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Excerpt from the Introduction

IN the compilation of the following Military and Naval record of Connecticut in the War of the Revolution, as called for by Act of the General Assembly approved April 13, 1887, various sources of information have been sought and examined. The original and official manuscripts bearing upon the history of that interesting period are, and long have been, in a more or less dispersed condition — a fact true of the records of all the Thirteen States — and in some instances the greater part has been either lost or destroyed. In the case of Connecticut, while certain gaps occur at intervals in the continuity of her Revolutionary Papers, the more valuable portions have fortunately been preserved and are deposited in permanent and accessible archives. Of this material, the State herself retains a considerable proportion, the Departments of the General Government at Washington contain much, and the remainder has passed by gift and purchase into the keeping of individuals, Societies, and Libraries throughout the country. For convenient reference the documents may be classified as follows:

1. The original minutes of the proceedings of the General Assembly of Connecticut, covering the period of the war, on file in the office of the Secretary of State, Hartford.

2. The original minutes of the proceedings of the Governor and Council, or Committee of War, covering the period of the war, on file in the State Library, Hartford.

3. Pay-Rolls of the Connecticut Regiments in the Continental "Line" for certain years, and scattering pay-table accounts of State troops and militia, together with individual accounts, bound in twelve volumes, on file in the office of the State Comptroller, Hartford.

4. Thirty-eight bound folio volumes, marked "Revolutionary War," covering a period of ten years or more from 1774, and containing numerous original rolls, letters, accounts, resolutions, petitions, town-lists, and similar material, unbound, on file in the State Library.

5. Rolls, letters, and various documents bearing on the service of Connecticut troops, on file among the papers of General Washington in the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

6. Forty-seven bound folio volumes, containing company and regimental muster and pay rolls of the regiments of the Connecticut "Line," together with numerous militia rolls and miscellaneous papers, and the large mass of applications for pensions, on file in the Pension Bureau, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. . .

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