created for Congress, the 1840 census of pensioners and other sources we identified just over 1,200 Revolutionary veterans who received a pension while living in Tennessee. Because the pension applications were written out longhand, not confined to a printed form, they include many interesting details and comments. Beginning in 1832, veterans were asked to provide the dates and places of their birth and enlistment. They were also asked to list all the places they had lived since the war.

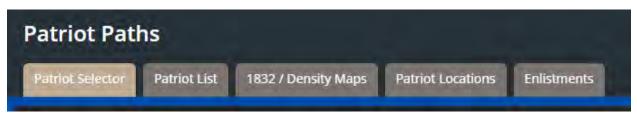
Reading through their pension application papers (available through the Fold3 and Heritage Quest online databases) we entered these various dates and places into a spreadsheet. Of course not every file was complete. Some lacked dates, some lacked locations, some were general such as "I enlisted in Virginia" instead of giving a specific place.

This data was then matched to latitude and longitude points and displayed on a map. Where soldiers gave a state but not a county, the point was mapped to the center of the state. Where they gave a county but not a town (which was most common) the point was mapped to the center of the county.

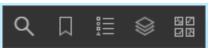
Displaying these points graphically enables the user to see the general migration paths of Tennessee patriots. We can see where most of the men came from, which counties provided the greatest number of emigrants to Tennessee, and where in Tennessee they settled. It is our hope that by using this data scholars and genealogists will discover new facts about this generation of pioneers.

Search Instructions

There are five tabs at the top of the Patriot Paths web site, providing five different ways of searching.



Toolbar



Q	Magnifier – zoom in or out on a map
	Bookmark – change extent of map on screen (ie., view only one state)
	Legend – key to map points
	Layers – turn boundaries off and on (availability varies with zoom level)
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Hold down your left mouse button and drag to re-center the map.

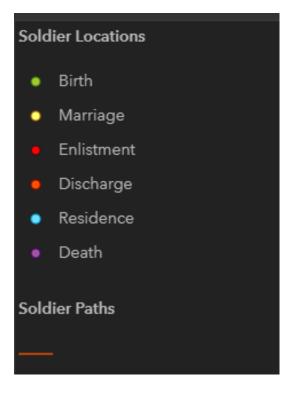
You can also use your mouse scroll bar to zoom in and out.

Patriot Selector -- Identify the path of a single soldier.

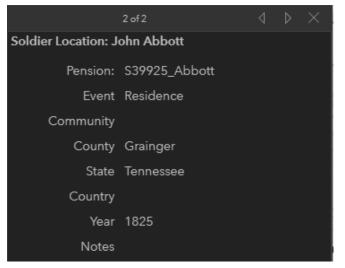
1. Type the soldier's surname in the search box. His path will appear as an orange line.



2. Points on the line will show a date for the each known event in the soldier's life.



3. Click on the point to see details. Use arrows at the top of the notes box to see additional information.



4. To view a different soldier, type a new name in the search box.

Patriot List – View paths of multiple soldiers.

- 1. Select a soldier from the list at the left of the page. His path will appear.
- 2. Points work in the same way as in Patriot Selector.
- 3. Select an additional soldier from the list. His path will appear along with your first selection.

4. Select as many additional soldiers as you like.

1832 Tennessee Map

- 1. Left side of page is 1832 map, right side is modern map
- 2. Zoom or scroll on either map and the other map will change at the same time
- 3. Operates same as Patriot List, but showing only Tennessee locations. (new?)

Patriot Locations

- 1. Map reflects number of all soldier points (birth, enlistment, etc.) in each county.
- 2. Darker areas have a higher number of points.
- 3. Points are shown at center of county. Select a point to bring up a list of soldiers.
- 4. The example below shows that there are 5 points in Bradley County.
- 5. Use the arrow at the top of the box to see additional soldiers.

Density Maps

1. Works same as Patriot Locations, but allows user to select a specific type of point (births, enlistments, etc.)



THE ROAD TO TENNESSEE

MIGRATION TRAILS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

- Early pension acts, 1770s-1810
- Act of 1818
 Continental Line Soldiers & Navy
 - 9 months service
 - No disability requirement
 - Had to be needy
 - Re-applied in 1820 proving need

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Act of 1832 State Militia Soldiers

- 2 years' service
- Half-pay for 6 months service
- No requirement of need



REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Act of 1836 Widow's Pensions

- Qualified based on 1832 Act
- Married prior to end of service
 - •1838 married prior to 1794



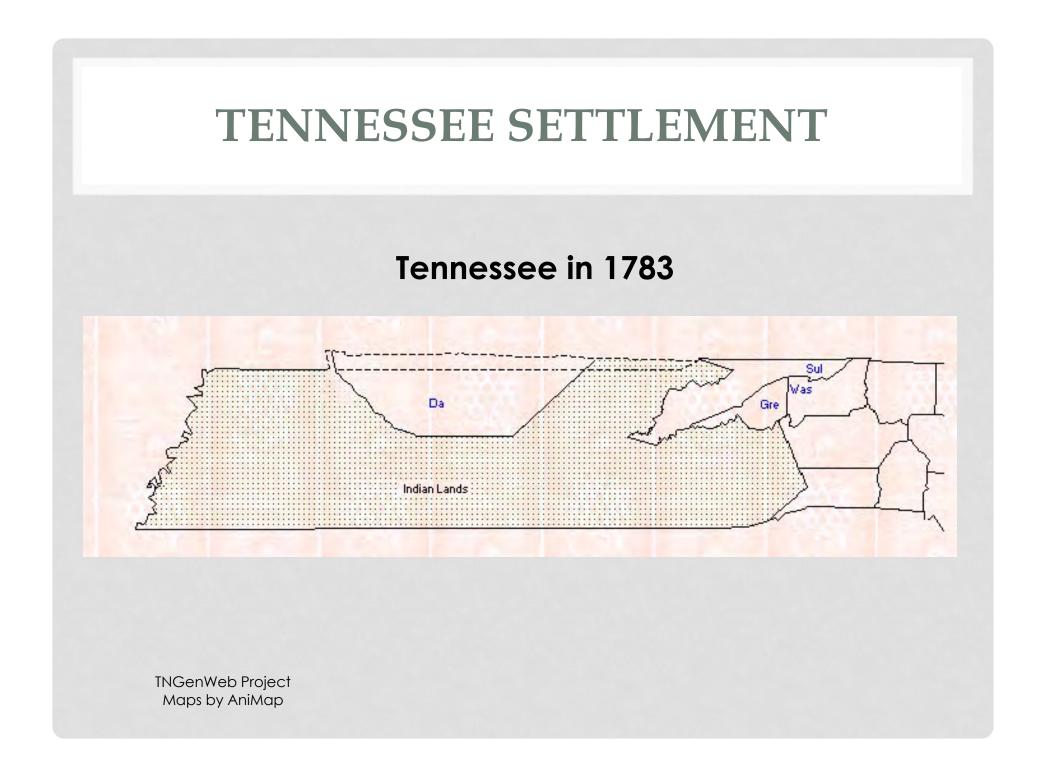
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The Cumberland Gap

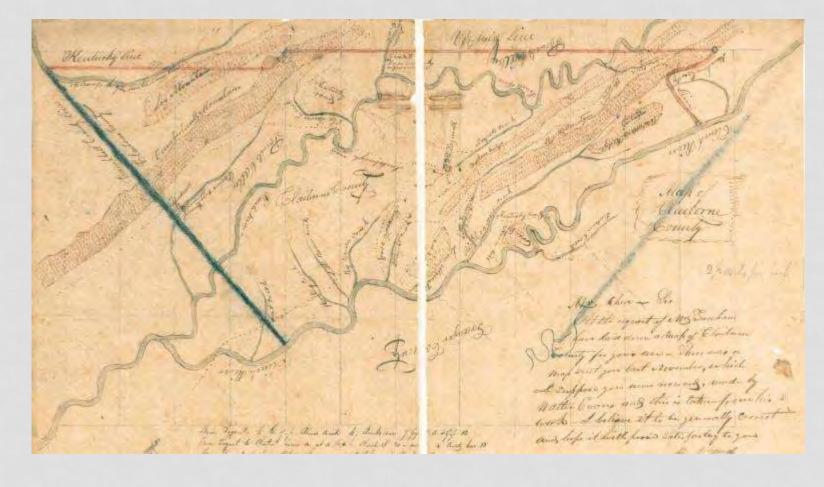


The Cumberland Gap





Claiborne County Tenn. ca. 2830







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Burwell Thompson's "Points"

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- Enlisted in Spartanburg SC in 1777
- Moved to Madison County KY in 1795
- Moved to Franklin County TN in 1808

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R910_Blair	Blair	Samuel	4	Residence
S3009_Blair	Blair	Samuel	1	birth
S3009 Blair	Blair	Samuel	2	Enlistment
S3009 Blair	Blair	Samuel	3	Residence
W891_Blair	Blair	Thomas	1	birth
W891_Blair	Blair	Thomas	2	Enlistment
W891 Blair	Blair	Thomas	3	Marriage
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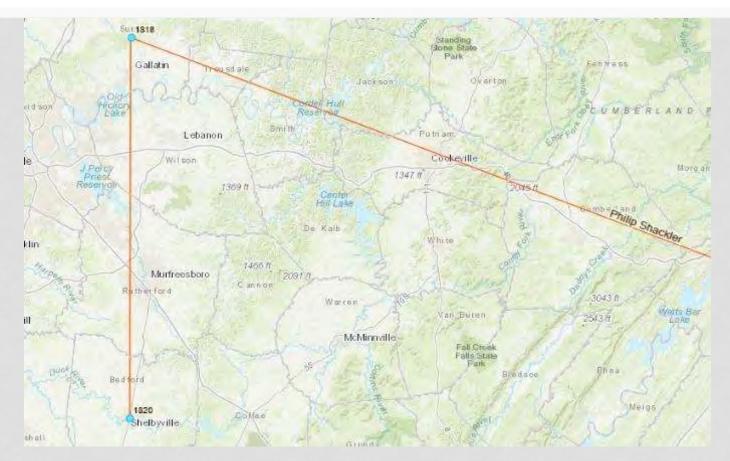
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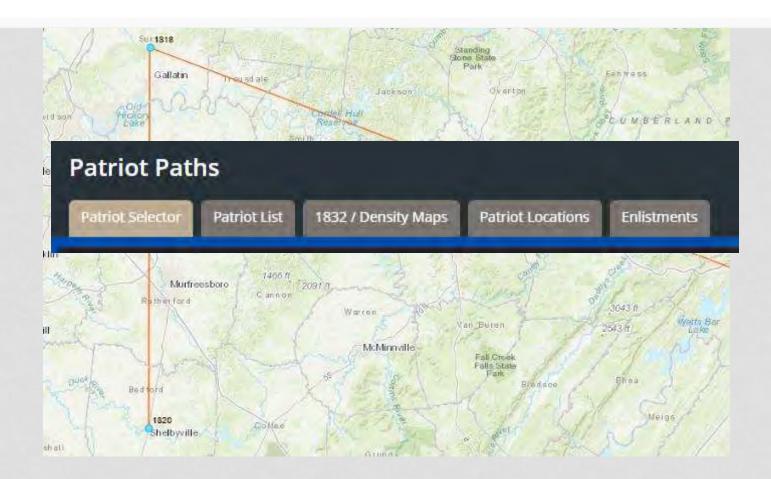
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- Enlisted at Cape Fear NC
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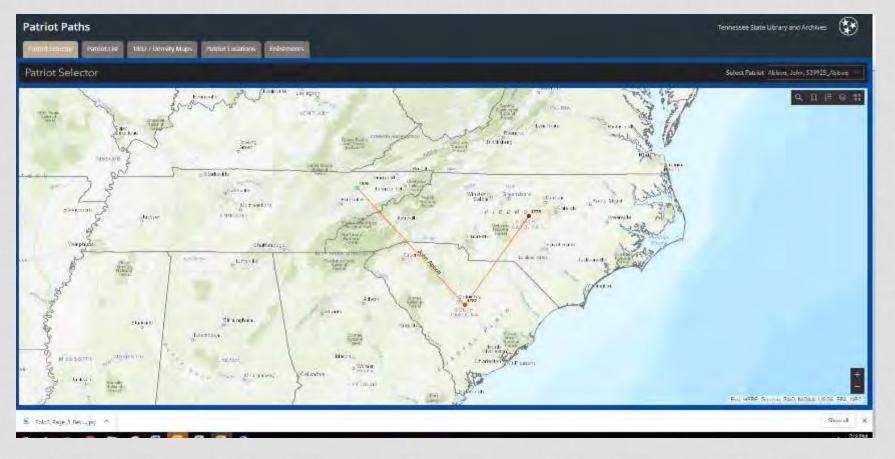


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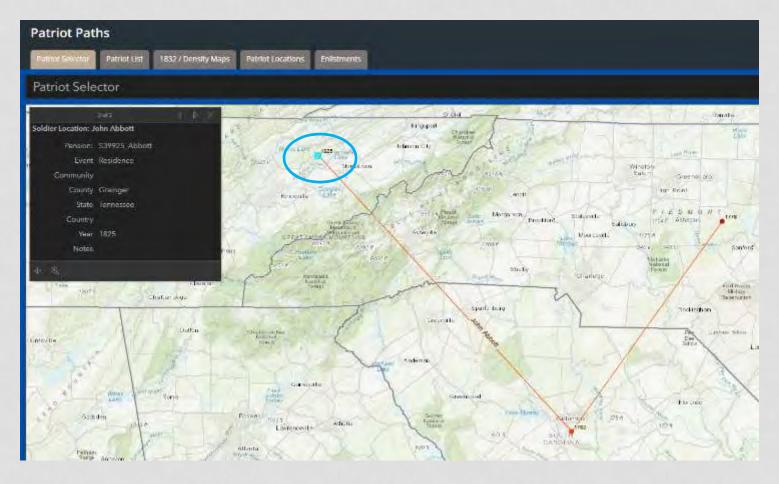


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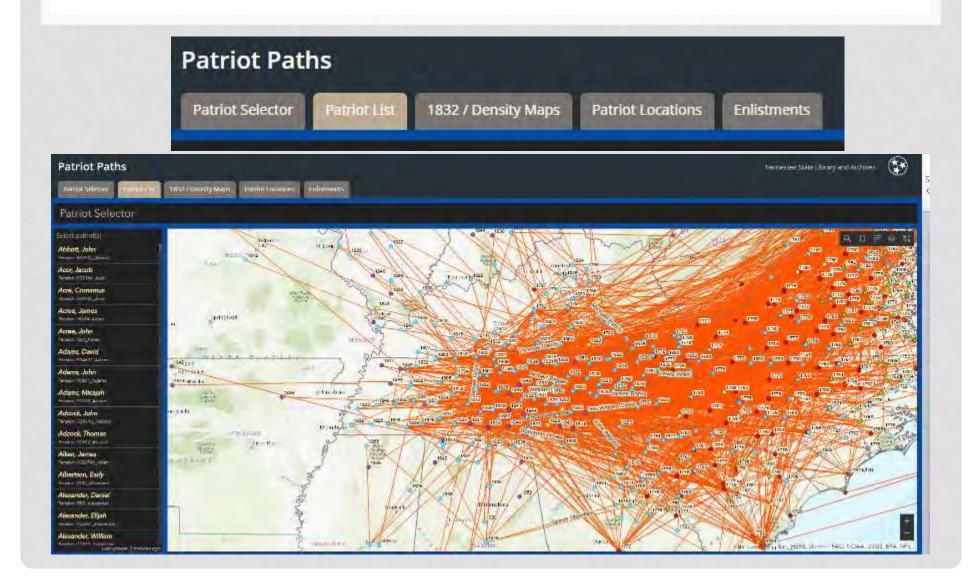


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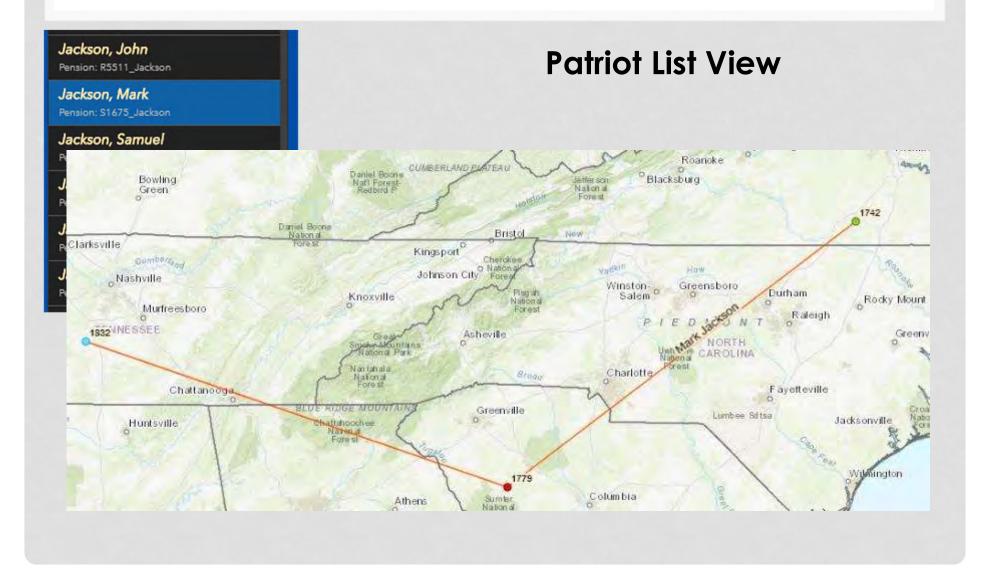
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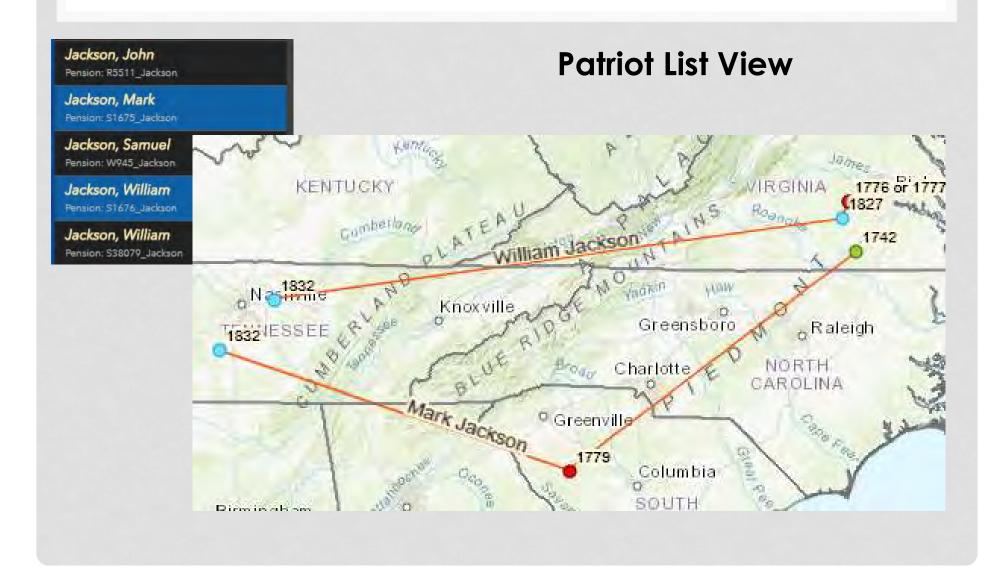
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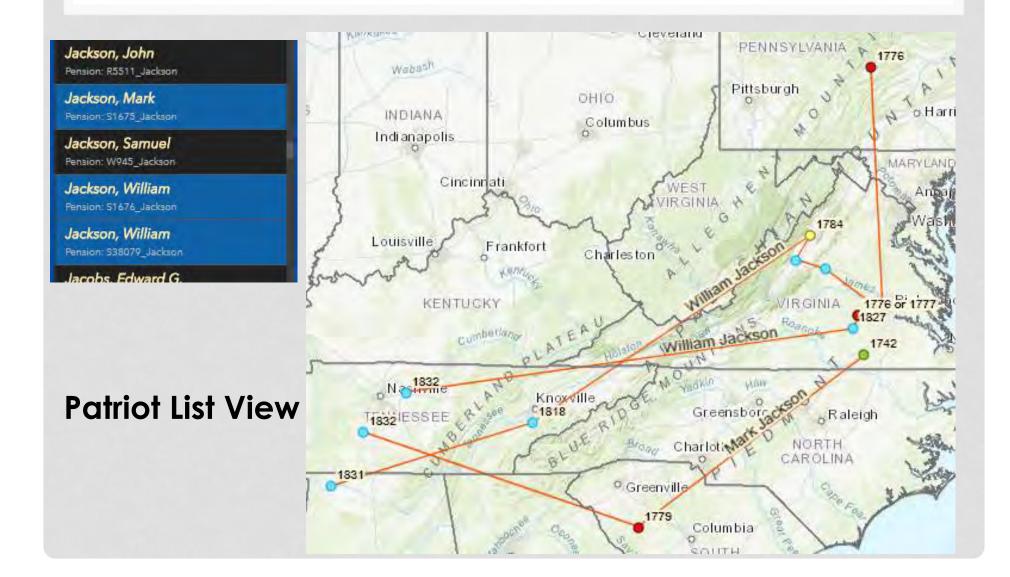




Patriot List View







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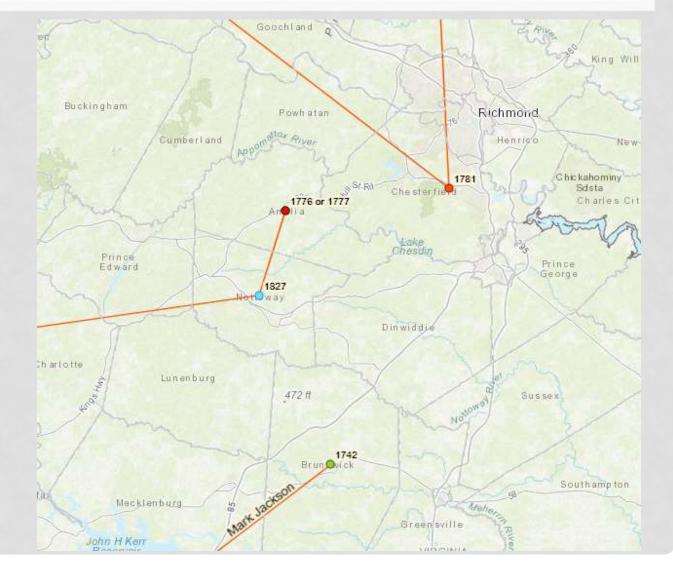
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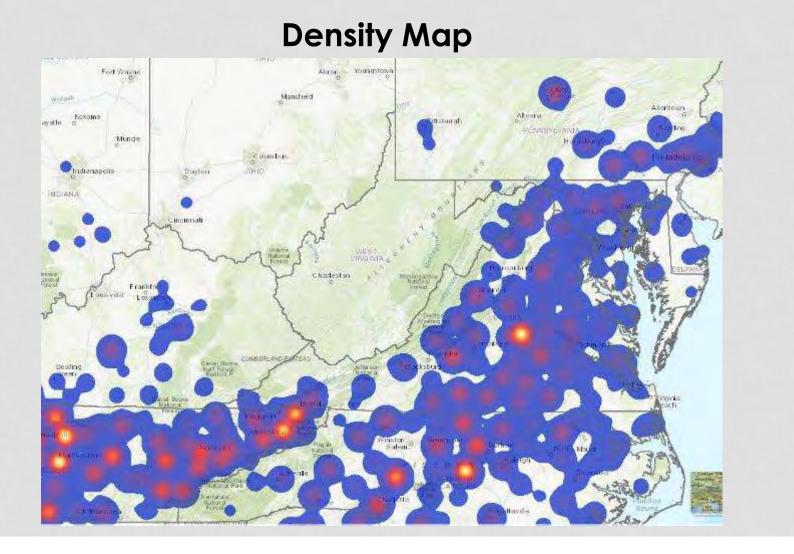
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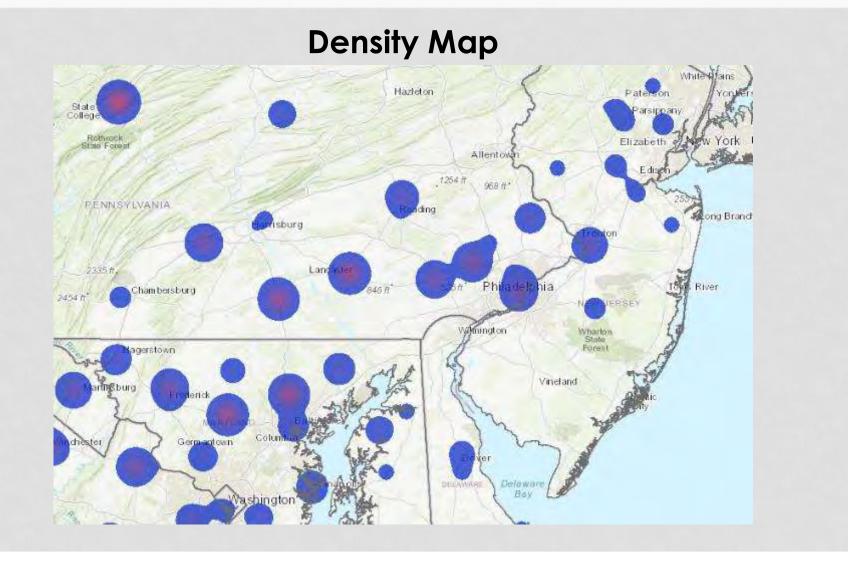
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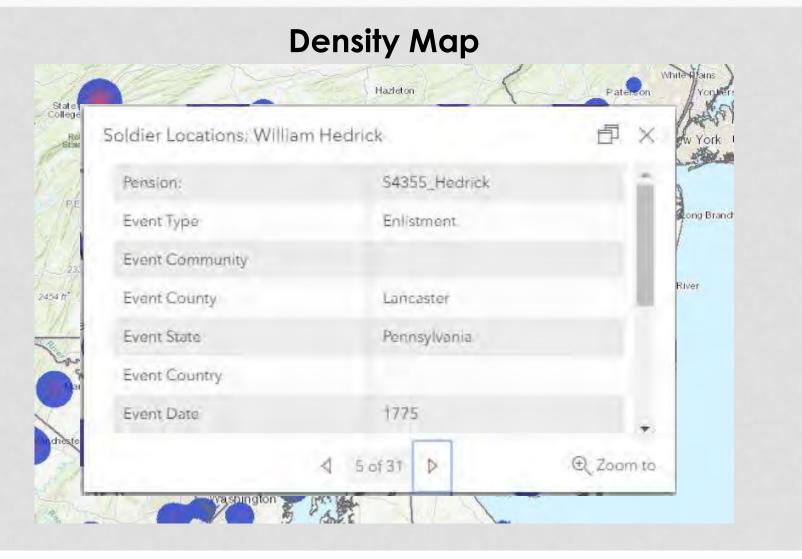


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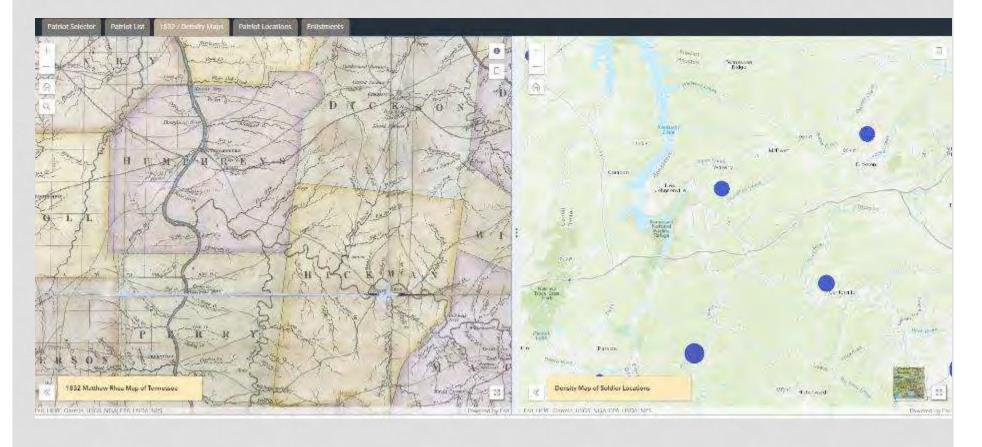


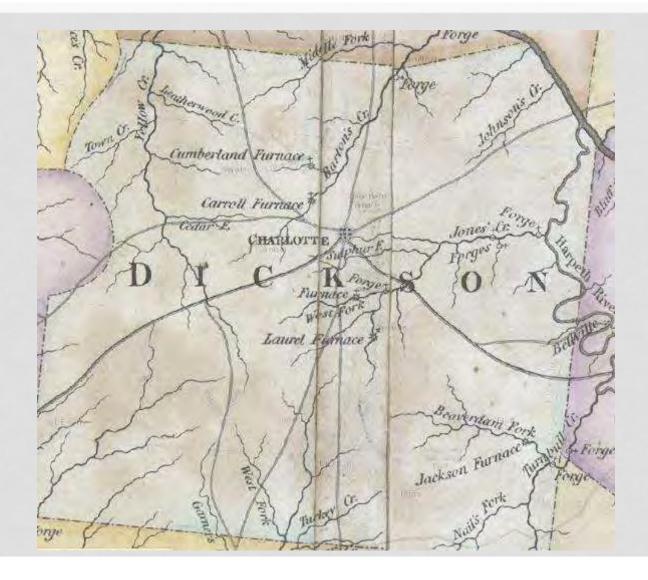
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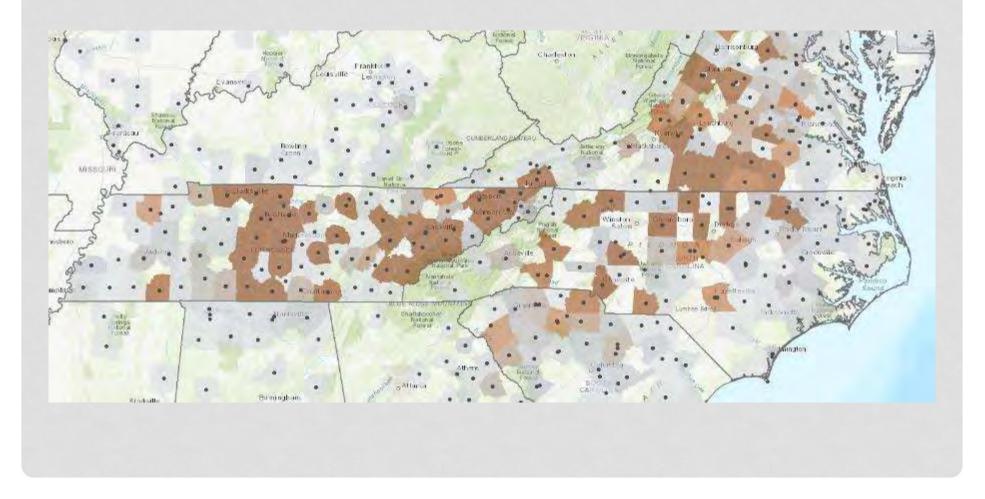
Density Map with 1832 Rhea Map







Patriot Locations



Addendum III

Patriot Paths

Application Instructions

1. In which years were pension applications expanded and for whom? Hint: Open Introduction tab. Read through text box to find answers.

2. In which county did William Key enlist?

Hint: Open Patriot Selector tab. Select soldier William Key by typing in his last name "Key" in the drop down box and click on his name. Click the red point indicating Enlistment. County of Enlistment should appear in popup box.

3. In which county were both Michael and Daniel Broyles born?

Hint: Open Patriot List tab. Scroll down through the list of soldiers to select both Michael Broyles and Daniel Broyles. Click first point for both and read the popup box.

4. In which county was Fort Nash located in 1832?

Hint: Open 1832/Density Maps tab. Click the bookmarks icon and select "Old Fort Nash" from the drop-down box.

5. Which three veterans listed Shelby County, Tennessee, as their residence?

Hint: Open Patriot Locations tab. Click on the point within Shelby County, Tennessee. Click through the records displayed in the popup box to see each soldier.

6. How many veterans enlisted in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania?

Hint: Open Enlistments tab. In the Enlistments Search Box, type "Lancaster". Click on Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Enlistments should appear in popup box

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