

# PENSION RECORDS

There are two American pension record files included in the additions lists this issue; Revolutionary War pensioner Thomas Whitlock (1757-1842) from Geneva Campbell (R558) and Civil War pensioner Joshua Luster Whitlock (1824-1899) from Todd Zimmerman (R564). Both these documents give invaluable information about the pensioner's family and I would encourage anyone with an ancestor in the military to look into acquiring this type of documentation. Bureaucracy is nothing new - Joshua Luster Whitlock had to list the names and dates of birth of all his children everytime a new form was filled in!!

I am not sure of the procedures for the British or Canadian records but I am sure most local Family History Societies would be able to help. For information about American records pre WWI write to: General Reference Branch (NNRG), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20408. For WWI or II records write to: National Personnel Records Center (Military Records), NARA, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. The cost for pre WWI records appears to be \$10 if they find the record (they also accept credit cards). It is also suggested that you contact the archives of the State from which your ancestor served as they may have additional information.