

The following titles are starting points only:

- R929.1072
GROENE** Groene, Bertram H., *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor*, J.F. Blair, 1995.
- R929.375
R839r** *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865*, Broadfoot Publishing Company, 1995- .
- R929.374
ROSTER** *The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*, Broadfoot Pub. Co. , 1997- .
- R973.73
U58wr** U.S. War Department, *War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*, Historical Times, 1985- .
- R973.742
A425w** Allen, Desmond Walls, *Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records*, Research Associates, 1991.
- MFM** *Confederate States Army Casualties: Lists and Reports* [M836]
- MFM** *Index to Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the U.S. Colored Troops* [M589]

Compiled service records of Union and Confederate soldiers are available on microfilm at the John F. Germany Public Library for some states, including:

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government [M258].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Generals and Staff Officers, and Nonregimental Enlisted Men [M331].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Florida [M251].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers...South Carolina [M267].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers...Tennessee [M268] (partial).

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ...North Carolina [M270].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... Alabama [M311].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... Kentucky [M319].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... Maryland [M321].

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... Missouri [M322].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Alabama [M276].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers... Tennessee [M395].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers...Louisiana [M396].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers ... Virginia [M398].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers...North Carolina [M401].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers... Texas [M402].

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers...Mississippi [M404].

1866-PRESENT

Records for service between 1866 and World War I are available from NARA, and may be requested using NATF Form 86. The 1900 census included a special enumeration of those serving in the Philippines. Records for World War I and after may be obtained from the National Personnel Records Center, using Standard Form 180. The regional branches of states' Adjutant Generals Office should be checked also.

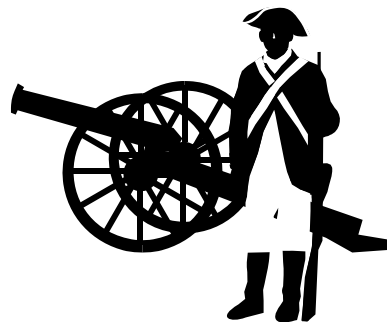
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Nearly everyone who served in the armed forces has left a record of their involvement. Service records, pension records or bounty land records can provide a wealth of information.

Before beginning, you should know something about the ancestor, the war in which they fought, and the service and branch (cavalry, infantry or artillery). Family stories or souvenirs provide clues.

For further information on beginning your search, refer to:

**R929.3
N338u** Neagles, James C. *U.S. Military Records: Guide to Federal and State Source, Colonial America to Present*, Ancestry, 1994.

**R929.1072
Source
2006** *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. (Chapter 11, "Research in Military Records"), Ancestry, 2006.

TYPES OF RECORDS

• Pension Application Files

Pension application files usually include both personal and military service information and are generally available for service from the Revolutionary War through 1916. They may be requested from NARA using form NATF Form 85. Pension for service in the Confederate States of America forces were not authorized by the Federal government until 1959. However, some of the former Confederate states did authorize pensions. The various states' archives keep these files.

• Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files

The Federal government offered lands in the public domain as an inducement for military service. This benefit lasted from the Revolutionary War until 1855. Bounty-land applications are similar to pension applications but also give the applicant's name and place of residence at the time of filing. These records may be requested from NARA using NATF Form 85.

• Military Service Records

Service records are available from the Revolutionary War through the years just prior to World War I. Information varies, but may include pay cards, muster returns and other documents. Requests for these records from NARA may be made on NATF Form 86.

SEARCHING

• 1565-1774

Records of soldiers in colonial wars usually consist of muster rolls, rosters and lists with little or no genealogical value. Most of these surviving items have been published and are housed in historical or genealogical libraries, particularly in the states which provided soldiers for a particular conflict.

• 1775-1860

During this time period the United States fought numerous wars with England, Mexico and Native Americans, and experienced several civil disturbances. Pension, bounty land and service records are available.

Digital images of Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty land Warrant Application Files are accessible from the database HeritageQuest Online. Available through the library's Databases & Websites, this database details records of 80,000+ individuals who served in the Revolutionary War.

Some recommended titles for researching records are:

**R973.34
BROWN** Brown, Margie G., *Genealogical Abstracts, Revolutionary War Veterans, Scrip Act 1852*, Willow Bend Books, 1997.

**R929.373
W588g** White, Virgil D. *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, National Historical Publishing Company, 1990-1992.

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served During the War of 1812* [M602].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Creek War in Organizations From the State of Alabama* [M244].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Cherokee Removal in Organizations From the State of Alabama* [M243].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Cherokee Disturbances and Removal in Organizations From the State of North Carolina* [M256].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served During the Cherokee Disturbances and Removal in Organizations From the State of Georgia* [M907].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Vol. Soldiers who Served During the Cherokee Disturbances and Removal in Organizations. From the State of Tenn. and the Field and Staff of the Army of the Cherokee Nation* [M908].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served From the State of Michigan During the Patriot War, 1838-1839* [M630].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served From the State of New York During the Patriot War, 1838* [M631].

MFM *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Organizations From the State of Texas* [M278].

MFM *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Mormon Organizations* [M351].

MFM *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War* [M616].

**R929.373
W588im** White, Virgil D. *Index to Mexican War Pension Files*, National Historical Publishing Company, 1989.

**R929.373
W588i** White, Virgil D. *Index to Old Wars Pension Files: 1815-1926*, National Historical Publishing Company, 1987.

**R929.373
W588iv** White, Virgil D. *Index to Volunteer Soldiers: 1784-1811*, National Historical Publishing Company, 1987.

**R929.373
W588id** White, Virgil D. *Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars and Disturbances: 1815-1858*, National Historical Publishing Company, 1994.

• The Civil War, 1861-1865

A wealth of information, both Union and Confederate, is available, including official records, military histories and memoirs.