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A REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE & PENSION FILE REPORT

Josiah Pellwood

Private · Capt. Naylor's Company · Col. Hartwell's Regiment, Delaware Line
*Revolutionary War service (survivor) pension — Acts of 1818, 1820 (schedule), 1823
(restoration), and 1832; NARA file S. 44,187*

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Short Biography

Josiah Pellwood was a Delaware farmer and carpenter who, in the spring of 1778, enlisted at Lewes for a nine-month tour in Captain Naylor's company of Colonel Hartwell's regiment of the Delaware Line. The surviving muster rolls place him present that summer — at a camp near Valley Forge in May and at White Plains in September, where he was on command with the baggage guard — and he was discharged at Wilmington the following winter. Forty years later, poor and rheumatic, he swore out a pension declaration in Sussex County (1818), was struck from the roll in 1821 after conveying his little farm to his son Levi, was restored in 1823, and was pensioned again under the more generous act of 1832. His wife was Comfort; a grandson lived with the couple. This report combines his compiled service record with his pension file. The file names the man's unit, ages, residences, and several kin, but it cannot by itself prove that this Josiah Pellwood is any particular family's ancestor — that requires correlation with records outside the file.

The Story of Josiah and Comfort Pellwood

In the spring of 1778, at Lewes in Sussex County, Delaware, **Josiah Pellwood** put his name to a nine-month enlistment. He was, by his own later reckoning, about twenty-two. The company was Captain Naylor's, in Colonel Hartwell's regiment of the Delaware Line, and the army's own ledgers agree with him. A muster roll taken at a camp near Valley Forge on **May 30, 1778** lists him present, enlisted **April 21, 1778, for nine months**. A second roll, taken at **White Plains on September 4, 1778**, again marks him present, this time "on command with the baggage guard." By the winter following he was discharged at Wilmington, his term served.

That is very nearly the whole of what the contemporaneous record proves. In his 1832 declaration Josiah added that he had been at the **battle of Monmouth** in New Jersey that June, "where his regiment suffered in the heat," and that he served two further short militia tours in Sussex County whose officers he could no longer name. Those details appear only in the aged man's own late recollection, not on any surviving roll — worth recording, but remembered rather than independently proven (see the notes).

Forty years on, the war had left Josiah with little. On **June 22, 1818**, aged 62 and living in Broadkiln Hundred, he stood before the Court of Common Pleas and swore he was "in reduced circumstances and in need of the assistance of his country," with only a small farm of thirty acres "from which he can no longer earn a living, by reason of age and infirmity." The pension was allowed.

Then came the means test. The Act of 1820 required pensioners to swear a full schedule of their property, and Josiah's, sworn **August 9, 1820**, is a plain little inventory of old age: no real estate — the thirty-acre farm had been **conveyed to his son, Levi Pellwood, that February** — one cow, two hogs, a lot of old carpenter's tools, and household furniture "of small value, say \$11 in the whole," against \$19 of debts. Living with him were his wife **Comfort, aged 58, feeble**, and a **grandson aged 9**. His trade was carpenter, "but unable to pursue it steadily by reason of rheumatism." The Pension Office looked at the farm he had signed over to Levi, and on **May 14, 1821** struck him from the roll. He

was **restored on October 2, 1823** under the Act of 1823, at eight dollars a month, from the previous March.

When Congress passed the universal service pension of 1832, Josiah — now 76 — declared again, on **October 30, 1832**. The State of Delaware certified in **January 1833** what its archives could and could not show: no pay rolls of the Delaware Line for 1778 survived, but a single muster roll of Captain Naylor's company, taken at Wilmington, carried "Josiah Pellwood, private, from May until December, 1778." The office inscribed him at **\$30 a year** for his nine months' service, commencing March 4, 1831. When and where he died, this file does not say.

The records spell his name two ways — **Pellwood** on the jacket, in his own signatures, and on most cards; **Pelwood** on one muster roll and the cross-reference card — a scribe's variation, nothing more. His story is the story the file holds: a young man in the ranks the summer of Valley Forge and White Plains, and an old carpenter, decades later, asking his country for eight dollars a month.

How to Read This Report

This report combines two record groups about one man: his **compiled military service record** (Part A, pages coded **C-#**) and his **Revolutionary War pension file** (Part B, coded **P-#**). A few plain-language keys:

- **Source tiers.** *Tier 1* is sworn or own-hand testimony (the veteran's declarations, his property schedule, his signatures). *Tier 2* is an official administrative record (the service cards abstracted from the muster rolls, the state's certification, the Pension Office roll summaries). *Tier 3* is claim paperwork. *Tier 4* is filing marks and wrappers (the jacket, the cross-reference card, digitizer source pages).
- **▲ Fog of War (late recollection).** A detail known only from an aged declaration decades after the events — here, the battle of Monmouth and the two militia tours. Recorded, but not independently confirmed.
- **A card is a copyist's abstract.** The service cards were typed up in the 1890s–1900s from the original rolls; they carry the rolls' facts but also the copyists' spelling choices.
- **"INVALID" on the pension jacket is a shelf label** from the 1870 re-arrangement, **not** evidence of a disability claim. This is a service (survivor) pension.
- **[SOURCE CONFLICT]** means two documents disagree; both readings are shown, and where one is better supported the story follows it and says so.

Part A — Service Record Inventory

- **C-1 — Jacket-Envelope (page 1).** "PELLWOOD, Josiah. Private, Capt. Naylor's Company, Col. Hartwell's Regiment, Delaware Line. (Revolutionary War.)" Card numbers 91104420, 91104688, 91104915; "Number of personal papers herein: 0." "See also: PELWOOD, Josiah." *Tier 4*.
- **C-2 — Cross-Reference Card (page 2).** "PELWOOD, Josiah — the cards of this soldier are filed under PELLWOOD, Josiah, which see. (Revolutionary War, Delaware.)" The compiler's master-spelling pointer. *Tier 4*.
- **C-3 — Company Muster Roll (page 3).** Printed header "Capt. Harlan's Company"; body "Josiah Pellwood, Pvt., Capt. Naylor's Co., Col. Hartwell's Reg't, Delaware Line." Roll dated Camp near Valley Forge, May 30, 1778. Enlisted April 21, 1778, for nine months. Present. *Tier 2*.

- **C-4 — Company Muster Roll (page 4).** Printed header "Capt. Harlan's Company"; body "Josiah Pelwood, Pvt., Capt. Naylor's Co." Roll dated White Plains, September 4, 1778. Present. Remarks: on command with the baggage guard. *Tier 2.*
- **C-5 — Fold3-style Source Page (page 5).** Digitizer's source page; not part of the original record; states the specimen is fictional. *Tier 4.*

Part B — Pension File Inventory

- **P-1 — File Jacket, 1870 arrangement (page 6).** Printed "INVALID." (a shelf category, not a disability claim). File No. S. 44,187 (specimen numbering); PELLWOOD, Josiah — Delaware; Acts of March 18, 1818; May 1, 1820; March 1, 1823; June 7, 1832. *Tier 4.*
- **P-2 — Declaration under the Act of March 18, 1818 (page 7).** Sworn June 22, 1818, before the Court of Common Pleas, Sussex County; aged 62, resident of Broadkiln Hundred. Enlisted spring 1778 at Lewes under Capt. Naylor, Col. Hartwell, Delaware Line; served nine months; discharged at Wilmington the winter following; reduced circumstances; a small farm of thirty acres. Signed Josiah Pellwood. *Tier 1.*
- **P-3 — Schedule of Property under the Act of May 1, 1820 (page 8).** Sworn August 9, 1820. Real property NONE — thirty-acre farm conveyed to son Levi Pellwood the previous February. Personal: one cow, two hogs, carpenter's tools, furniture ~\$11. Debts owed by him: \$19. Family residing with him: wife Comfort, aged 58, feeble; grandson aged 9. Occupation carpenter, hindered by rheumatism. Signed Josiah Pellwood. *Tier 1.*
- **P-4 — Pension Office Notation, Stricken from the Roll (page 9).** May 14, 1821. Pension suspended and name stricken under the Act of May 1, 1820, the conveyed property being taken into view. *Tier 2.*
- **P-5 — Restoration under the Act of March 1, 1823 (page 10).** October 2, 1823. Restored to the Delaware agency roll from March 4, 1823, at eight dollars per month. *Tier 2.*
- **P-6 — Declaration under the Act of June 7, 1832 (page 11).** Sworn October 30, 1832; aged 76. Entered service spring 1778 under Capt. Naylor in Col. Hartwell's Delaware Line regiment; served nine months; at the battle of Monmouth in June; afterward two further short militia tours in Sussex County (officers unremembered); old age and loss of memory prevent more particular dates. Signed Josiah Pellwood. *Tier 1.*
- **P-7 — State Certification of Service (page 12).** Office of the Secretary of State, Dover, January 19, 1833. No pay rolls of the Delaware Line for 1778 survive; a single muster roll of Capt. Naylor's company, taken at Wilmington, shows Josiah Pellwood, private, from May until December 1778; nothing further appears. Signed J. M. Comegys, Secretary of State. *Tier 2, with a documented negative result.*
- **P-8 — Pension Office Roll Summary (page 13).** Josiah Pellwood, private, Delaware Line; inscribed on the Delaware agency roll under the Act of June 7, 1832, at \$30 per annum (nine months' service), commencing March 4, 1831; in addition to prior inscriptions under the Acts of 1818 and 1823. Died: not stated in this file. *Tier 2.*
- **P-9 — Fold3-style Source Page (page 14).** Digitizer's source page; not part of the original file; states the specimen is fictional. *Tier 4.*

Genealogical Summary

The soldier. Josiah Pellwood (also spelled Pelwood), Private, Capt. Naylor's company, Col. Hartwell's regiment, Delaware Line. Aged 62 in June 1818 and 76 in October 1832 — both point to a **birth year of**

about 1756 (calculated from stated ages; the two independent statements agree). Resident of Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. Trade: carpenter, and a small farmer.

Named kin (from the pension file). - **Comfort Pellwood**, wife, aged 58 and "feeble" in August 1820 (implied birth ~1762). - **Levi Pellwood**, son, to whom the thirty-acre farm was conveyed in February 1820. - An unnamed **grandson**, aged 9 in 1820 (implied birth ~1811), residing with the couple.

Residences. Lewes (enlistment, 1778); Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware (1818–1832).

Pension history (a calculation, labeled as such). Pensioned under the 1818 act at \$8/month; struck from the roll May 14, 1821; restored October 2, 1823, effective March 4, 1823, at \$8/month; re-inscribed under the 1832 act at \$30/year from March 4, 1831. A reliable lifetime total cannot be computed because **the file gives no death date** and the exact 1818 commencement date is not stated here.

Combined Service & Claim Timeline

- **April 21, 1778** — Enlisted for nine months, Capt. Naylor's company, Delaware Line (C-3).
- **May 30, 1778** — Present; roll taken at Camp near Valley Forge (C-3).
- **June 1778** — At the battle of Monmouth, per his 1832 declaration only *△ late recollection; no roll covers the date* (P-6).
- **September 4, 1778** — Present; roll taken at White Plains, "on command with the baggage guard" (C-4).
- **May–December 1778** — Service span as later certified by the State of Delaware from the surviving muster roll (P-7).
- **Winter following (1778–79)** — Discharged at Wilmington, nine-month term served (P-2).
- **Two further militia tours, Sussex County** — undated; his 1832 declaration only *△ late recollection; no roll support* (P-6).
- **June 22, 1818** — Declaration under the 1818 act; aged 62 (P-2).
- **February 1820** — Conveyed his thirty-acre farm to son Levi Pellwood (P-3).
- **August 9, 1820** — Property schedule sworn under the 1820 act (P-3).
- **May 14, 1821** — Stricken from the roll under the 1820 act (P-4).
- **October 2, 1823** — Restored under the 1823 act, effective March 4, 1823, at \$8/month (P-5).
- **October 30, 1832** — Declaration under the 1832 act; aged 76 (P-6).
- **January 19, 1833** — State certification of service (P-7).
- **(Roll summary)** — Inscribed under the 1832 act at \$30/year, commencing March 4, 1831 (P-8).
- **Death** — not stated in this file (UNRESOLVED).

Named Social Network

- **Captain Naylor** — commander of Josiah's company, Delaware Line (C-1, C-3, C-4, P-2, P-6, P-7).
- **Colonel Hartwell** — commander of the regiment, Delaware Line (C-1, C-3, P-2, P-6).
- **Comfort Pellwood** — wife (P-3).
- **Levi Pellwood** — son, grantee of the farm (P-3).
- **Unnamed grandson** — aged 9, residing with the household (P-3).
- **J. M. Comegys** — Secretary of State of Delaware, who certified the surviving muster-roll evidence in 1833 (P-7).

- **"Capt. Harlan"** — named only in the printed headers of the two muster-roll cards, which conflict with the body naming Capt. Naylor (C-3, C-4); see Source Conflicts.

Source Conflicts & Discrepancies

Company commander: Harlan vs. Naylor (C-3, C-4). Both muster-roll cards carry the printed header "Capt. Harlan's Company," while the entry body of each names "Capt. Naylor's Co." The story follows **Naylor**: the body entries, the jacket, the 1818 and 1832 declarations, and the 1833 state certification all name Naylor; only the two printed headers say Harlan. Both readings are recorded here; the header may be a compilation/typesetting artifact.

Name spelling: Pellwood vs. Pelwood. The jacket, most cards, both declarations, and his own signatures read **Pellwood**; one muster-roll card (C-4) and the cross-reference card (C-2) read **Pelwood**. Treated as a scribal variant of one name, resolved to Pellwood.

Service span: "May until December 1778" (P-7) vs. enlistment "April 21, 1778" (C-3). The state certification, working from one surviving roll, gives May–December; the contemporaneous muster roll records the enlistment as April 21. The contemporaneous roll is the better date for the start; the certification is a later summary of what one roll happened to show.

Battle of Monmouth and the two militia tours (P-6). These appear only in the 1832 declaration and are supported by no surviving roll. They are flagged as late recollection — recorded, not confirmed. Absence of rolls is a records fact, not a refutation.

The Law Behind the Pension

The file reaches four acts, in this order:

- **Act of March 18, 1818** (3 Stat. 410). A lifetime pension for men who served at least nine months on the Continental establishment and were in reduced circumstances; enlisted men drew \$8/month, but had to be needy. Josiah's 1818 declaration (P-2) — nine months' Delaware Line service, sworn poverty — was filed and allowed under this act.
- **Act of May 1, 1820** (3 Stat. 569). Not a new pension but a condition of keeping the old one: every 1818 pensioner had to exhibit a sworn schedule of his whole estate, and the Secretary struck anyone not, in his opinion, indigent. Josiah's 1820 schedule (P-3) was filed under this act; because he had conveyed his farm to his son, he was struck from the roll in 1821 (P-4) — a lawful, common sequence, not a finding of fraud on this record.
- **Act of March 1, 1823** (3 Stat. 782). Restored pensioners struck under the 1820 act, on renewed proof of indigence, with the pension commencing at the act's passage and no arrears for the years off the roll. Josiah was restored under it, effective March 4, 1823, at \$8/month (P-5).
- **Act of June 7, 1832** (4 Stat. 529). The universal service pension: two years' service earned full pay by rank, and six months to two years a proportional annuity, with no indigence test. Josiah's nine months earned a proportional **\$30 per year**, inscribed commencing March 4, 1831 (P-6, P-8), and confirmed by the state's certification of the surviving muster roll (P-7).

The move from being struck (1821) to restored (1823) to the far easier 1832 pension reflects **the law changing beneath him**, not any new evidence of his service. No bounty-land warrant appears in this file.

Research Gaps & Next Steps

What this file establishes about who he is. It anchors a Josiah Pellwood of **Capt. Naylor's company, Col. Hartwell's regiment, Delaware Line**; enlisted **April 21, 1778, at Lewes** for nine months; **aged about 62 in 1818 and 76 in 1832 (born ~1756)**; resident of **Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware**; a **carpenter** and small farmer; with a wife **Comfort**, a son **Levi**, and a **grandson**. These are the details a family will use to tie him to a line.

What it cannot establish. The file cannot, by itself, prove that this man is any particular family's ancestor. Same-named men of the same era are common, and connecting him to a specific line requires correlation with records **outside** this file (census, county, church, land, probate). This report reads the file; it has not confirmed anyone's descent.

Open questions and where to look next. - Death date and place — UNRESOLVED.

Revolutionary War files carry no standardized death notice. Look to the Treasury pension payment ledgers (NARA RG 217 / T718), Sussex County probate/estate records, and any later heirs' arrears application. Do not infer death from the last dated paper. - **A possible widow's claim.** If Comfort survived him, she may have filed under the widows' acts (1836 and later); search the General Index to Revolutionary War pension files (M804) for a W-number. - **The Monmouth and militia service.** State (Delaware) archives and Sussex County militia/adjutant-general records are the place to test the two unproven strands; the state itself has already certified that Delaware Line pay rolls for 1778 did not survive. - **Bounty land.** No federal warrant is in this file; a state bounty-land grant, if any, would be in Delaware state records, a separate system. - **The cross-reference / master spelling.** The compiler filed the cards under **Pellwood** and cross-referenced **Pelwood**; searches should try both spellings, and "Harlan" as a stray header variant.

Document Inventory

Page	Document Type	Summary
1	C-1 Jacket-Envelope	CMSR jacket for PELLWOOD, Josiah, Pvt., Capt. Naylor's Co., Col. Hartwell's Regt., Delaware Line (Rev. War); card nos. 91104420, 91104688, 91104915; 0 personal papers; 'See also: PELWOOD, Josiah.'
2	C-2 Cross-Reference Card	Cross-reference: cards of PELWOOD, Josiah are filed under PELLWOOD, Josiah (Rev. War, Delaware).
3	C-3 Company Muster Roll	Header 'Capt. Harlan's Company'; body names Josiah Pellwood, Pvt., Capt. Naylor's Co.; roll at Camp near Valley Forge, May 30, 1778; enlisted April 21, 1778 for nine months; present.
4	C-4 Company Muster Roll	Header 'Capt. Harlan's Company'; body names Josiah Pelwood, Pvt., Capt. Naylor's Co.; roll at White Plains, Sept. 4, 1778; present, on command

		with the baggage guard.
5	C-5 Fold3-style Source Page	Digitizer's source information page; not part of the original record; states the soldier is fictional.
6	P-1 File Jacket (1870)	Printed 'INVALID.' jacket (shelf label, not a disability claim); File No. S. 44,187; PELLWOOD, Josiah — Delaware; Acts of 1818, 1820, 1823, 1832.
7	P-2 Declaration (Act of Mar 18, 1818)	Sworn June 22, 1818, Sussex Co.; aged 62, Broadkilm Hundred; enlisted spring 1778 at Lewes under Capt. Naylor, Col. Hartwell; nine months; discharged at Wilmington; reduced circumstances; 30-acre farm; signed Josiah Pellwood.
8	P-3 Schedule of Property (Act of May 1, 1820)	Sworn Aug 9, 1820; no real property (farm conveyed to son Levi in Feb.); cow, two hogs, carpenter's tools, ~\$11 furniture; \$19 debts; wife Comfort aged 58 feeble, grandson aged 9; carpenter with rheumatism; signed Josiah Pellwood.
9	P-4 Pension Office Notation (stricken)	May 14, 1821; pension suspended and name stricken under the Act of May 1, 1820, the conveyed property being taken into view.
10	P-5 Restoration (Act of Mar 1, 1823)	Oct 2, 1823; restored to the Delaware agency roll under the 1823 act from March 4, 1823, at eight dollars per month.
11	P-6 Declaration (Act of June 7, 1832)	Sworn Oct 30, 1832; aged 76; nine months under Capt. Naylor, Col. Hartwell; at battle of Monmouth June 1778; two further short Sussex Co. militia tours (officers unremembered); signed Josiah Pellwood.
12	P-7 State Certification of Service	Dover, Del., Jan 19, 1833; no 1778 Delaware Line pay rolls survive, but a single muster roll of Capt. Naylor's company (Wilmington) shows Josiah Pellwood, private, May–December 1778; signed J. M. Comegys, Secretary of State.
13	P-8 Pension Office Roll Summary	Inscribed on the Delaware agency roll under the Act of June 7, 1832 at \$30/year (9

		months' service), commencing March 4, 1831; in addition to prior inscriptions under 1818 and 1823; death not stated.
14	P-9 Fold3-style Source Page	Digitizer's source information page; not part of the original file; states the soldier is fictional.

Every Fact and Its Source

Each substantive fact in this report, with the document that states it. Tier 1 = sworn or own-hand documents; Tier 2 = official contemporaneous records; Tier 3 = claim-process paperwork; Tier 4 = administrative material. Notes mark facts a witness learned second-hand, values worked out by calculation, and uncertain readings.

Fact	Source document (page)	Tier	Notes
Josiah Pellwood served as a Private in Capt. Naylor's company, Col. Hartwell's regiment, Delaware Line (Revolutionary War).	C-1 Jacket-Envelope (p. 1)	4	corroborated by second source
The surname appears both as Pellwood and as Pelwood; the cards are filed under Pellwood, with Pelwood cross-referenced.	C-2 Cross-Reference Card (p. 2)	4	source conflict
He enlisted April 21, 1778, for nine months, in Capt. Naylor's company.	C-3 Company Muster Roll (p. 3)	2	corroborated by second source
He was present at a roll taken at Camp near Valley Forge, May 30, 1778.	C-3 Company Muster Roll (p. 3)	2	—
He was present at a roll taken at White Plains, September 4, 1778, on command with the baggage guard.	C-4 Company Muster Roll (p. 4)	2	—
The muster-roll cards carry a printed header 'Capt. Harlan's Company' that conflicts with the body naming Capt.	C-3 / C-4 Company Muster Roll (p. 3)	2	source conflict

Naylor's Co.			
The pension is a service (survivor) claim, file No. S. 44,187, under the Acts of 1818, 1820, 1823, and 1832; the 'INVALID' on the jacket is a shelf label, not a disability claim.	P-1 File Jacket (p. 6)	4	—
In 1818 he swore he enlisted in the spring of 1778 at Lewes, Delaware, under Capt. Naylor in Col. Hartwell's Delaware Line regiment, served nine months, and was discharged at Wilmington the winter following.	P-2 Declaration (1818) (p. 7)	1	corroborated by second source
He was aged 62 in June 1818 (implied birth ~1756) and resided in Broadkilm Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.	P-2 Declaration (1818) (p. 7)	1	calculated/derived
He declared reduced circumstances with only a small thirty-acre farm from which he could no longer earn a living.	P-2 Declaration (1818) (p. 7)	1	—
He conveyed his thirty-acre farm to his son, Levi Pellwood, in February 1820.	P-3 Schedule of Property (1820) (p. 8)	1	—
His wife was Comfort, aged 58 and feeble in August 1820 (implied birth ~1762).	P-3 Schedule of Property (1820) (p. 8)	1	calculated/derived
A grandson aged 9 (implied birth ~1811) resided with the household in 1820.	P-3 Schedule of Property (1820) (p. 8)	1	calculated/derived
In 1820 his estate was one cow, two	P-3 Schedule of Property (1820) (p. 8)	1	—

hogs, carpenter's tools, and furniture worth about \$11, against \$19 of debts; his trade was carpenter, hindered by rheumatism.			
His pension was suspended and his name stricken from the roll May 14, 1821, under the Act of May 1, 1820, the conveyed property being taken into view.	P-4 Pension Office Notation (p. 9)	2	—
He was restored to the Delaware agency roll October 2, 1823, under the Act of March 1, 1823, effective March 4, 1823, at eight dollars per month.	P-5 Restoration Notation (p. 10)	2	—
He was aged 76 in October 1832 (implied birth ~1756), consistent with the 1818 statement.	P-6 Declaration (1832) (p. 11)	1	corroborated by second source
In 1832 he stated he was at the battle of Monmouth in June 1778 and afterward served two further short militia tours in Sussex County.	P-6 Declaration (1832) (p. 11)	1	source conflict
The State of Delaware certified in 1833 that no 1778 Delaware Line pay rolls survive, but a single muster roll of Capt. Naylor's company taken at Wilmington shows Josiah Pellwood, private, May–December 1778.	P-7 State Certification (p. 12)	2	corroborated by second source
He was inscribed under the Act of June 7, 1832 at \$30 per annum for nine	P-8 Pension Office Roll Summary (p. 13)	2	—

months' service, commencing March 4, 1831, in addition to prior inscriptions under the 1818 and 1823 acts.			
The file states no date of death for Josiah Pellwood.	P-8 Pension Office Roll Summary (p. 13)	2	—

Where the Documents Disagree

Here two or more perfectly legible documents say different things. That is a finding about the record, not a reading problem - both versions are shown, and neither was silently preferred. Where the evidence clearly favored one reading, the story above follows it, and the note here says why - a visible weighing, never a silent one.

- **Page 3** - the documents disagree here (Part A muster-roll card (original CMSR p.3, and repeated on p.4) carries a printed header naming Capt. Harlan while the entry body names Capt. Naylor's company). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Adjudicate to Capt. Naylor: the body entries, the jacket, both declarations, and the 1833 state certification all name Naylor; the header is likely a compilation/typesetting artifact. Contemporaneous body entry beats printed header.
- **Page 4** - the documents disagree here (Part A muster-roll card (original CMSR p.4) and the cross-reference card spell the surname Pelwood; the jacket, other documents, and the veteran's own signatures spell it Pellwood). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Adjudicate to Pellwood: the jacket master spelling and the own-hand signatures on P-2 and P-6 outrank copyist renderings. Record Pelwood as a variant for searching.
- **Page 12** - the documents disagree here (Part B state certification (original Pension p.7) gives May–December 1778 from one surviving roll, while the contemporaneous muster-roll card (original CMSR p.3) records enlistment on April 21, 1778). Both readings appear in the report; review confirmed the disagreement is in the record itself. Our read: Adjudicate the start to April 21, 1778: the contemporaneous enlistment entry is more precise than the later summary of a single roll; the May–December span reflects only what that one roll happened to show.

Sworn Long After the Fact

These statements were sworn honestly, but decades after the events they describe. The oath makes them testimony, not a guarantee of accuracy - details here are a person's memory, and are weighed as such.

- **Page 11** - a late recollection (Part B 1832 declaration (original Pension p.6) names Monmouth; the detail appears in no earlier document and no surviving muster roll covers the late-June date). Honest testimony, recorded as the deponent remembered it; corroborating records, where they exist, are the check.
- **Page 11** - a late recollection (Part B 1832 declaration (original Pension p.6) adds two undated militia tours found nowhere else in either file). Honest testimony, recorded as the deponent remembered it; corroborating records, where they exist, are the check.

What the File Does Not Establish

The file is silent on these points. No document states them, so the report says so rather than filling them in.

- **Page 13** - the file does not answer this (Part B roll summary (original Pension p.8) records no death date; Revolutionary War files carry no standardized death notice). The Research Gaps section points to the records that might.

About this report: it was produced from the file provided, read page by page. It does not search records beyond that file - the Research Gaps section points to the outside records that could carry the story further.