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Arranged chronologically.

Historical Information

During the session which began in October 1777, the Virginia General Assembly passed several laws designed to increase military enlistment. These laws authorized the payment of pensions to maimed and disabled soldiers and to the widows of men killed in action. The provisions varied according to the specific terms of each act. In October 1782 an act was passed requiring county courts to certify on a semi-annual basis the continued eligibility of pensioners to receive allowances. The state auditor of public accounts maintained lists of pensioners that he sent to the county clerks for verification. He also issued warrants for the disbursement of pension funds. A few of the pensions in the collection are for French and Indian War service. The last act concerning Revolutionary War pensions was passed by the General Assembly in 1785.

Scope and Content

Lists of pensioners, 1785-1804, includes printed lists with names of individuals receiving pensions from the state of Virginia. Each list is in alphabetical order by surname. Lists, 1786-1790, include name, residence, age, rank, corps, and annual allowance. Lists, 1785 and 1792-1804, include name and annual allowance only. Lists also indicate widows and orphans.

Other Descriptive Data

These records are part of the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts record group (R.G. 48)

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