Veteran Bounty Land Records Project

In June 2023, NGS signed an agreement with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to preserve and digitize the Bounty Land Warrant Application files from veterans of early American wars. This $2.5 million project is the second phase of the Preserve the Pensions initiative, now managed by the National Genealogical Society. The Preserve the Pensions initiative began over a decade ago with leadership from the Federation of Genealogical Societies (since merged with NGS) and the genealogy community, to digitize the War of 1812 pension files. That project continues today with significant support from Ancestry.

Fundraising and Partnerships

The Veteran Bounty Land Records (VBLR) project kicked off with a capital fundraising campaign in 2023. To date, the campaign has raised over $1 million towards its $2.5 million goal. The Daughters of the American Revolution and FamilySearch are the lead partners.

Impacts

- Some 360,000 records will become available on the Internet
- Millions of Americans will discover ancestors they didn't know existed
- Native American and African American veterans gain deserved recognition
- Access for genealogists and historians to support work with their clients
- Support for historians for research and publishing
- Access by teachers and students worldwide to support education

AzGAB is collecting donations for this project. Donations will be accepted until 31 October 2026. Thank you for your support!