## Virtual Genealogy Fair 2013

### Tuesday, September 3, 10 A.M.–4 P.M. (EDT)

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This lecture provides an overview of basic records at the National Archives that document military service from the Revolutionary War to the late 20th century, including Volunteer and Regular service/enlistment records, pension records, draft records, and unit records from World War I to Vietnam.
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INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Lecture by
John P. Deeben
Genealogy Archives Specialist
Volunteer Service
- Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs)

Regular Army Service
- Register of Enlistments

U.S. Naval Service
- Rendezvous Reports

Marine Corps
- Service Records (Case Files)

Pensions
Compiled Military Service Records

- Created in the 1890s to help the War Department verify service for pension claims
- Compiled from various original sources such as muster rolls, payrolls, returns, hospital records, and prison records
- Arranged by
  - State
  - Military unit
  - Surname (alphabetical)
REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-83)*

WAR OF 1812 (1812-15)

OLD INDIAN WARS (1784-1858)*

MEXICAN WAR (1846-48)

CIVIL WAR (1861-65)*

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR (1898)

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION (1899-1902)
Basic information about soldiers:
- Full name
- Date(s) of enlistment
- Period(s) of service
- Residence
- Personal description
- Miscellaneous
  - Pay rates
  - Special duty assignments
  - Wounding/death in combat
  - Hospital/POW records
Revolutionary War Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR) of William Graham

- **Name:** William Graham
- **Unit:** 1 Massachusetts Regiment
- **War:** Revolutionary
- **Rank:** Corporal
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**Company Pay Roll**

Appears on Company Pay Roll of the organization named above for the month of June 1778.

Commencement of time: 17
Commencement of pay: 17
To what time paid: 17
Pay per month: 17 dollars
Time of service: 1 month
Whole time of service: 1 month
Subsistence: 2
Amount: 2.4
Amt. of pay and subsistence: 10
Pay due to sick, absent: 0

Casualties:

Remarks: On guard.

Next roll on file May 1779.

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**Company Muster Roll**

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of Sept 1779.

Commencement of time: 17
Commencement of pay: 17
To what time paid: 17
Pay per month: 2 dollars
Time of service: 2 months
Whole time of service: 2 months
Subsistence per month: 10
Amount: 10
Amt. of pay and subsistence: 10
Pay due to sick, absent: 0

Casualties:

Remarks:

Next roll on file July 1780.

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**Company Pay Roll**

Appears on Company Pay Roll of the organization named above for the month of Nov 1779.

Commencement of time: 17
Commencement of pay: 17
To what time paid: 17
Pay per month: 2 dollars
Time of service: 3 years
Whole time of service: 3 years
Subsistence: 20
Amount: 20
Amt. of pay and subsistence: 20
Pay due to sick, absent: 0

Casualties:

Remarks:
Related Records

- Personal Papers
  - Enlistment papers
  - Inventories of personal effects
  - Final statements of service
  - Reports of death and interment
  - Pay and subsistence accounts (earlier wars)

- Muster Rolls
Enlistment paper for Nicolas de Abrigo, Co. K, 1st Texas Cavalry (U.S.)
The Subsistence Account of Thomas Cockrill

For the period from 23rd August 1813 to 9th August 1813:

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Total: 14.60

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have actually kept in service a servant, who was not a soldier of the line, for the whole time as above charged; that I have not employed, as a servant, a soldier of the line, during any part of the above period; and that I have not received compensation from the United States, for the whole or any part of the above account.

Thomas Cockrill

Received of Tho. Hooger, Paymaster 1st R. 220 dollars, being in full for my subsistence from 23rd August 1813 to 9th August 1813.

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Thomas Cockrill
Register of Enlistments

- Basic source to document service in the Regular Army
- Volumes cover 1798-1914, arranged by
  - Year of enlistment
  - Alphabetically (first letter of surname)
  - Chronologically by date of enlistment
Basic information about soldiers:

- Rank
- Physical description
- Occupation
- Date and place of birth
- Date of enlistment
- Unit assignment
- Term of service
- Discharge information
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Alfred Pride’s service:

- enlisted July 11, 1878
- born Richmond, Virginia
- age 32
- occupation - soldier
- physical description: black hair; 5’ 8” tall
- served in the 24th Infantry, Company F
- enlisted 3 times
- discharged February 10, 1883
- “exp. of service at Ft. Elliott, TX; Pvt.; Char.: good”
Rendezvous Reports
1846-1891

- Weekly reports from the recruiting officers

Indexes:
- T1098 for before and after Civil War (1846-61, 1865-84)
- T1099 for Civil War service (1861-65)

Basic information about sailors:
- Name of sailor
- Date and term of enlistment
- Rating (rank)
- Previous naval service
- Usual place of residence
- Place of birth
- Occupation
- Personal description
- Permanent marks or scars
James G. Mason:

- enlisted June 25, 1884 at Mare Island, California
- enlisted for one cruise on the *Monongahela*
- age 22
- occupation - cook
- physical description: Negro; 5’ 1 1/2” tall
- born in East Oakland, Cal.
- has a scar on his left leg
- has a tattoo of a shield cross and flag on his left forearm
- rating: Landsman
Service Records (Case Files)
1798-1895

- Alphabetical Card List of Enlisted Men of the Marine Corps, 1798-1941 (RG 127, Entry 75)

- Service Records of Enlisted Men, 1798-1895 (RG 127, Entry 76)
  - Enlistment/reenlistment papers
  - Conduct record
  - Descriptive list
  - Notice of discharge
  - Medical surveys
Enlistment paper for John Easton, December 15, 1864

I, John Easton,
do acknowledge that I have voluntarily enlisted myself to serve four years in the Marine Corps of the UNITED STATES unless sooner discharged, upon the terms mentioned in the act passed the 11th day of July, 1778, entitled “An act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps”; also the act passed the 2d day of March, 1833, entitled “An act to improve the condition of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marine Corps of the United States, and to prevent desertion”; also the act passed 30th June, 1834, entitled “An act for the better organization of the United States Marine Corps”; and also the acts passed the 2d day of March, 1837, entitled “An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen;” and February 20, 1845, entitled “An act to amend an act entitled “An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen,” and also the 9th section of an act passed March 3, 1845, making appropriations for the Naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846,” and that I have had read to me the Rules and Articles of the Army and Navy against Mutiny and Desertion.

Witness my hand, this Fifteenth day of December 1864.

In the Presence of:

[Signature]

[Signature]

I, John Easton,
do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be) that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whosoever, and observe and obey the order of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the government of the Army and Navy of the United States. And further, that I am of the full age of Twenty-one years.

Sworn before me, at Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, N. H.
this Fifteenth day of December 1864.

[Signature]

[Signature]

SIZE ROLL.

John Easton, a private, born in the U. S., State of Pennsylvania, County of Centre, Town of Centre, enrolled 1st day of December 28th, A.D. 1864, at Portsmouth, N. H. for four years, by Capt. J. D. Helm, aged 28 years, 5 feet 14 inches high, Blue eyes, Brown hair, Fair complexion, by trade or occupation a Soldier.

REMARKS:

Enlisted as a Volunteer.

Has served in the Army.

I certify, That the above recruit is free from bodily defects, and is qualified to perform the duty of a soldier.

[Signature]

[Signature]

J. W. Black, Capt. Surgeon.
Based on service in the U.S. military between 1775 and 1916

Different types of pensions:
- Disability pensions
- Service pensions
- Widow/dependent pensions

Many different pensions acts
- If rejected under one act, applications could reapply under a later one
What kind of information can I find?

- Full name of individual
- Date(s) of enlistment
- Period(s) of service
- Units individual served with
- Residence
- Medical history
- Death dates
- Information about Widow and/or Children
Indexes for every war (Rev War - Philippine Insurrection)

Revolutionary War:
- **M804, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900.**
- **M805, Selected Records from Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900.**

No Confederate pensions

Scanning projects
- Civil War widows/dependents
- 1812
William Graham’s Declaration of Pension

- April 21, 1818 (age 62)
- Filed in Hadley (Saratoga Co., New York)
- Enlisted in Capt. Abraham Hunt’s Co.(1st MA Reg.) in 1777 for a period of three years
- Fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill under Capt. William Scott of the New Hampshire Line
- Lost his discharge papers
- Statement of Lewis Scott, son of William Scott
William Graham’s Inventory of Property

- No real property
- List of personal property (examples):
  - 2 hogs valued at $5.00
  - 1 spade valued at 25 cents
  - 1 tea kettle valued at 75 cents
- Basket maker by trade but unable to work due to age (64) and illness
- Wife (age 68) unable to work
- Daughter (age 30) is lame and subject to frequent fits
- States he would be unable to subsist without his pension or a private or public charity
Mary Graham’s Declaration of Pension

- Filed in 1837 (age 86)
- Mary’s declaration recapped the details of William’s service:
  - Capt. Scott in the NH Line
  - Capt. Hunt in the 1st MA Regiment
  - Capt. John Miller (Mills)
  - Capt. Timothy Remick’s Co.
Modern military service relates chiefly to the major wars and conflicts of the 20th century and later, including:

- World War I (1917-1918)
- World War II (1941-1945)
- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Vietnam War (1965-1975)
- Operation Desert Storm (1991)

Military service records: National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO

- 1973 fire
OFFICIAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FOLDERS

- **U.S. Army**: officers, separated July 1, 1917-Sept. 30, 2002, and enlisted personnel, separated Nov. 1, 1912-Sept. 30, 2002*

- **U.S. Air Force**: officers and enlisted personnel, separated Sept. 25, 1947-Sept. 30, 2004*


- **U.S. Marine Corps**: officer and enlisted personnel, separated Jan. 1, 1905-Dec. 31, 1998

- **U.S. Coast Guard**: officers and enlisted personnel, separated after Jan. 1, 1898
DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS

- WWI Draft Registration
  - M1509, *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*
  - On Ancestry.com

- WWII 4th Draft Registration (Old Man’s Draft), 1942
  - Currently available On Ancestry.com and Fold3.com:
    - AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, ID, IL, IN, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, PR, RI, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI

- Korea & Vietnam Draft
  - Draft registration cards for men born before January 1, 1960, write to St. Louis*
WWI Draft Registration Card for Charles S. Deeben

Serial No. 29
Registration No. 51

1. Name to be used... 21
Charles Stephen Deeben

2. Home... Shamokin St Trevorton Pa.

3. Date of birth... September 2 1897

4. Where were you born?... Trevorton Pa. U.S.A.

5. I am... 1. A native of the United States.
3. Canadian citizen.
4. British subject.
5. Mexican subject.
6. Alien.
7. Less than 16 years old.
8. 16 years or older not subject to military service.

6. No a citizen of what Nation are you a citizen or subject?

7. Father's birthplace... Germany

8. Name of employer... P & R C & I Company
Place of employment... North Franklin Colliery Trevorton Pa.

9. Name of nearest relative... Jacob Deeben
Address of nearest relative... Trevorton Pa.

10. Race... White

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers which I have knowledge, are true, except as follows:

signature of registrar

Date of registration... June 5 1918

LOCAL BOARD DIV. 12
NORTHUMBERLAND CO.
SUNBURY, PA.

Stamp of Local Board.
WWII Draft Registration Card for Charles S. Deeben
Military Unit and Operational Records

- World War I
  - Record Group 120, Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I)
    - Records of Armies, Army Corps, combat divisions and other tactical units
      - Correspondence, issuances, historical files (E1241)
      - G-3 (Operations) Reports (E270)
      - Journals of Operations (E271)
  - Record Group 165, Records of the War Department General and Special Staffs
    - Records of the Historical Section Relating to the History of the War Department (E310)
      - Unit histories, war diaries, issuances
Reconnaissance Report, 1st Pursuit Group, September 26, 1918

Visability near lines fair.

Mission: Stray troops on the Amagne-Bethenelle road.

Route actually followed: Bethenelle and Stenoreille.


HOUR OF DEPARTURE: 11 a.m., 12 a.m. 33h 30, 35h 20, 500 m. 347th 9/26/18.

Number of B.A. Seen: 10, Time: 12 h 40.

Number of B.A. Encountered: 4.

Type of B.A.: Probably Dora, Altitude: 400 meters.

Region of B.A. Sought: Contests.

Number rounds fired: 300.

Confimation Requested: 1.

Planes seen to have come down in flames, B.A. Allied.

Planes seen to have crashed on ground, B.A. Allied.

Planes seen to have come down out of control, B.A. Allied.

In the opinion of those who took part in the combat, what pilots are entitled to share in confirmation:

McCreary, R. L. Parker, and C. S. Taylor.

Detailed Report of Pilots and Other Observations:

The patrol was ordered to strafy troops on the Amagne-Bethenelle Road just north of Amagne.

I observed about five transports, not more than seven. The patrol descended 30 meters and shot up the road causing some disorder. We were heavily engaged by the south of Bethenelle. In the northern edge of the woods just east of Bethenelle a Maxim machine gun battery is very active. About 12 h 50 a fourth unknown Spad joined our patrol (probably from the Third Pursuit Group). About 12 h 50 I observed an At two-seater probably Alphonse, flying west, north of Montrecon at 400 meters. About 350 meters above the two-seater were 5 SPADs and above the 5 SPADs were four more SPADs, just in the light clumps. I fired at long range on the 5 SPADs and they turned north. I then attacked the two-seater and the SPADs suddenly returned and I was forced to withdraw. The SPADs again withdrew and I resumed the attack again withdrawing on the approach of the SPADs. The Sun pulsed into my mind for a space and my patrol continued back down the lines. We again turned west and just north of Montrecon we again encountered the two-seater at 12 h 40 and the SPADs did not tumble down. I opened with a regular gun and the balloon gun from above with Maxim. Astern, above and below, the two-seater fell in flames just north of Clerges. The unknown Spad seemed to be in the combat but was higher than when we were when we attacked. I saw no flares.
Military Unit and Operational Records

- **World War II**
  - Record Group 407, Records of the Adjutant General’s Office, 1917-
    - Records of Armies, Army Corps, combat divisions and other tactical units
      - World War II Operations Reports (E427)

- **Korean War**
  - RG 407
    - Command Reports, 1949-54 (E429)
  - Record Group 338, Records of U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations (WWII and After)
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