



★ THE MISSION

Why is it so critical to preserve the War of 1812 Pension Records?

Right now, there are 180,000 Pension Records from the War of 1812 housed at the National Archives, a total of 7,200,000 pages. This year marks the **200th anniversary** of the start of the War of 1812, a war some hail as our second Revolutionary War. **So digitizing these fragile records now is timely.**

Why is there such urgency for your support today?

Ancestry.com has generously agreed to step up and cover half of the costs of the project to digitize the War of 1812 pension records so that each dollar donated goes twice as far.

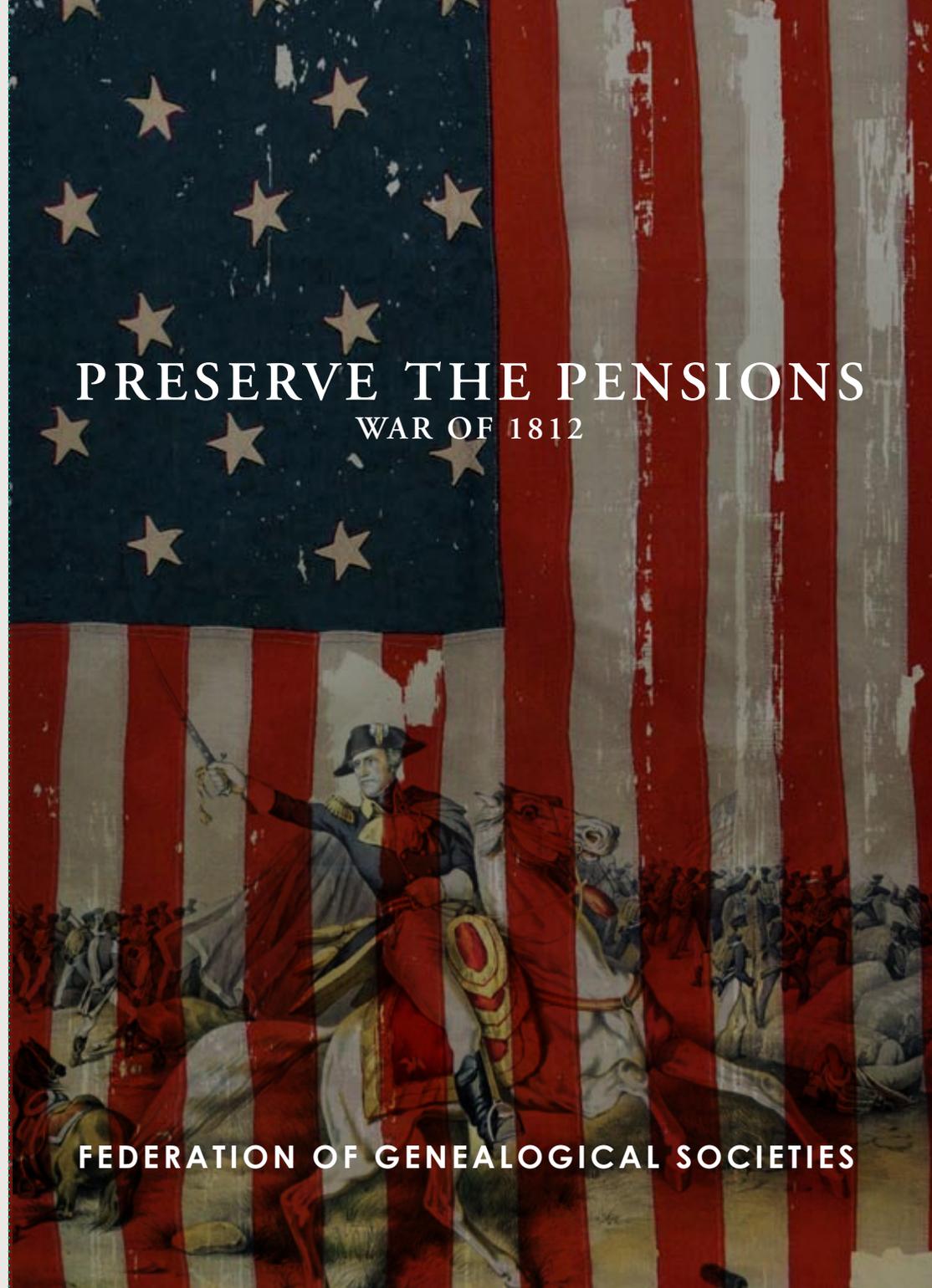
But time is of the essence. These documents are fragile and need to be digitized quickly to preserve the best possible image of each page.

Please keep in mind: **Preserve the Pensions project is much more than the War of 1812.** There are *millions* of Civil War, World War I and II records waiting to be digitized. If we can show that this public-private partnership works on the War of 1812 pension files, it will pave the way for future preservation endeavors. **But preserving the War of 1812 pension files is the first step.**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies is pleased to partner with Ancestry.com, fold3, and FamilySearch, as well as numerous individual state and local genealogical societies and leaders in the genealogical community.



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PRESERVE THE PENSIONS WAR OF 1812

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A MESSAGE FROM PAT OXLEY

The Federation of Genealogical Societies is pleased to spearhead *Preserve the Pensions*—a **\$3.7 million nationwide fundraising initiative** to digitize the long-neglected War of 1812 pension records. These pensions are among the most requested items and are in urgent need of digitization.

Preserve the Pensions will not only preserve the fragile original documents, but also ensure that the sacrifices and monumental achievements of our forefathers are never forgotten.

Furthermore, this is the **first time in history** that the ENTIRE genealogy community is coming together to see a project of this magnitude to completion . . . from the National Archives to fold3 to individual state and local genealogical societies.

Please lend your support today. Thank you for helping with a project of such vast historical implication.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Pat Oxley

President of FGS



THE OPPORTUNITY

Ancestry.com has generously stepped up and agreed to cover costs to digitize HALF of the War of 1812 pension records. So every dollar donated will actually go twice as far.

At a cost of \$0.45 per digitized page, your *tax-deductible* gift of \$45 would normally digitize 100 pages. **But with the help of Ancestry.com, it will digitize 200 pages.**

\$112.50 will digitize 250 pages or **500** with Ancestry.com's help. And \$450 from you will digitize a total of **2,000 pages.**

All of the War of 1812 Pension Records digitized with your donation will be made available to the public on the fold3 website! This is important because, for many of us, these records are also the “missing link” . . . a connection for those of us who search for our family history connections between the Civil War and the Revolutionary War.

THE MOMENT... IS NOW

Countless members within the genealogical and historical communities have stepped up to do their part to *Preserve the Pensions*. **Now it rests on leaders like you.**

Please make a tax-deductible gift of \$45, \$90, \$180, \$250 or even \$500 in the enclosed envelope to help us preserve the pension records of the War of 1812. **Remember that each dollar you donate will go twice as far thanks to Ancestry.com covering half the costs of this project!**



Tim Sullivan
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Ancestry.com

“At Ancestry.com, it’s not only our mission to help people discover, preserve, and share their family’s histories every day - it’s truly our passion. We are proud to partner with FGS on the War of 1812 pension project to digitize and preserve the rich history and stories found within these records and to make them available online to a much wider audience.”