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 20th 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