



The Best National Archives Records Genealogists Aren't Using

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This session explores underutilized National Archives records of interest to genealogists. The records include: Relinquished, Rejected, or Canceled Land Entry Case Files; Rural Rehabilitation Loan Case Files; War Risk Insurance Court Case Files; and Veterans Home Case Files.



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Objectives

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- Explore underused collections of records of interest to genealogists held by the National Archives.
- Learn how to access these records to expand knowledge of your family.



Reminders

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- We have many records of interest to genealogists created by the Federal government.
- The vast majority of our original records have **not** been digitized.
- In most cases, our records are one-of-a-kind and cannot be found elsewhere.
- The examples used today will be from holdings at the National Archives at Kansas City, but many of the exact same type of records can be found at multiple locations of the National Archives.

Commonly Requested Genealogy Records

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- Alien Case Files
- Naturalization Records
- Inmate Case Files
- Military Records

Types of Records Not Often Used

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- Relinquished, Rejected, or Canceled Land Entry Case Files
- Rural Rehabilitation Loan Case Files
- War Risk Insurance Court Case Files
- Veterans Home Case Files

Why Aren't These Records Used?

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- Challenges to access – no indexes or indexes which only exist in paper form
- Not microfilmed or digitized – must be used in person in the research room
- Unknown to researchers

Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management

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**SERIALIZED LAND ENTRY
CASE FILES THAT WERE
CANCELED,
RELINQUISHED, OR
REJECTED**

Land Records - Background

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- **Successful** homestead entry claim files are housed at the National Archives in Washington, DC. We can help researchers locate the information they need to make a request for the file which involves knowing the legal description to the land.
- The records we have here in Kansas City (and at some other NARA locations) are for those claims that were **NOT** successful.

About the Records

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- Consist of canceled and relinquished case files of land entries that progressed from an application to an allowed entry but were later canceled by the General Land Office (GLO), or relinquished by the entryman. Most of these date from the early twentieth century.
- Some files, especially contested claims, contain extensive testimony.

File Contents

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- Original homestead application
- Correspondence
- Receipts
- Public notices
- In some cases naturalization paperwork
- In some cases, proof of military service
- Relinquishment papers
- Contest papers, depositions, investigative reports
- Rarely, photographs

Sample Documents

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4-607.
Form approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 15, 1907.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
HOMESTEAD ENTRY.
U. S. LAND OFFICE, Valentine, Neb., No. 41899
APPLICATION.
RECEIPT No. 417254

I, Herman Riege (Male), a resident of
Riege Cherry County Nebraska, do hereby apply
to enter, under Section 3289, Revised Statutes of the United States, the
Township 33, Range 30, Meridian, containing
480 acres, within the Valentine land district;
and I do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than 160 acres
of land in any State or Territory; that I am a natural born
citizen of the United States, and
am a single man over 21 years of age;
that my post-office address is Frederick Cherry County Nebraska
that this application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of
actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other
person, persons, or corporation; that I will faithfully and honestly en-
deavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, resi-
dence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for;
that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in
making this entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syn-
dicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof,
or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose
of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I
have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or
contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation, or
syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I may acquire from the Gov-
ernment of the United States will inure in whole or in part to the benefit
of any person except myself. I further swear that since August 30, 1890, I
have not entered and acquired title to, nor am I now claiming, under an
entry made under any of the homestead public-land laws, an amount of land
which, together with the land now applied for, will exceed in the aggregate
320 acres; and that I have not heretofore made any entry under the homestead
laws (except 80 ac 10 5 15 made at Valentine Neb 7-19-04 for all)
that I am well acquainted with the character of the land herein applied for
and with each and every legal subdivision thereof, having personally ex-
amined same; that there is not to my knowledge within the limits thereof
any vein or lode or quartz or other rock in place bearing gold, silver, cin-
nabar, lead, tin, or copper, nor any deposit of coal, placer, cement, gravel,
salt spring, or deposit of salt, nor other valuable mineral deposit; that
no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local
customs or rules of miners, or otherwise; that no portion of said land is
worked for mineral during any part of the year by any person or persons;
that said land is essentially nonmineral land, and that my application
therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to min-
eral land; that the land is not occupied and improved by any Indian.

Posted in 44/149 APR 30 1910 Herman Riege
(Sign here, with full Christian name.)

NOTE.—Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law
for such offense. (See Sec. 5392, R. S., over.)

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certified at frederick Feb. 18 1910 H. L. (Clerk) 12-33-30 11th 44/157

Sample Documents

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Serial No. 04998

United States of America,

The State of Nebraska

CHERRY County, ss.

Be It Remembered, That at the MAY term of the District Court, in and for said County, State of Nebraska, (the said Court being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction and a clerk and seal,) on the 24 day of MAY 1904, the Honorable J. J. HARRINGTON, Judge, being present and presiding in said Court, personally appeared HERMAN RIEGE an alien born, above the age of twenty-one years, and presented to the Court his application, together with the affidavit of his witnesses HENRY BRANDT and JOHN F. PORATH, (said application and affidavits being each duly verified and in conformity with the Acts of Congress regarding naturalization, and particularly of the Act of Congress of March 3d, 1903,) and petition to become

A Citizen of the United States.

(seal) And it appearing to the Court that the affidavit of the applicant and of his witnesses has been fully made and recorded in said Court, said applicant and his witnesses having been duly sworn and examined in open court, and the Court being fully satisfied that said applicant is entitled to become a Citizen of the United States, and having taken the necessary oaths of allegiance and renunciation,

IT IS ORDERED that said HERMAN RIEGE be and he is hereby admitted to become a Citizen of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seal of the said Court is hereto affixed this 24th day of MAY, One Thousand Nine Hundred and FOUR, and in the One Hundred and TWENTY-EIGHT year of our Independence.

By the Court: C. S. REECK Clerk.
Deputy.

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Sample Documents

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U.S. LAND OFFICE,
ALLIANCE, NEBR.
FILED AUG 6 1908
AT 9:10 A.M.
4-545.

SOLDIER'S DECLARATORY STATEMENT. SERIAL No. 0 559

I, William F. Schmidt, of Lincoln county
and State or Territory of Nebraska, do solemnly swear that I served
for a period of Spanish War in the Army of the United States, during the
[Here state whether service was during the War of the Rebellion, the Spanish war, or the suppression of the insurrection in the Philippines.]
and was honorably discharged therefrom, as shown by a statement of such service herewith, and that
I have remained loyal to the Government; and that I have never made a homestead entry or filed a
declaratory statement under section 2290, section 2304 as amended by the act of March 1, 1901 (31
Stat., 847), or section 2309 of the Revised Statutes; that I am not the proprietor of more than one
hundred and sixty acres of land in any State or Territory; that since August 30, 1890, I have not
acquired title to, nor am I now claiming under any of the agricultural public land laws an amount of
land which, together with the land now applied for, will exceed in the aggregate three hundred and
twenty acres; that I have appointed by power of attorney duly executed on the 27 day
of July, 1908, I do hereby appoint Frank E. Reddish
of Box Butte county and State of Nebraska, my true
and lawful agent, under section 2309 aforesaid, to select for me and in my name, and file my declaratory
statement for a homestead right under the aforesaid sections; and I hereby give notice of my intention
to claim and enter said tract under said statute; that the location herein authorized is made for my
exclusive use and benefit, for the purpose of my actual settlement and cultivation, and not either
directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person; that my said attorney has no interest,
present or prospective, in the premises, and that I have made no arrangement or agreement with him
or any other person for any sale or attempted sale or relinquishment of my claim in any manner or for
any consideration whatever, and that I have not signed this declaration in blank.

Wm. F. Schmidt
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of July, 1908, and
I certify that the foregoing declaration was fully filled out before being subscribed or attested.

[OFFICIAL SEAL]
J. B. Boel
Notary Public

By virtue of the foregoing, and of a certain power of attorney therein named, duly executed on
the 27 day of July, and filed herewith, I hereby select the
SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 22 E 2 South 30th 23-
Township 22 N. 1 Range 33 West as the
homestead claim of Wm. F. Schmidt, the aforesaid, and do solemnly
swear that the same is filed in good faith for the purposes therein specified, and that I have no interest
or authority in the matter, present or prospective, beyond the filing of the same as the true and lawful
agent of the said Wm. F. Schmidt, as provided by section 2309 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States.

Frank E. Reddish Agent.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of August, 1908,
[OFFICIAL SEAL]
H. C. Corbin

NOTE.—This form may be used where the declaratory statement is filed by an agent under section 2309, Revised Statutes.

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SPECIAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
No. 298. } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 19, 1898.

Extract

* * * * *

47. By direction of the Secretary of War, 1st Lieutenant
William F. Schwind, Quartermaster, 3d Nebraska Volunteer
Infantry, having tendered his resignation, to take effect De-
cember 20, 1898, is honorably discharged the service of the
United States, to take effect as of that date.

* * * * *

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MILES:

H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant General.

24. William F. Schwind }
Pro' l. co. 3" Neb. Vol. Inf. }

Sample Documents

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Am I Likely to Find an Ancestor in these Records?

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- Did your ancestor settle in the West?
- Is there a chance they tried to obtain land under the Homestead Act (or other similar acts)?

Other NARA Locations with these Records

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- National Archives at Denver
- National Archives at Riverside
- National Archives at San Francisco
- National Archives at Seattle

Links to Online Indexes for Kansas City Records

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- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-topeka.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-alliance.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-broken-bow.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-lincoln.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-north-platte.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-oneill.html>
- <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/land-entry-valentine.html>

Digitization of These Files is Underway

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- Family Search is in the Kansas City research room right now digitizing all of the case files we have in this series. The first portion are already online on their website at:

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2170637>

Record Group 96, Records of the Farmers Home Administration

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**RURAL REHABILITATION LOAN
CASE FILES**

AND

FARM OWNERSHIP CASE FILES

Background

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- The Farmers Home Administration has operated under different names, but it began in 1935 with the mission of providing loans and grants to help farm families struggling under the weight of the Great Depression. The Administration's chief tool was supervised credit programs that provided loans, grants, and financial and other guidance to help farmers become self-sufficient and to allow some tenant farmers to buy their own land.

Rural Rehabilitation Loan Case Files

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- This series consists of case files for paid-in-full rural rehabilitation loans. A typical case file contains a loan application, a loan agreement, a lease agreement, a mortgage, statements of accounts, receipts, a farm and home management plan, farm visit reports, and related correspondence. The farm and home management plans contain detailed information about the farm family's production, assets, income, expenses, and food consumption.

William and Martha Mai – 1940 Census

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- Living in Sharon Springs, Kansas

52	R 640078	Mai WILLIAM @	Head	0	M	W	37	M	No	7	7	Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kansas	NH	7012	Yes	-	-	X	1	48	Former
		— Martha	wife	1	F	W	33	M	No	9	9	Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kansas	NH	7012	No	No	Yes	No	H	5	
		— Arthur	son	2	M	W	15	S	yes	12	10	Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kans		7012							School
		— Raymond	son	2	M	W	12	S	yes	6	6	Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kansas		7012							School
		— VERNON	son	2	M	W	7	S	yes	2	2	Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kansas		7012							School
		— VERDELL	son	2	M	W	9	S	No			Kansas	70	Socially	Scott	Kansas		—							

Sample Documents--

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Form RA-RR 12
Rev. 8-11-36
Approved by the
Administrator

RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
RURAL REHABILITATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Application _____
RR Case 19-00-61058

APPLICATION FOR REHABILITATION

(To be prepared in consultation with the applicant)

1. Ma William Sharon Springs Wallace Kansas
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (P.O. and RFD) (County) (State)
2. 15-8-39 9 S and 31 E from Sharon Springs on State Highway
(Name of farm and location) (miles) (direction) (town) (road)

Form RA-RR 26 a (Supplement to RA-RR 14)
APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR

RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
RURAL REHABILITATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FARM PLAN CASE _____
R. R. CASE 19-00-61058

ANNUAL HOME BUSINESS STATEMENT AND HOME MANAGEMENT PLAN

BEGINNING Month May Day 15 Year 1937 ENDING Month May Day 15 Year 1938
Name Ma William Sharon Springs Wallace Kansas
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (P.O. and RFD) (County) (State)
Number in family: Adults, male 3, female 3; Children: Age, boys 12, 9, 4, 1 girls _____
See also Forms RA-RR 12, RA-RR 13, and RA-RR 14 for other information.

TABLE A--FOOD

ITEM	QUAN- TITY USED LAST YEAR	AMOUNT ON HAND	NUMBER OF PRODUC- TIVE UNITS USED	TOTAL QUAN- TITY NEEDED COMING YEAR	TO BE PRODUCED COMING YEAR			TO BE PURCHASED COMING YEAR		REMARKS
					Quan- tity	Value	Produce- tive Units	Quan- tity	Cost	
						Dollars			Dollars	
Whole milk.....	gal.			545	545	163.50				
Skim milk.....	gal.									
Cream.....	gal.									
Cheese.....	lb.			50	50	10.00				
Butter.....	lb.			75	75	18.75				
TOTAL.....	x x x	x x		x x x	x x	192.25	7	x x		
Bacon, lard, pork.....	lb.	Lard 85 Mont 100		405	300	54.00	2			
Beef, veal, etc.....	lb.			325	325	24.00	1			
Fish and Game.....	lb.									
Poultry.....	lb.			40	40	4.50	40			
Eggs.....	doz.			180	180	27.00	80			
TOTAL.....	x x x	x x	x x x	x x x	x x	102.50		x x		

Sample Documents – Farm Visit Reports

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	
I. - Canning:	
Mrs. Mai has canned 121 quarts of beans, 8 quarts of beets, 20 gallons of cucumbers, 38 quarts of peaches, and she has stored 2 bushel of carrots and will have a bushel of sweet potatoes. They have possibly a $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of onions hung up on the wall to dry. These are strung in nice little bunches. Mrs. Mai is one of the few people who raised excellent gardens this year. They used vegetables throughout the summer and have even more to store than we have listed.	
II. Income:	
Mr. Mai has worked some on WPA, but has had to stop in order to take care of his feed and other farming.	
The cream check for August was \$18.00. This has fallen off considerably, but will probably increase before long.	
They are getting no eggs. She plans to keep over 75 pullets. These will possibly be laying in October. They have raised enough grain for their chicks. Mrs. Mai has canned about 12 quarts of chicken and plans to can about four more.	

Sample Documents – Farm Visit Reports cont.

III. Sanitation:

The house is generally in good condition. Very few flies were in the house. Mrs. Mai places all the milk, butter and other perishable foods in the water barrel to keep them cool. There is a good cave for the storage of fruits and vegetables.

IV. Clothing:

Mrs. Mai has a family of four boys including the baby. She does much of their sewing even to making shirts. This fall she has been promised some school shirts from the local relief office. This will save her some time and expense. She does all her own sewing and whenever it is possible, pieces quilts. She did a large amount of tatting before she was married and still finds time to make edges for pillow slips and other household articles. She has some lovely pieces of work. Mrs. Mai keeps the clothing repaired and the family always gives a neat appearance. She herself dresses very conservatively and inexpensively and always looks nice.

V. Home Beautification:

They moved from Greely county to Wallace county this spring. Very little has been done to beautify the place. Most of the work out of doors has been spent on the garden. There is a row of trees all around the yard. A few are started, but most of them are doing better than is expected. The ceiling on the porch needs repair, as the boards have become unnailed, and are sagging. The house has a few built-in storage spaces and the house in general is in good condition.

Sample Documents – Personal Letter

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Sharon Springs, Kan.
July 20, 1936
Resettlement Administration
Regional Director,
Dear Mr. Director—
In answer to your
request of how much aid
I have received of the
Home management plan
I will say that the plan
has made it possible
for me to have my budget
made for the coming fall
and winter as to what
I want to can, store, and
dry.
The drought is growing
more severe daily that it
looks like another complete
crop failure if conditions of this
nature will continue. Respectfully
Mrs. William Mai. 400000.

- “The drought is growing more severe daily that it looks like another complete crop failure if conditions of this nature will continue.”

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. William Mai

Farm Ownership Case Files

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- The Farm Ownership Case Files were created to document the loan process between the Rural Rehabilitation Division of the Farm Security Administration and small family farmers in rural areas. These loans allowed farm families to purchase and improve small farms under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of July 22, 1937. This act was one of the measures adopted to assist farmers under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. After meeting the qualifications, farmers could apply for a loan to purchase their farm. The farmers were required to develop and adhere to a farm management plan. The farm family's progress was evaluated during the loan period.

Farm Ownership Case Files, continued

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- Each case file usually includes the following: loan application; appraisal reports and data concerning prospective borrower; option; loan agreement and variable payment agreement; loan analysis; mortgage and, occasionally, a warranty deed; certification by county committee; farm and home plans; title insurance policy; fire and property damage insurance policy; and certification of closing of tenant-purchase loan. Also included in some case files are subsidiary forms and correspondence relating to the processing of the loan.

Sample Documents

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FARM NARRATIVE FOR TENANT PURCHASE LOAN September 10, 1941

18-66-42888

Richard T. Rilinger
Baileyville, Kansas

Four in Family
Amount of Loan: \$8320.75

505-18-66-42888
This family made application for a Tenant Purchase loan in the summer of 1941. They have been recommended to the Farm Security Administration very highly and from the information that can be obtained by the committee and the supervisors, they are capable of purchasing a farm, managing it, and eventually paying for it.

Mr. Rilinger did not start farming for himself until 1935. At that time, he had practically nothing to start with and all that he has at the present time, he has accumulated during that time. He is debt free at the present time.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rilinger seem very cooperative and consult each other very frequently in making decisions. They are both hard workers, neither of them being very large physically but are of the wiry nature and capable of doing lots of hard work and have in the past worked hard to accumulate what they now possess. The family has lived on the farm that they now operate since they began farming, which indicates that they have been very stable farmers. They have rented the farm that they intend to purchase with the intentions of buying the farm. Mrs. Rilinger seems very capable of taking care of her home work and in addition to this, she helps Mr. Rilinger with the work on the farm in place of hiring a man to do the work.

FARM

The farm this family has selected contains 240 acres. It is partially bottom ground and, at one time, had very good improvements and was considered a good farm. In searching back through the records, we find that 160 acres of this farm was mortgaged for \$19,000. The 80 acres that lay on the south end of the 160 are nearly all pasture and are very rough. There was timber there at one time and some patches have been broke; however, at the present time, there is sweet clover planted on them and it is intended to restore these acres to permanent pasture.

There is also a small area in the northwest corner of this farm that has been broken and farmed for the last four or five years. It is also intended that this area be planted to alfalfa and brome grass and as soon as the alfalfa dies out be restored to permanent pasture. This will leave only bottom ground to farm, which at the present time, is only 65-70 acres. It is intended and planned by the borrower that there will be approximately 10-12 acres of bottom ground that is now grown to woods and timber be cut and cleared and put into cultivation. There are some saw logs in this area and Mr. Rilinger will cut them this winter and use the lumber for his construction program. This will make a total unit, after the farm is arranged to suit Mr. Rilinger of 85 acres of bottom ground to be farmed.

You will note that the AAA productivity index on this farm is only 88 per cent which is a falacy. This farm was originally owned by a man by the name of

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Edwards and it contained two other eighties which were very rough upland farms and the total unit was based to include this additional land. Therefore, it is my opinion, after a new allotment is set on this 240 acres, that the productivity index will be somewhere near 100 and after it has been restored to pasture and only the bottom ground farmed, it should be around 120 with a corn yield of at least 28 or 30 bushels to the acre and a wheat yield of around 18 or 20 bushels.

The farm, in its present condition is very dirty, foul with weeds, and looks very poor. It will take a lot of work by Mr. Rilinger to clean this farm up, but I believe Mr. Rilinger will do this as he has cleared several acres of timberland on the farm that he has been renting for the past six years and he has always lived in the community in which he is purchasing the farm and is well acquainted with this kind of work. He also plans to carry sheep on this farm which will also help to clean the brush and weeds from the pasture.

BUILDINGS

The buildings on this farm are in about the same state of repair as the condition of the farm. The house is old, but fairly well constructed. The foundation is fairly good considering that it has been there for a long time and is constructed with rock, but with minor repairs and pointing up, it should be good for a number of years. The house is not boxed on the outside and has patent lath on the inner wall, thus making it a very cold house. It is planned that a new stairway be built in this house and a new work porch and bathroom be constructed on the northeast corner. The engineer's estimates are \$1079.00 for the cost of repairs and improvements on this building and it is questionable whether it be advisable to use \$1100. to repair an old house and still not be in a very satisfactory condition. However, I have discussed the proposition of building a new house with both the committee and the applicant and it has been decided, especially by the applicant, that he will be satisfied to repair the old house and not construct a new house, as he is afraid that at the time the new house is constructed they would probably want to add a few extra things which would run into more money than they would like to spend for a dwelling.

The barn on the farm is practically of no value. This building will be razed and a new pole type barn will be built, borrower furnishing considerable native lumber of the farm. I believe Mr. Rilinger desires, is willing and capable to take advantage of this opportunity and cut the native lumber from the farm and use it to build a new barn and save him considerable in building this structure. I feel quite sure that he can build the barn for one-half the price that it would cost any other of our borrowers.

The poultry house is also to be razed, as it is practically of no value and a new Kansas type, 20 x 30 poultry house will be built. Mr. Rilinger also plans to use as much salvage material and what native lumber to be used on the inside. It is planned that lap siding from the house will be used to cover either salvage or native lumber on the hen house. Heavy tar paper will be placed between the lap siding and the salvage lumber to make the hen house warmer.

Sample documents

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IV LIVING QUARTERS

At the present time, this family are living on a farm on which they have lived for several years. They have rented a farm on which they have an option to buy. Their present dwelling is in only fair condition and termites have damaged part of the floors and walls. They have six rooms and two of these rooms are used as bedrooms. The furnishings are fair to good. The family have a new wood range, new bedroom suite, and an ice box. They have plenty of linens and bedding. The house is kept in very good order. The water is obtained from a well and a cistern.

The farm on which they have an option has very poor improvements. The house is quite old and is badly arranged. There are six rooms, two of which are upstairs. It will be necessary to do considerable remodeling and build some additions in order to have a comfortable home. They plan to add an inclosed porch, room for bathroom, a new stairway and closets in the upstairs bedroom. The family plan to change the roadway, fence the yard, and to make plantings as soon as possible. There is a partial basement under the house and they plan to use the old cave as an ice house. The water will be from a well.

Sample Documents

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Form FSA-RR 14a
(9-16-39)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

4 in family

FARM AND HOME MANAGEMENT PLAN

Part VI—HOME SECTION

Application No.

Name Hila Rillinger

Date July 24, 1941

OUR PLAN FOR FOOD (Table I)

Case No. 1866-4288

LINE	OUR FAMILY SHOULD USE	THREE FOOD GROUPS	WE PLAN TO USE	WE PLAN TO PRODUCE		WE PLAN TO BUY		OUR FARM NEEDS TO PROVIDE
				Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
1	410 lbs	Whole milk 1 pt or qt/day/person	90	18	00	10	2 80	112# B.F.
2		Cheese						
3		Butter every meal	75	26	25			
4		TOTAL CREAM	12	12	00			
5	143	Table fats and oils						
6		Lard, fat pork, bacon	10-12 gal 3 hogs	675#	54 00	150	2 25	3 hogs
7		TOTAL						
8	372	Lean pork meat once						1 calf
9		Beef and veal a day	1 calf	35	00			
10		Mutton and lamb	500#			40#	12 00	
11		Fish and game				25 cans	3 75	
12		Poultry		50	20 00			50 to eat
13		TOTAL	75#	75 doz	15 00			birds
14	100	Eggs 3 or 4/person/week	75	75 doz	15 00			
15								
16	90	Dried beans, peas, and nuts instead of meat	30			30	2 00	
17						2 bu	1 50	
18	8 bu	Tomatoes one every day	A par- den for home			45 doz	6 75	1/2 acres in garden
19		Citrus						
20	18 bu	Leafy, green, and yellow veg every day		50	00	35#	2 75	
21								
22	16 bu	Other vegetables	every day			140 cans	14 00	
23								
24	15 bu	Fruit every day				10 bu	20 00	acres in orchard
25								
26	11 bu	Potatoes—White once or twice	15 bu	9 00		3 bu	3 00	1/2 acres
27		Sweet a day				10 bu	45	acres
28		TOTAL	15 bu					
29								
30	700	Flour				6 sacks	7 20	
31		Cereal				136#	11 00	
32		Bread				100 loaves	10 00	
33		TOTAL						
34								
35	207	Sugar to satisfy				400#	24 00	
36		Sirup, sorghum, etc				6 gal	3 00	
37		TOTAL	4500					
38		Food accessories					25 00	
39		Cod-liver oil					3 00	
40								

41 Total value of Food we plan To Produce at prices \$239 25 To Buy \$151 45

42 Value of Fuel we plan to provide from farm 40 00 Value of Food we have on hand:

43 Total value of Food and Fuel from the farm \$279 25 Stored \$22.60 Canned \$10.39

44 Total \$32.99

45 Quarts of food we plan to can this year: We have these containers on hand: We need to buy these containers:

46 Vegetables 33 qts. 150 qts. lids, rubbers, jars

47 Tomatoes 60 qts. Food on Hand: 10 gal lard

48 Fruit 22 qts. 70 qts. 20 bu. potatoes, 1 bu. onions

49 Meats 65 Meats 65

Pickles 4 qts.

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Part V.—FINANCIAL PLANS FOR COMING YEAR 19....

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Table K—OUR ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR OPERATING THE FARM COMING YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS

ITEM	TOTAL EXPENSE	WE CAN PAY	WE NEED TO BORROW
Feed.....	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$
Seed: Crop, garden.....	25.00	25.00	
Fertilizer, lime.....	25.00	25.00	
Threshing, ginning.....	25.00	25.00	
Misc. crop expense.....	25.00	25.00	
Machinery repair.....	75.00	75.00	
Auto, tractor, truck.....	175.00	175.00	
Building and fence repair.....			
Misc. livestock expense.....	20.00	20.00	
Hired labor.....	20.00	20.00	
Property insurance.....	30.00	30.00	
Current taxes.....	25.00	25.00	
Cash rent.....			
Current interest.....			
Irrigation and drainage.....			
Com. and coop. service fee.....			
Recording fees.....			
Other.....			
Early Chicks.....	40.00	40.00	
Property tax.....	60.00	60.00	
TOTAL FOR FARM.....	\$565.00	\$565.00	\$

Table L—FAMILY OPERATING EXPENSES

ITEM	TOTAL EXPENSE	WE CAN PAY	WE NEED TO BORROW
Food purchased.....	\$148.00	\$148.00	\$
Clothing.....	123.00	123.00	
Personal.....	20.00	20.00	
Medical care.....	40.00	40.00	
Household operation.....	62.00	62.00	
Housing—minor imp.....	15.00	15.00	
Minor furnishings.....	15.00	15.00	
School, church, recreation.....	71.00	71.00	
Reserve for emergency.....			
Life insurance.....			
TOTAL FOR FAMILY.....	\$564.00	\$564.00	\$

Cash value living from farm \$ 299.25

Table P—REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

ITEM	INTEREST RATE	AMOUNT OWED	REPAYMENTS				
			1st year	2d year	3d year	4th year	5th year
FSA loan this year: Operating (L).		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital (M).....							
Previous FSA loans.....							
R. R. Corporation loan.....							
Other debts we can pay (N).....							
Other.....							
TOTAL.....	xxx	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

The provisions of this farm and home plan herein represented are satisfactory and acceptable and will be followed insofar as possible to do so.

Approved: Richard J. Rilling Farm Manager Hila Rillinger Date 9-10-41

Approval RECOMMENDED: RR Sup. H. R. Corporation Date 9-10-41

Hoi. Sup. H. R. Corporation Date 9-11-41

APPROVED: Dist. Sup. or Loan App. H. R. Corporation Date 9-12-41

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Summary of Information Obtained

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- Name, age, race, citizenship status
- Names of spouse and dependents
- Detailed information about livestock, farm equipment, tools owned
- Type of car owned
- Debts
- Education

Am I Likely to Find an Ancestor in These Records?

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- Was your ancestor a farmer in the 1930s?
- Were they farming in the geographic area the records cover?
- If an index is available, does their name appear in the index?

Other NARA Locations with these Records

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- National Archives at Atlanta
- National Archives at Boston
- National Archives at Chicago
- National Archives at Denver
- National Archives at Fort Worth
- National Archives at Philadelphia
- National Archives at Riverside
- National Archives at San Francisco
- National Archives at Seattle

Online Indexes Available

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- For Kansas City records, see:

<http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/farm-ownership.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/farm-ownership-kansas.html>

Online Indexes Available

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- For Chicago records, see:

<http://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/farm-ownership-region2.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/farm-ownership-region3.html>

Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States

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WAR RISK INSURANCE CASE FILES

Background

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- During World War I, soldiers were offered War Risk insurance. Men who purchased the insurance could later file claims for injuries and illnesses related to their war service. In 1930, a law was passed giving potential claimants six years to file war risk claims. The law spurred many veterans to file claims beginning about 1931.
- There were thousands of these lawsuits filed in every Federal court across the United States.

Records Available

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- Case files for each U.S. District Court are arranged according to type and docket number (arranged chronologically by date). The typical place to find these cases is in series called “Law Case Files.”
- Occasionally courts treated these cases as their own distinct series. For example:

U.S. District Court for the Southern (Springfield)
Division of the Western District of Missouri. War
Risk Insurance Case Files, 11/25/1933–10/03/1938
(NAID 6802713)

Types of Documents/Information to Be Found

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- Case papers filed include copies of journal entries, mandates, notices of appeal, judgments, motions, answers to complaints, verdicts, jury lists, petitions in action to recover war risk insurance benefits, and other papers relating to the proceedings.

Sample Documents – Albert Atchley

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NO. 3637 LAW.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
FIRST DIVISION.

ALBERT ATCHLEY,

Plaintiff,

VS.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S ARGUMENT AND BRIEF

The Issue.

Did the plaintiff, Albert Atchley, become totally and permanently disabled under the terms of his War Risk Insurance policy prior to July 1, 1919?

Sample Documents – Albert Atchley

Argument.

For the convenience of the Court the testimony, depositions, stipulations and exhibits have been abstracted and are attached hereto.

Mr. Atchley volunteered for service, went to France on a mission almost certain to result in death; he survived, but was literally shot to pieces during one of the greatest battles in the history of the world.

The evidence conclusively shows that the insured was, as a result of the injuries sustained in said battle, totally, permanently and severely wounded.

Sample Documents – Albert Atchley

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Airplanes were fighting overhead and dropping in flames within close proximity to the plaintiff. Shells were bursting about him in every direction. He saw his comrades blown into the air and to pieces by bursting shrapnel. This continued from 5:30 in the morning until the hour of 4:00 in the afternoon, when, as testified to by Mr. Atchley,

"We topped this hill and we could see these guns and we could see them firing, and they would knock out a squad it seemed like, over there, and it seemed, -- oh, that is all over. ***** It seemed that when the gun fired, the shell bursted near where I was. It was in the back kind-of, on to the side of me, about six feet from me. *** And this shell bursted. *** Well, it seemed as I rolled way up in the air, and it seemed that when I hit the ground something popped and that is all I knew and I woke up."

That Mr. Atchley was totally disabled by the wounds he received on this

Sample Documents – Carl Ellison

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Evidence on behalf of plaintiff:

Carl A. Ellison, Plaintiff: My name is Carl A. Ellison; am the plaintiff and am 39 years of age; live on my father's farm near Ottawa, Kans., and have lived there since fall of 1922; was in the Army during the world war and was inducted in South Dakota, and sent to Fort Riley March 10, 1918; then was sent to Camp Meredith, N.J., and from there across to England, then to France; after the armistice, was sent with army of occupation to Germany for about five months; then came home, and was discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, May 12, 1919.

Plaintiff's Exhibit "A" was then offered and reads as follows:

"This is to certify that Carl A. Ellison, #976811 Pvt. Casual Det. #430,163 DB (Last assigned Amb. Co. #166,117 San.Tr.). The United States Army, as a testimonial of honest and faithful service, is hereby honorably discharged from the military service of the United States by reason of Tel. WD Nov. 15, 1918, & Letter Ago. Nov. 30, 1918. Said Carl A. Ellison was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma; when enlisted he was 24 9/12 years of age and by occupation a rancher; he had blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion and was 5 feet 9 inches in height; given under my hand at Camp Dodge, Iowa, this 12th day of May, 1919. Louis Causee, Major Signal Corps, U.S.A. Commanding.

Enlistment record: "Name: Carl A. Ellison, #976811. Grade, Private; enlisted, or inducted March 11, 1918, at Dupree, S.D., serving in first enlistment period at date of discharge; prior service, none; non-commissioned officer; never; marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: Not qualified; Horsemanship, not mounted.

"I certify that I have this date 10/11/20 issued bronze victory button to Carl A. Ellison, U.S. Army, Rectg. Sta. Denver, Colorado, Charles J. Nelson, Lt. Col. Inf. R.O.

"Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: A.E.F. Baccarat Sect. June 15-19, 1918. Touian & Esperance Sect., July 4, 14, 1918. Champagne-Marne Def., July 15-17, 1918. Aisne-Marne Off., July 24 to August 6, 1918. St. Mihiel Off. September 12-16, 1918. Essey & Paunes Sect., Sept-

Sample Documents – Carl Ellison

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ember 17-29, 1918. Argonne-Meuse Off., October 1 to November 11, 1918.

Décorations, medals, badges, citations: None.

Knowledge of any vocation: Rancher.

Wounds received in service: None.

Physical condition when discharged: Good.

Triple Typhoid prophylaxis completed: April 1, 1918.

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed: April 1, 1918.

Married or single: Single.

Character: Excellent.

Remarks: No. A.W.O.L., No absences under G.O. 31/14 or G.O. 45/14.

Entitled to travel pay. Left U.S. May 21, 1918, arrived U.S. April 25, 1919.

Signature of soldier: Carl A. Ellison.

Chas. MOHENNENA

Capt. of Inf. Commanding Det. 43

Sample Documents – Carl Ellison

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My first work in France was bearing litters on the Aisne-Marne Front, carrying the wounded and helping them off of the field and getting them to the first aid station, and ambulance work. I would go on the battle field at night under a lot of artillery fire and help carry wounded men off. My work was very irregular and had long hours to serve at a time. The work was always under more or less shell fire and the men in many instances were severely wounded. I saw many soldiers on the field that had been killed in battle and had similar experiences on the other fronts, but it was worse on the Aisne-Marne Front than it was on the Champagne-Marne defense of the St. Mihiel. I got bumped with a piece of artillery but it did not lay me out, and a part of a trench was caved in on us by exploding shells. The second afternoon I had a hot sensation of the head and shoulders and I could not control the saliva in my mouth; it just wanted to run out. It was just temporary, I slept it off that night. This work lasted up until the Armistice was signed and I was sent with the Army of occupation into Germany.

I had seven weeks hospitalization in Germany. If I remember right, my feet were what bothered me. They all swoll up and I was taken to the hospital which was only about a block and a half from where we were billeted, and I walked over in my sox. It was a field hospital, just opened and I was there for trench feet. That was on the envelope, that was tied to the head of my bed, and they came around and take temperature and pulse, and the like of that and put it on there. French fever was written on there, and after that they wrote "shell shocked"; and after that they wrote "neurasthenia." I had fever of 104 degrees for several days and my hair came out very bad.

Thereupon plaintiff offered in evidence his Exhibit "B", consisting of a number of photostatic copies of records, including plaintiff's hospital records while in the army of occupation in Germany, which are as follows:

Summary of Information Obtained

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- Case papers filed include copies of journal entries, mandates, notices of appeal, judgments, motions, answers to complaints, verdicts, jury lists, petitions in action to recover war risk insurance benefits, and other papers relating to the proceedings.

Am I Likely to Find an Ancestor in These Records?

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- Did the person you are looking for serve during World War I?
- Did he suffer an injury or illness relating to his service?
- Was he still living in the early 1930s?
- Might he have filed a claim for compensation?

How Can I Search These Records?

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- Where was the person living during the 1930s? This will help you determine which court would have had jurisdiction over his case.
- Look in indexes or dockets to see if the person's name appears.

Other NARA Locations with these Records

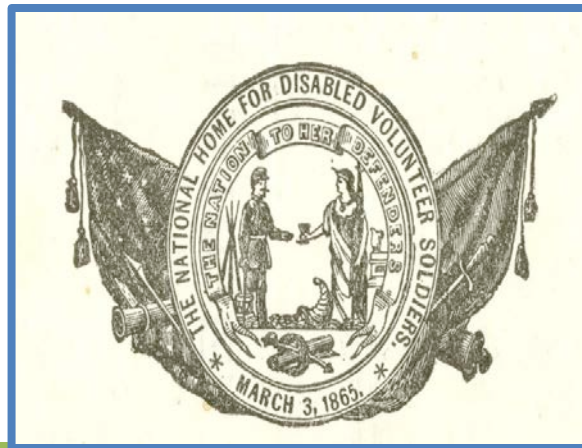
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- All NARA locations that have RG 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States have these records.
- Court records research will often require a two step process:
 1. a search of dockets to find a case number
 2. retrieval of the case and looking at the case itself

Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration

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SELECT CASE FILES FROM RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS



Veterans Home Case Files

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- U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers
- Established post Civil War – 1866
- Provide a place for disabled American soldiers and sailors to live
- Voluntary admission—could request home location
- Temporary and permanent stays

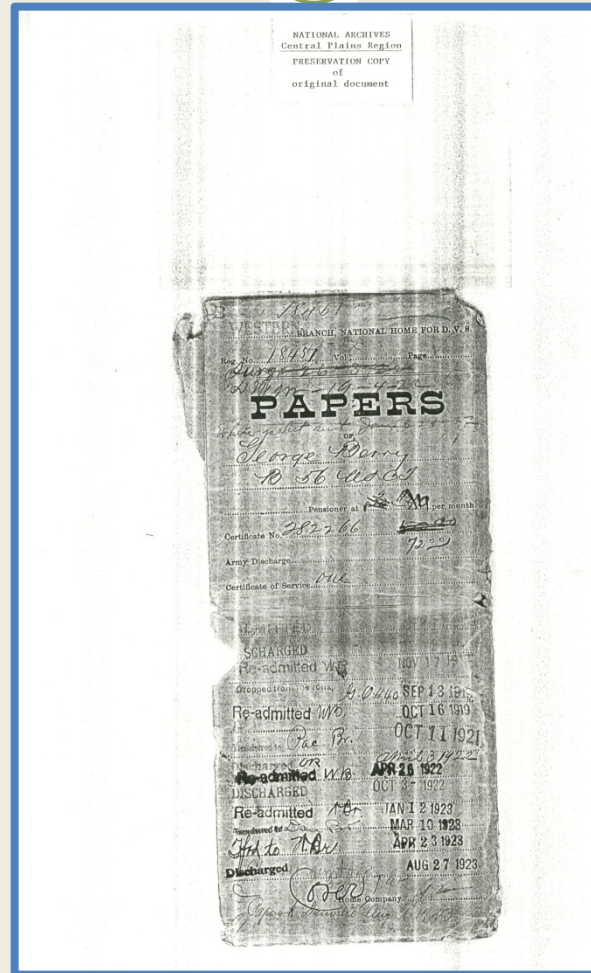
About the Files

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- Not every file was saved.
- The case files contain application forms, roster cards, medical treatment reports, ward records, personal property inventories, transfers from other veteran's hospitals, and sometimes correspondence.
- Occasionally there are documents relating to an individual's military service in the files. There is often information about pensions received and next of kin.

Sample Documents

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Sample Documents

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[See "EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS" ON THIRD PAGE.]

Application for Original Admission to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

BRANCHES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

CENTRAL BRANCH: National Military Home, Ohio.
NORTHWESTERN BRANCH: National Home, Wisconsin.
EASTERN BRANCH: National Soldiers' Home, Maine.
SOUTHERN BRANCH: National Soldiers' Home, Virginia.
WESTERN BRANCH: National Military Home, Kansas.
PACIFIC BRANCH: Soldiers' Home, California.
MARION BRANCH: National Military Home, Indiana.
DANVILLE BRANCH: National Home, Danville, Illinois.
MOUNTAIN BRANCH: National Soldiers' Home, Tennessee.
BATTLE MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM: Hot Springs, South Dakota.

MANAGERS:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CHIEF JUSTICE; THE SECRETARY OF WAR—Es-Officiis, Washington, D. C.
MAJOR JAMES W. WADSWORTH, President, 348 Broadway (New York Life Building), New York, N. Y. Term expires 1930.
GENERAL THOMAS J. HENDERSON, 1st Vice-President, Princeton, Ill. Term expires 1934.
CAPTAIN HENRY E. PALMER, 2d Vice-President, Omaha, Nebraska. Term expires 1930.
COLONEL WALTER P. BROWNLOW, Secretary, Jonesboro, Tennessee. Term expires 1934.
JOHN M. HOLLEY, Esq., La Crosse, Wisconsin. Term expires 1930.
MAJOR WILLIAM WAENER, Kansas City, Missouri. Term expires 1932.
COLONEL HENRY H. MARKHAM, Pasadena, California. Term expires 1930.
LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN MURPHY, 221 McWhorter Street, Newark, N. J. Term expires 1932.
COLONEL EDWIN P. HAMMOND, La Fayette, Indiana. Term expires 1934.
GENERAL JOSEPH S. SMITH, Bangor, Maine. Term expires 1934.

COUNTY OF Lawrence } ss.
STATE OF Kansas }

On this 5th day of September, A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me, Thos. E. Harvey, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, (¹) George Berry, aged 15 years; height 5-7 feet; complexion Black, a resident of (¹) Lawrence, County of Logan, State of Oklahoma, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he was born in (¹) Mo that he is by occupation a (²) Laborer; that he is (³) Single; that he has (⁴) Flora Johnston his children living; and that the name and address of his wife, or nearest relative is (⁵) Sutton, Mo, and that he has been enlisted in the service of the United States (⁶) one times during the (⁷) Civil war, and honorably discharged from each enlistment, as follows:

No. of Enlistment.	When Enlisted, with Rank.	Where Enlisted, Town and State.	Company and Regiment Mustered in.	Date & Place of Discharge, with Rank.	Cause of Discharge.
1st.	<u>June 15-1863</u>	<u>Pilot Knob</u>	<u>56th Co. 1st</u>	<u>Sept. 15-1863</u>	<u>At Army Co</u>
2d.	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>(27)</u>
3d.					
4th.					

That he is receiving 30 Dollars per month Pension, on Certificate No 282266, payable at Topeka Agency, from Mo, 1907, and being unable on account of his disability to earn his living by manual labor, and having no adequate means of support, desires admission to the National Home for disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Religion Prot
Hair Gray
Eyes Brown

The said applicant further swears that he has never been a member of either of the Branches of the National Home, and was never dishonorably discharged from a State Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors. And said applicant further stipulates and agrees that he will abide by and obey all the rules and regulations made by the Board of Managers, or by their order; that he will perform all duties required of him, and obey all lawful orders of the officers of the Home.

WITNESS.

(11) George Berry

(Address)

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ORDER FOR ADMISSION.

The above application is hereby approved, and ⁽¹⁾ *George Berry* 100-*29*
B Co., *56* Reg't *uses* Vols., will be admitted to the *WESTERN*
Branch, National Home for D. V. S., *Hammond Co, Mo* *Wm Tanner*
MANAGER N. H. FOR D. V. S.

EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

THE FIGURES IN THE BODY OF THIS APPLICATION REFER TO THE DIRECTIONS BELOW, AND MUST BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED IN FILLING THE BLANKS.

1. Name and title of magistrate.
2. Name of applicant.
3. Post-office address.
4. Town, county, state (or nation).
5. Name occupation.
6. Here state whether single, married, or a widower.
7. Here state number of living children, if any, otherwise erase words "that he has _____ children living."
8. Here state, accurately, the name and address of wife, or nearest relative of the applicant.
9. State the number of times actually mustered into the service of the United States.
10. Give the name of the war (1812, Mexican, Civil, etc.)
11. Signature and full Post-office address of applicant. Two witnesses are required if he makes his mark.
12. Official signature of magistrate or notary.
13. One of the words, "permanently" or "temporarily," in the certificate, must be erased by the Surgeon.
14. If the certificate of examination is officially signed by a Surgeon-General of a State, or a United States examining Surgeon, or by a Surgeon designated for that purpose by a Manager of the Home, it need not be sworn to.
15. Surgeons will enter all disabilities affecting the soldier's ability to earn his own living in the order of their importance.
16. Surgeon's Certificate is not required in the case of Civil War Soldiers who are sixty-two years of age or older.

The Soldier or Sailor making this application must forward to the Manager to whom he applies for admission his Discharge, or a certified copy thereof, and Pension Certificate, or receipt therefor, before his application is granted, which papers will be sent to the Branch of the Home to which the applicant is admitted, to be kept there and returned to him when he is discharged. This rule is adopted to prevent loss of such papers and certificate, and to hinder fraudulent practices.

After filling out this application and executing it as above directed, forward it, with the other papers, to the nearest of the Managers, or the Governor of the Branch Home applicant desires to enter, giving Post-office address and nearest railroad station, and, if application is approved, transportation, if available, will be forwarded without charge.

Men.—Soldiers and sailors whose pensions exceed sixteen dollars the month will not be admitted to the Home unless for special reasons.

Soldiers or sailors who have been previously members of the Home and who desire to be readmitted, will make their application upon the blank form provided for that purpose (No. 18), which will be furnished on application to any Branch.

Applicants are requested to conform strictly to the above requirements.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PAYMENT OF PENSIONS.

The pensions due to the members of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers shall be paid to the Treasurers of the Home, under the Act of Congress approved February 26th, 1881, as defined and amended by the Act of Congress approved August 7th, 1882, and shall be held by the Treasurers of the several Branches, and be paid over to the pensioners at such times and in such amounts as the Governors may direct, with the following reservations:

First.—A pensioner having a wife, child or other relative dependent upon him, may direct that all or any portion of his pension money shall be sent to such wife, child or dependent relative.

Second.—The Governors of the several Branches may prevent a hurtful or wasteful or extravagant use of the pension money in any case by retaining a sufficient amount until in their opinion the danger of harm or waste or extravagance has passed.

Third.—Pension money shall only be paid to members while sick in hospital when it is sent to dependent relatives, or in such small sums as the Surgeon may approve as necessary for the personal use of members.

Fourth.—Any balance due the pensioner when discharged from the Home, less any indebtedness to the Home for Home property lost or destroyed through the fault of the member, shall be paid to him.

Fifth.—The Commissioner of Pensions may, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 8d, 1896, order not to exceed one-half, ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the pension of any member of the Home to be paid to the wife or legal guardian of the minor child or children or permanently dependent and helpless child or children of said member.

The balance due the pensioner at the date of his death shall be disposed of as directed by Act of Congress approved July 1, 1903.

Sample Documents

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Dec. 22/21 (41) *Class C.*

ROSTER CARD, *Leo K* **Western** BRANCH.

Name *Berry, George* Home No *18451*

Rank *Minician* B Co., *56* Reg't *U.S.C.T. #1*

Height *5' 7"* Complexion *Blue* Pension, \$ *40* Cert. No. *282266*

Age at and date of original admission *65* years, *September 17, 1909*

Religion *Prot*

Red card pass *no*

REMARKS: *Trfd. to Co. K. sick from Co. E. Duty*
Transferred to Pacific
Br. 10/11/21

Sample Documents

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Official.

Prot. 83. 18451.

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WESTERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME D. V. S.

Aug. 28th, 1926. 192

I hereby certify that.....

George Berry.

late B. Co., 56th. Reg't U.S.C. Inf.

(U.S. Colored Troops.)

died at Hospital. Ward. 3.

at 3.00 o'clock P. M., Aug. 27th, 1926.

Cause of death Myocarditis, Chronic.

Duration. Indefinite.

Contrib. Arteriosclerosis, general.

Duration. Indefinite.

Address nearest relative Brother.

Jerry A. Berry.

Chamais,

Missouri. Box 22

The funeral of deceased will take place at 10.00

o'clock A. M., August 31st, 1926.

EMMETT E. BYRD,

(OVER)

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National Military Home, Kansas.

Aug. 31st. 1926.

I hereby certify that I have this date at the Soldiers Home Chapel, inspected
the body of George Berry. Co. B. 56th U.S.C.T. Home No. 18451.

and that the body was (apparently) properly embalmed and prepared by the
Davis Undertaking Establishment, of Leavenworth, Kansas.

and that the clothing, casket, and container, were in creditable condition.

Sumner E. Boyd
Surgeon, N.H.D.V.S.

J. S. Rushton
Asst' Surgeon, N.H.D.V.S.

Approved.

C. J. Smith
Governor, N.H.D.V.S.

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WESTERN BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

CAPTAIN COMPANY *The Adjutants' Office.* *Aug 31st* 192*6*
George Berry, late *B.* Co., *56th* Reg't *U.S. Colored Troops*
has this day been *Buried Section No. 33* and *Row No. 15*
Grave No. 7373 your Company.

(Western Branch, N. H. D. V. S. 7--20--'25. 5000)

J. J. Connolly
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR.
Record Clerk.
Hospital.

Summary of Information Obtained

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- Soldier name, age, residence, birthplace, occupation, marital status
- Unit and rank, when and where enlisted, date and place of discharge, pension number
- Race, height, eye color, hair color
- Medical information
- Date of death, funeral arrangements, exact burial location
- Name(s) of next of kin

Am I Likely to Find an Ancestor in These Records?

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- Did your ancestor serve in the military?
- Were they alive at the time the Soldiers Homes existed?
- Might they have needed the care such a facility provided?
- Does their name appear in our index?

B

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Sheet No. _____

County Leavenworth

(Insert name of township, town, precinct, district, or other civil division, as the case may be. See instructions.)

Ward of city

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Louisiana

Enumerated by me on the 5 day of June, 1900, James L. Brown, Enumerator

[illegible]

My Ancestor's File Wasn't Saved

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- I know my ancestor was at a soldier's home, but his name isn't showing up in your index.
- The historical registers that were saved list all residents. They have been digitized and are online on Ancestry.com
- U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938

Register Page for George Berry

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18451										
George Berry										
MILITARY HISTORY.										
Time and Place of Birth	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disabilities when admitted to the Home					
June 15-1863 Pilot Knob Mo.	1st	56th U.S. Col.	Sept. 15-1865 Corrondaleh Mo.	M. & of Co.	Right Hemiplegia					
DOMESTIC HISTORY.										
Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Name and Address of Nearest Relative
Mo.	65	5-7	Black	Blue	Gray	44	Laborer	Campten Mo.	Single	Eliza Johnson, Sister Cullow Mo.
HOME HISTORY.										
Date of Admission	Conditions of Re-Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death					
Sept 17, 1863 7073		Dec 11-1865	O. P.	Aug 27 1926	Myocardial Infarction					
Oct 17-1865 7073		Sept 13 1919	O. P.							
Oct 16-1919		Oct 11, 1921	From O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1921, to Oct 1, 1922		From Oct 1, 1922, to Oct 1, 1923	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1923, to Oct 1, 1924		From Oct 1, 1924, to Oct 1, 1925	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1925, to Oct 1, 1926		From Oct 1, 1926, to Oct 1, 1927	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1927, to Oct 1, 1928		From Oct 1, 1928, to Oct 1, 1929	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1929, to Oct 1, 1930		From Oct 1, 1930, to Oct 1, 1931	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1931, to Oct 1, 1932		From Oct 1, 1932, to Oct 1, 1933	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1933, to Oct 1, 1934		From Oct 1, 1934, to Oct 1, 1935	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1935, to Oct 1, 1936		From Oct 1, 1936, to Oct 1, 1937	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1937, to Oct 1, 1938		From Oct 1, 1938, to Oct 1, 1939	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1939, to Oct 1, 1940		From Oct 1, 1940, to Oct 1, 1941	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1941, to Oct 1, 1942		From Oct 1, 1942, to Oct 1, 1943	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1943, to Oct 1, 1944		From Oct 1, 1944, to Oct 1, 1945	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1945, to Oct 1, 1946		From Oct 1, 1946, to Oct 1, 1947	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1947, to Oct 1, 1948		From Oct 1, 1948, to Oct 1, 1949	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1949, to Oct 1, 1950		From Oct 1, 1950, to Oct 1, 1951	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1951, to Oct 1, 1952		From Oct 1, 1952, to Oct 1, 1953	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1953, to Oct 1, 1954		From Oct 1, 1954, to Oct 1, 1955	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1955, to Oct 1, 1956		From Oct 1, 1956, to Oct 1, 1957	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1957, to Oct 1, 1958		From Oct 1, 1958, to Oct 1, 1959	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1959, to Oct 1, 1960		From Oct 1, 1960, to Oct 1, 1961	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1961, to Oct 1, 1962		From Oct 1, 1962, to Oct 1, 1963	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1963, to Oct 1, 1964		From Oct 1, 1964, to Oct 1, 1965	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1965, to Oct 1, 1966		From Oct 1, 1966, to Oct 1, 1967	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1967, to Oct 1, 1968		From Oct 1, 1968, to Oct 1, 1969	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1969, to Oct 1, 1970		From Oct 1, 1970, to Oct 1, 1971	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1971, to Oct 1, 1972		From Oct 1, 1972, to Oct 1, 1973	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1973, to Oct 1, 1974		From Oct 1, 1974, to Oct 1, 1975	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1975, to Oct 1, 1976		From Oct 1, 1976, to Oct 1, 1977	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1977, to Oct 1, 1978		From Oct 1, 1978, to Oct 1, 1979	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1979, to Oct 1, 1980		From Oct 1, 1980, to Oct 1, 1981	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1981, to Oct 1, 1982		From Oct 1, 1982, to Oct 1, 1983	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1983, to Oct 1, 1984		From Oct 1, 1984, to Oct 1, 1985	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1985, to Oct 1, 1986		From Oct 1, 1986, to Oct 1, 1987	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1987, to Oct 1, 1988		From Oct 1, 1988, to Oct 1, 1989	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1989, to Oct 1, 1990		From Oct 1, 1990, to Oct 1, 1991	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1991, to Oct 1, 1992		From Oct 1, 1992, to Oct 1, 1993	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1993, to Oct 1, 1994		From Oct 1, 1994, to Oct 1, 1995	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1995, to Oct 1, 1996		From Oct 1, 1996, to Oct 1, 1997	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1997, to Oct 1, 1998		From Oct 1, 1998, to Oct 1, 1999	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 1999, to Oct 1, 2000		From Oct 1, 2000, to Oct 1, 2001	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2001, to Oct 1, 2002		From Oct 1, 2002, to Oct 1, 2003	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2003, to Oct 1, 2004		From Oct 1, 2004, to Oct 1, 2005	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2005, to Oct 1, 2006		From Oct 1, 2006, to Oct 1, 2007	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2007, to Oct 1, 2008		From Oct 1, 2008, to Oct 1, 2009	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2009, to Oct 1, 2010		From Oct 1, 2010, to Oct 1, 2011	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2011, to Oct 1, 2012		From Oct 1, 2012, to Oct 1, 2013	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2013, to Oct 1, 2014		From Oct 1, 2014, to Oct 1, 2015	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2015, to Oct 1, 2016		From Oct 1, 2016, to Oct 1, 2017	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2017, to Oct 1, 2018		From Oct 1, 2018, to Oct 1, 2019	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2019, to Oct 1, 2020		From Oct 1, 2020, to Oct 1, 2021	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2021, to Oct 1, 2022		From Oct 1, 2022, to Oct 1, 2023	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2023, to Oct 1, 2024		From Oct 1, 2024, to Oct 1, 2025	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2025, to Oct 1, 2026		From Oct 1, 2026, to Oct 1, 2027	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2027, to Oct 1, 2028		From Oct 1, 2028, to Oct 1, 2029	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2029, to Oct 1, 2030		From Oct 1, 2030, to Oct 1, 2031	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2031, to Oct 1, 2032		From Oct 1, 2032, to Oct 1, 2033	O. P.							
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From Oct 1, 2191, to Oct 1, 2192		From Oct 1, 2192, to Oct 1, 2193	O. P.							
From Oct 1, 2193, to Oct 1, 2194		From Oct 1, 2194, to Oct 1, 2195	O. P.							

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- **National Archives at New York**
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- National Archives at Kansas City:

Records of the Leavenworth Soldiers Home,
Leavenworth, KS

<http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/leavenworth-temp-files.html>

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- National Archives at Chicago:

Records of the Danville Branch, Danville, IL

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