

Finding Revolutionary War Pension Applications & Loyalist Memorials Peggy M. Baker (18 June 2026)

Ancestry.com

For **Ancestry's Revolutionary War Pension Records** search page, enter <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1995/> into the browser search bar.

A query page asking for the veteran's name will pop up. (Pensions are indexed only under the soldier's name, even if granted to his widow.) Fill in the name and "Enter." A list of names will pop up, click on "View Record."

For **Ancestry's Loyalist Memorials** search page, enter <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3712/> into the browser search bar.

A query page asking for the Loyalist's name will pop up. Fill in the name and "Enter." A list of names will pop up (many Loyalists will have multiple entries; Memorials may appear several times, with differences, as they progress through the system). Click on "View record."

PLEASE NOTE: There are two sets of records: Series I, Group AO 12 (compensation received) and Series II, Group AO 13 ("Memorials" submitted, with descriptions of service and claimed property losses). Both can be accessed by clicking on the right-hand column box labelled "Explore this collection: Class description," **BUT ONLY AO 13** ("Memorials" submitted) **is indexed**. "Your" Loyalist's received compensation will NOT pop up by using the query page.

FamilySearch at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/>

For **FamilySearch's Revolutionary War Pension Records** index page, enter <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/koha:306844> into the browser search bar.

This brings up a 267-page index that lists applications, arranged by surname and in alphabetical groupings. At the bottom right is a box; enter a specific page to "skip around" the index.

Once the appropriate film is found, the specific pension application must be located within the film. Each film listed in the index has, on the far right, two columns under "Format": a camera icon (taking you to the film itself) and a page icon (taking you to "Full Text Search.>").

On the "Full Text Search" page, find the "Search" box on the left and click on "Edit Search." An "Edit Your Search" box will pop up; type (under "name") the veteran's name, in quotation marks. Click "Apply." This pulls up all instances when the name appears in that film; click on a likely one. Click backwards through the pages to arrive at the cover page of the application.

For FamilySearch's Loyalist Memorials

To access Loyalist Memorials, you must visit a FamilySearch affiliate (in Plymouth, the Plymouth Public Library or the GSMD Library). You can find your nearest affiliate by using FamilySearch's locator tool at: <https://locations.familysearch.org/en>

FamilySearch is free, but you must sign in or, if new, sign up. Click on either the "Sign Up" or "Sign In" box at the upper right. Directions are supplied!

On FamilySearch, Loyalist Memorials have two separate record groups:

Claims (AO 13): <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/koha:192412>

and **Compensation (AO 12):** <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/koha:16752>

In each case, use the indices, listed first in "Claims" (aka "Memorials" requesting compensation) and last in "Compensation" (aka actual compensation granted).

The Claims indices reference both Claims "bundles" and Compensation "volumes." Individual claims often appear several times, with differences, as they progress through the system.

The Compensation index references only its own 112 volumes.