Overseas Pension

Background

Following the Revolutionary War, soldiers received compensation from the Federal government for injuries incurred while in public service. If the soldier died as a result of his injuries, his widow, minor children, mother, father or other person dependent on the soldier for a living could apply for a pension. While some pensioners remained in the United States Pension Bureau Bldg - Front, others returned to their country of origin or moved somewhere else outside of the United States. In order to ensure proper payments of money, the U.S. Pension Bureau kept extensive rolls of pensioners and where they lived, including those who moved abroad. These pensioners served in conflicts after the Revolutionary War, including the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish American war; it also includes military personnel injured or killed during peace time while on active duty. This documentation comes from records of various agencies, in particular the Bureau of Pensions, the War Department, the Department of State and the Department of the Treasury. Each agency kept its records slightly differently so they come in an assortment of types; there are correspondence files, narrative and statistical reports, pension files, lists of names, and financial records.

Objectives

Utilizing digital curation tools, the Overseas Pension Project aims to release the rich genealogical and historical data contained within these digitized records. Historians and historical societies can access correspondence dating back to 19th and 2oth century. Genealogists and families can explore graph databases and documents pertaining to family members or Civil War figures.

Themes

Movement of People

Stakeholders

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Data

Archival Images

Excel Sheets

Txt Files

Final Product

Graph Database/ Relational Database

Online Exhibit

Skills

Digitization

Optical Character Recognition

Data Analytics / Data Management

Digital Exhibit Design

Software

Neo4J

AbbyyFine Reader

R

Tableau

Word Press

Professional Development

Papers

Conferences

Historical Society Networking

Deadlines

End of November