Welcome!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to do family research.

As one of the nation’s premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about the National Archives’ holdings that relate to family history and to make those holdings available.
About the Lecture Series

Lectures demonstrate how to use federal records and other resources for genealogical research for beginning to experienced family historians. Our presenters include experts from the National Archives nationwide representing our facilities in College Park, MD; Denver, CO; New York City, NY; St. Louis, MO; and Washington, DC.
Join the conversation!

Participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event.

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Chat - log in to
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Finding Genealogy Resources and Tools on Archives.gov

This presentation will provide an overview of what’s available for genealogists on the www.archives.gov website, and demonstrate how to navigate to its many resources and tools, including the National Archives Catalog, the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) system, the Microfilm Catalog, topic pages, articles, reports, and blogs. We’ll explore the Genealogy portal page, and also see how the website is organized, which will enable you to do even more expansive searches for information.
Sarah Swanson has worked for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for over 18 years as a member of the Web Team. She is the web liaison for the "research" section of the www.archives.gov website. She is also part of the User Experience (UX) Team, which aims to make the website more user-friendly. She is currently working with the team to prepare for the online launch of the 1950 census in 2022. Sarah holds a B.A. in anthropology from Kenyon College and an M.A. from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She also has a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University.
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May 12, 2021
“I am trying to locate baptism records for deceased family members who were born on the Virgin Islands Danish and US…”

“The search bar on your webpage returns a large number of hits. My third great grandfather’s last name is White. Quotation marks do not seem to work.”

“Where can I find the genealogy section of the website?”
Benefits of Using Archives.gov

- Learn how to start your research, and prepare for in-person visits
- Learn about new sources
- Gain in-depth knowledge about the records
- Add historical context
- Find digitized records online
What records does NARA have?

NARA’s holdings are records created in the course of business conducted by the U.S. Federal government.

Records at NARA most used by Genealogists:

- Census
- Passenger Lists
- Naturalization
- Land
- Military
Archives.gov Main Page
Research our Records tab

Coronavirus Information
The National Archives and Records Administration is committed to protecting the health and safety of visitors, customers, and employees during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, will open for viewing the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights with limited capacity from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays starting October 10, 2020. Reserve timed entry tickets. All other exhibits are closed at this time. Our research facilities are also closed to the public until further notice. In-person services for the public and other federal agencies have been suspended almost entirely. We are making every effort to continue providing essential services whenever possible, using online and remote capabilities. Our ability to serve customers in a timely manner may be hampered by the current crisis. We ask for your understanding and patience.

RESEARCH OUR RECORDS
Explore our nation's history through our documents, photos, and records.

VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS
Request military records and learn about other services for yourself or a family member.

EDUCATOR RESOURCES
Find primary sources, tools for teaching with documents, and student and educator programs.

VISIT US
Plan a trip to the Museum, to one of the Presidential Libraries, or to conduct research.

AMERICA'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS
The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Archives News
Research Main Page – link to Genealogy Portal

www.archives.gov/research
Start Your Genealogy Research
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www.archives.gov/research/genealogy

Resources for Genealogists

Start Your Family Research
Learn how you can use the resources at the National Archives to explore your family’s ancestry.
- Start Your Genealogy Research
- Genealogy Resources
- Charts and Forms
- Free Databases at National Archives Facilities

Popular Topics
- Census Records
- Military Service Records
- Immigration Records
- Naturalization Records
- More Topics and Record Types

Genealogy News
- New Finding Aid Improves Search for Native American Photos
- A Message from the Archivist to Our Researchers
- Building the ‘Digital Reference Revolution’ with National Archives’ History Hub
- Citizen Archivists Triple Contributions to National Archives Catalog During Pandemic
- The Rediscovered Life of the ‘Lost Soldier of Chickamauga’

Events
- Genealogy Workshops Nationwide
- Genealogy Events in the Washington, DC Area
- National Archives Calendar

Tools for Genealogists
- Catalog Guide for Genealogists | Search the Catalog
- Electronic Records for Genealogy | Search AAD
- Digitized by Partners
- Microfilm Catalog
- More Online Research Tools

Can I start my family history research by typing a name in the search box?
Our search box will not help you find information on a specific person. However, we have many tools and resources that can lead you to information about our holdings. Many of our records have been digitized and are made available by our Digitization Partners.

What’s New?
Virtual Genealogy Fair – live broadcast in March!
Maps at NARA of interest to Genealogists
Start Your Genealogy Research

Introduction to NARA Resources

The records in our holdings that are most commonly used by genealogists include, Census, Military, Immigration (Ship Passenger Lists), Naturalization, and Land records.

To learn more about these records and how to access them, we recommend that you:

Start by reviewing our Powerpoint presentation

The “Beginning your Genealogical Research at the National Archives and Records Administration” presentation provides an excellent introduction to most popular genealogical records at NARA.
Start Your Genealogy Research (continued)

www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research

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Powerpoint Tutorial

(Save to your computer and then open, or open directly.)

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View Additional Videos from our Family History Workshops
We have many genealogy presentations available online, where you can learn about additional records available at NARA for genealogy, and how to use them.
- Videos from our “Know Your Records” series
- Videos and handouts from our annual Virtual Genealogy Fair

Learn more about NARA’s online Genealogy Resources

Other Genealogy Resources for Getting Started

Online Tutorials and Guides
NARA’s YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/c/USNationalArchives
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We have arranged the Genealogy section of the website by research topics, or types of records available to search.

From the Research Topics pages, you will find links to pages throughout the website with articles, finding aids, and other helpful information to help you prepare for your genealogical research at the National Archives.

The records in our holdings that are most commonly used by genealogists include:

- Census Records
Research Main Page – Link to Genealogy Portal

[Link to Genealogy Portal](www.archives.gov/research)
Charts and Forms

Use these blank forms to record your research results. Click on the title to view or print a PDF version of each.

Looking for fun ways to engage kids in finding family history? See also Genealogy Activities for Kids!

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www.archives.gov/research/genealogy
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- Internal Migration
- Japanese Americans
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- Maps of interest to Genealogists
- Maritime
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- Naval Records
- Passenger Lists
- Passport Applications
- Post Office Records
- Pre-Federal Records
- Prisons
- Social Security Records
- State Department Records of Genealogical interest
- Tax Records
- Vital Records
- Women
What will you find on topic pages?

• What records are available
• Background information about the records
• What information can be found in the records
• How to access the records
• Links to the records, if available online
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www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/topics
Census Records

Census records can provide the building blocks of your research. The first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790, and has been taken every ten years since. Because of a 72-year restriction on access to the Census, the most recent year available is 1940. The 1950 Census will be released in 2022.

The National Archives has the census schedules on microfilm available from 1790 to 1940, and most have now been digitized by our digitization partners. Family researchers generally find it most helpful to begin with the most current census and work backwards as a strategy for locating people in earlier generations.

What do you want to do today?

- Search Censuses by Year and Ancestor’s Name
- Learn about Census Records
- Order Copies of Census Records
- Ask our Staff a Question on History Hub
- Visit a NARA Research Room
- Hire an Independent Researcher

What are people asking on History Hub?
Census Records Online
www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census/online-resources

Census records are restricted for 72 years.

The 1950 Census will be released on April 1, 2022.
1910 Census

Search the 1910 Census Online

Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (Microfilm Publication # T624, Record Group 29)

- National Archives Catalog (NAID 2353588), (free)
- Ancestry.com (free from NARA computers)
- Ancestry.com ($ - by subscription)
- FamilySearch.org (free with account creation)
- Fold3.com (free from NARA computers)

Enumeration District Maps for the Twelfth Through Sixteenth Censuses of the United States, 1900-1940, (Microfilm Publication #A3378, Record Group 29)

- FamilySearch.org (free with account creation)

Other Resources

- 1910 Federal Population Census Microfilm Catalog
- Blank 1910 Federal Census form
- Clues in Census Records, 1850-1930
- 1880-1940 Enumeration District Definitions
- Population and Housing Reports (1910 Census) published by Bureau of the Census

The 1910 census schedules record the following information for each person:

- name
- relationship to head of household
- sex
- color or race
- age at last birthday
- marital status
- length of present marriage
- if a mother, number of children and number of living children
- place of birth
- place of birth of parents
- if foreign born, year of immigration and citizenship status
- language spoken
- occupation
- type of industry employed in
- if employer, employee, or self-employed
- if unemployed
- number of weeks unemployed in 1909
- ability to read and write
Genealogy Topics - Link to Immigration

www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/topics

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Immigrant Records at the National Archives

Among the billions of historical records housed at the National Archives throughout the country, researchers can find information relating to immigrants from the late 1700s through the early 2000s. The National Archives preserves and makes available documents created by Federal agencies in the course of their daily business.

As you plan your research, consider this question: how does my research topic intersect with the US Federal Government?

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Please note: Although some of these records have been digitized and made available online, there are many records that are only available in paper or microfilm format at NARA locations.
Alien Files (A-Files)

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) signed an agreement on June 3, 2009, to make the Alien Files (A-Files) a permanent series of records, eligible for transfer to NARA custody 100 years after the immigrant’s year of birth.

Created by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) beginning in April 1944, A-Files contain all records of any active case of an alien not yet naturalized as they passed through the United States immigration and inspection process. An A-File might also be created without any action taken by the alien; for example, if the INS initiated a law enforcement action against or involving the alien.

A rich source of biographical information, A-Files may include visas, photographs, affidavits, and correspondence leading up to an alien’s naturalization, permanent residency, death, or deportation.

A-Files for the entire United States and its territories are being centralized at the National Archives at Kansas City. Because of strong interest and advocacy for the A-Files by local research communities and their congressional representatives, the National Archives at San Francisco will maintain some of the available A-Files from the INS district offices located in San Francisco, Honolulu, Reno, and Guam. Researchers seeking individuals who may have lived in these areas should check both the National Archives at San Francisco and Kansas City records for A-Files.

As of October 2019, the National Archives at Kansas City received the following holdings:

- More than 1,100,000 A-Files for individuals who were born 1918 and prior

As of September 2019, the National Archives at San Francisco received the following holdings:

- 200,000 A-Files for individuals who were born 1910 and prior, largely from the INS-Honolulu and INS-San Francisco District Offices

NARA’s holdings of A-Files will grow as USCIS continues to transfer records. Search the National Archives Catalog to find out if NARA currently has an A-File for a specific individual. Check the catalog entry to see where the file is located.

A-Files may be viewed in person by visiting the National Archives at Kansas City or San Francisco by appointment. Copies of files may be ordered for a fee. Researchers should search the National Archives Catalog to find out if NARA currently has an A-File for a specific individual.

- How to Request Copies of A-Files
- How to Request A-Files for Onsite Use
- Research and Reproduction Fees
- Frequently Asked Questions about the A-Files
- Helpful Links
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Land Records

www.archives.gov/research/land/land-records

Land Entry Case Files and Related Records

Introduction

The land records that are generally of most interest to genealogists are the land entry case files. These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to private ownership.

There are over ten million such individual land transactions in the custody of the National Archives. These case files cover land entries in all 30 public land districts.

The case files were filed as either military bounty land warrants, pre-1908 general land entry files, or as post-1908 land entry files. The information required to access and order copies of the records will differ depending on which of these 3 categories the transaction falls into.

- Learn how to access these records
- For more background information and an overview of important terminology, review Research in the Land Entry Files of the General Land Office

For land records in the remaining 20 states that were never part of the original public domain, check the State Archives for that particular state. This includes the original 13 colonies, plus Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Frequently Asked Questions about Land Records

- What are Federal public lands?
- What states are public lands states?
- How do I find records for non-Federal public lands states?
- How do I find my ancestor’s homestead records?
- How do I order copies of Land Entry Case Files?
Related Land Records

Tract Books:

There are also tract books available relating to the land entry case files. These are arranged by the legal description of the land: by township, range, and section. Tract books are divided into two geographical areas, Eastern States and Western States.

For the Western States, the tract books are located in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC and some NARA Field Offices. This includes the states of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

For the Eastern States, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has the tract books and patents. This includes the states of: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

For these Eastern State tract books, contact:

Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior
20 M Street, Suite 550
Washington, DC 20003

Land Patents:

Land patents are the legal documents that transferred land ownership from the U.S. Government to individuals. Now you can search for land patent records online, for both Eastern and Western states. See the Bureau of Land Management’s Land Patent Search page.

*Please note that this includes only patented or completed land entries. Those case files that were cancelled or relinquished will not be there. Even though the entry was never patented there can be as much information in these case files as patented files. To start your search for these records please contact the National Archives facility that holds records for that state.
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Land Entry Case Files and Related Records

Introduction
The land records that are generally of most interest to genealogists are the land entry case files. These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to private ownership.

There are over ten million such individual land transactions in the custody of the National Archives. These case files cover land entries in all 30 public land states.

The case files were filed as either military bounty land warrants, pre-1908 general land entry files, or post-1908 land entry files. The information required to access and order copies of the records will differ depending on which of these 3 categories the transaction falls into.

Learn how to access these records.

- For more background information and an overview of important terminology, review Research in the Land Entry Files of the General Land Office.

Frequently Asked Questions about Land Records

- What are Federal public lands?
- What states are public lands states?
- How do I find records for non Federal public lands states?
- How do I find my ancestor’s homestead records?
- How do I order copies of Land Entry Case Files?
Accessing Land Entry Records
www.archives.gov/research/land/accessing-land-entry-files

Accessing Land Entry Records

Land entry files (land patent files) are records of the U.S. General Land Office (GLO) that document the initial transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to individuals, businesses, and institutions.

The National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives 1), houses land entry files from the 30 Federal public land states (all states in the United States except the original 13 states, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maine, West Virginia, Texas, and Hawaii). These records are part of Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The information required to access and order copies of land entry files will differ depending on the type of land entry file.

Types of Land Entry Files

Land entry files at Archives 1 are divided into three rough categories: (1) surrendered military bounty land warrants, (2) pre-1908 general land entry files, and (3) 1908 and later land entry files.

Researchers can search the BLM’s GLO Records website to find the information needed to request each type of land entry file. Note that the GLO Records website only indexes patented or completed land entries. The site does not index cancelled land entries or expired leases.

- Surrendered Military Bounty Land Warrants
- Pre-1908 Land Entry Files
- 1908 and Later Land Entry Files
Genealogy Research Topics

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Tools for Genealogists
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- National Archives Catalog
- Guide for Genealogists
- Ask Genealogy Questions on History Hub
- Digitized by Partners

More Ways to Learn
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Orientation for on-site Researchers

Tax Records

Search Records Online

U.S. Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1866 (Record Group 58)
Please Note: Most records are just for 1862-1866, but records for a few states, namely Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming cover additional years, up to 1874 or beyond.

- Ancestry.com (free from NARA computers)
- Ancestry.com ($) by subscription)
- FamilySearch.org (free)

Other Resources

Tax Records at the National Archives, Narrations blog post from Sept. 2010
More on Tax Records at the National Archives, Narrations blog post from Oct. 2010
1798 Federal Direct Tax Records for Connecticut, Prologue article, from Spring 2007
Income Tax Records of the Civil War Years, Prologue article, from Winter 1986
“What does the Civil War have to do with Income Taxes?”, article The Civil History newsletter, April 2011, p.3
Taxes, a special topics page
Genealogical Research using State Department Records

While most records of the Department of State relate in some way to the planning and implementation of American foreign policy and relations, the files include documentation relating to individuals. Some series of records particularly lend themselves to use in genealogical study. Those records are primarily found in the following two record groups.

- Record Group 59: General Records of the Department of State
- Record Group 84: Records of Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State

Record Group 59: General Records of the Department of State

There are files in this record group relating both to people who served as officials in government service and to individual persons.

I. Individuals

*Name Card Index.* For each segment of the Department’s central file there are cards, which serve as a finding aid for communications to, from, or about private persons or organizations. Researchers cannot rely on the name cards to locate all documents relating to or mentioning a given individual. While the name index is an important tool and can sometimes lead to the records of a given individual, the individuals’ personal correspondences are scattered throughout the files, and it is also advisable to search the general subject indices.
Genealogy Topics – Link to Military

www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/topics
Army Records at the National Archives

www.archives.gov/research/military/army
Pre-1917 Army Records at the National Archives

The National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives 1), houses records relating to soldiers and military units from the Revolutionary War up to (but not including) World War I. Other records cover administrative aspects of the War Department, military departments and commands, and veterans’ benefits. We also house records of the Freedmen’s Bureau.

Military Service:
We house military service records for:
- Soldiers of the Continental and Regular Army from 1775 to 1839
- State volunteers raised for federal service (Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection)
We also house regimental records for:
- Regular Army units (Mexican War through the Philippine Insurrection)
- State volunteer units (Mexican War through the Philippine Insurrection)

Pensions:
We house historical records of the Veterans Administration, including:
- Pension and bounty-land applications for Army veterans from 1775 to 1916 (and their widows and dependents)
- Registers of residents of national soldiers’ homes
- Registers of residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (formerly the U.S. Soldier’s Home) in Washington, DC
We also house settled accounts of the War Department for claims from various wars.

Military Departments and Commands:
We house the following records related to military departments and commands:
- Administrative records of the Secretary of War and War Department
- Administrative and operational records of geographical military departments, districts, sub-districts, commands, and installations (camps and forts)
- Operational records of overseas commands (Spanish-American War to the Mexican Punitive Expedition)
We also house the Papers of the Continental Congress and captured records of the former Confederate government.

Freedmen’s Bureau:
We house records of the Freedmen’s Bureau, the post-Civil War military agency that managed abandoned lands and dealt with refugees and freedmen in the South.
These records contain information about former slaves, including:
- Educational opportunities,
- Employment,
- Marriages, and
- Claims.
Many of these records have been digitized and made available online.
Pre-1917 Army Records at the National Archives
www.archives.gov/research/military/army/pre-ww1
Compiled Military Service Records
www.archives.gov/research/military/army/compiled-military-service-records
Accessing CMSRs

CMSRs, indexes, and related records are housed at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives 1). CMSRs can be researched on site or copies can be ordered remotely. Many indexes to CMSRs and some CMSRs have been digitized and made available online.

### Available CMSRs

CMSRs are available for Volunteer soldiers from the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection.

CMSRs for the Revolutionary War and the Post-Revolutionary period have been digitized and made available online through Ancestry.com and Fold3.com. Many CMSRs for the Civil War (including all Confederate and some Union organizations) are also available on these sites.

Other CMSRs have not yet been digitized in full. These records include:

- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations: War of 1812 (NAID: 300392)
- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations During Indian Wars, 1817–1858 (NAID: 300395)
- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations: Mexican War, 1846–1848 (NAID: 654530)
- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations: Civil War (Union), 1861–1865 (NAID: 300399)
- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations: Spanish-American War, 1898 (NAID: 300400)
- Carded Service Records of Volunteer Organizations: Philippine Insurrection, 1899–1902 (NAID: 654500)

Select files from these series have been scanned in the Archives 1 Innovation Hub and made available online for free in the National Archives Catalog.

Copies of CMSRs can be ordered remotely using NATF Form 86 or by submitting an order online.

### Indexes to CMSRs

Microfilmed indexes to the CMSRs exist for the following wars or conflicts. For the Civil War, note that there are separate Union and Confederate indexes for each state.

- Indexes to Revolutionary War Compiled Military Service Records (NAID: 572371)
- Indexes to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Post-Revolutionary War Period, 1784–1811 (NAID: 654498)
- Indexes to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: War of 1812 (NAID: 654501)
- Indexes to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Indian Wars, 1817–1858 (NAID: 654511)
- Indexes to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Mexican War (NAID: 654518)
- General Index to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Civil War (Union; NAID: 654530)
- General Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers (NAID: 655144)
- Indexes to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Spanish-American War (NAID: 654543)
- General Index to Carded Records, Volunteer Organizations: Philippine Insurrection (NAID: 654566)

The indexes for the War of 1812, Early Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War, and Spanish-American War have been digitized and made available online through Ancestry.com and Fold3.com.
Research by War or Conflict

The National Archives holds Federal military service records from the Revolutionary War to 1912 in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Military service records from WWI - present are held in the National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in St. Louis, Missouri. See details of holdings.

Post-WWI regimental and unit records are primarily held at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland.

- American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)
- War of 1812 (1812-1815)
- Mexican War (1846-1848)
- Civil War (1861-1865)
- Spanish American War (1898)
- Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902)
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
Civil War Main Page

www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war
Southern Claims Commission Case Files

The Southern Claims Commission (SCC) was created by an Act of Congress on March 3, 1871, to receive, examine, and consider claims submitted by Southern Unionist citizens.

Claimants sought compensation for supplies that had been confiscated by or furnished to the U.S. Army during the Civil War. After an additional act in 1872, the SCC also considered claims against the U.S. Navy.

The SCC certified the Union loyalty of the claimant, determined the appropriate value of the claim, and recommended that the U.S. House of Representatives allow, disallow, or bar the claim. Settled claims were reported to Congress.

Of the 22,928 claims, only 7,092 satisfied the rigid tests of sworn statement and cross-examination used to prove both the sustained Union loyalty of the claimant throughout the war and the validity of the claim.

The National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives I), houses allowed, disallowed, and barred SCC case files.

Contents of SCC Case Files

An SCC case file may contain:
- Claimant’s petition for payment
- Depositions of witnesses
- Summary reports of the special agent investigating the case
- Reports from Treasury Department officials who checked captured Confederate records for indications of disloyalty
- Final summary and recommendation of the commissioners
- Receipt of payment

Some files include additional documentary evidence such as:
- Letters of affidavit
- Reports by special agents
- Marriage and death certificates

However, not all files include all of these records.
Southern Claims Commission Case Files (continued)
www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/southern-claims-commission

Locating SCC Case Files

To locate a particular SCC case file, researchers should check Microfilm Publication M87, Records of the Commissioners of Claims. Roll 14 of this publication includes a consolidated index of claims. The index is arranged alphabetically by the petitioner's name and gives the state of residency, office number, report number, and final disposition.

The case files are found in different record groups, depending on the SCC's decision in the case. The index indicates which decision was issued for each case.

- Barred Claims
- Disallowed Claims
- Disallowed/Barred Claims Transferred to the U.S. Court of Claims
- Allowed Claims

Questions?

For questions related to barred or disallowed claims, please email the Center for Legislative Archives at legislative.archives@nara.gov.

For questions related to allowed claims or disallowed/barred claims transferred to the U.S. Court of Claims, please email the Archives 1 Reference Branch at archives1reference@nara.gov.
Military Records – Research by Topic
www.archives.gov/research/military
Genealogy Research in Military Records

What military records does NARA have?

The National Archives holds Federal military service records from the Revolutionary War to 1912 in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. See details of holdings.

Military records from WWII - present are held in the National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in St. Louis, Missouri, See details of holdings.

The National Archives does not hold state militia records. For these records, you will need to contact the appropriate State Archives.

How can Military Records help in my genealogy research?

Military records can often provide valuable information on the veteran, as well as on all members of the family. For example:

- **Compiled Service Records:** Compiled service records consist of an envelope containing card abstracts taken from muster rolls, returns, pay vouchers, and other records. They will provide you with your ancestor's rank, unit, date mustered in and mustered out, basic biographical information, medical information, and military information.

- **Pension Applications and Pension Payment Records:** The National Archives also has pension applications and records of pension payments for veterans, their widows, and other heirs. The pension records in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. are based on service in the armed forces of the United States between 1775 and 1916. Pension application files usually provide the most genealogical information. These files often contain supporting documents such as: narratives of events during service, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, pages from family Bibles, family letters, depositions of witnesses, affidavits, discharge papers and other supporting papers.

- **Bounty Land:** Compiled application files of military land applications for land between 1775 and March 3, 1855.
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National Archives
Research Room Locations
NARA Research Room Locations

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- Chicago
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- Denver
- Fort Worth
- Kansas City
- Philadelphia
- Riverside, CA
- St. Louis
- San Francisco
- Seattle
- Washington DC
National Archives Closures
Due to the coronavirus public health emergency, all National Archives research rooms, museums, and Presidential Libraries, will be closed until further notice. Staff at all locations will continue to respond to emailed requests for records.

More information about the National Archives' response to coronavirus can be found at archives.gov/coronavirus

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National Archives in Washington, DC
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408
Visit the National Archives Museum
Get Directions • Visit Website

Atlanta Federal Records Center
4712 Southpark Blvd, Ellenwood, GA 30294
NARA Research Room Locations (continued)

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**National Archives at Denver, CO**
17101 Huron Street, Broomfield, CO 80023-8909
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
Get Directions · Visit Website

**National Archives at Fort Worth, TX**
1400 John Burgess Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76140
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at Kansas City, MO**
400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at New York City, NY**
One Bowling Green, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10004-1415
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at Philadelphia, PA**
14700 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154-1096
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at Riverside, CA**
23123 Cajalco Road, Perris, CA 92570
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at San Francisco, CA**
Leo J. Ryan Building, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066-2350
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at Seattle, WA**
6125 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115-7599
Available services: Archival Research Room, Microfilm Research Room
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**National Archives at St. Louis, MO**
1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138
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**National Personnel Records Center (Military)**
1 Archives Drive, Spanish Lake, MO 63138
Available services: Records Center, Research Room, National Personnel Records Center
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**National Personnel Records Center (Civilian)**
1411 Boulder Boulevard, Valmeyer, IL 62295
Available services: Records Center, National Personnel Records Center
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Genealogy and Historical Research at Fort Worth

Most Requested from Fort Worth
- Fort Smith Criminal Case Files
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Finding Aids and Name Indexes
National Archives at Fort Worth resource guides and finding aids can assist with research on specific Federal agencies, name and topical searches, and locating digitized microfilm.

Plan Your Research Visit
Find directions and general information.

Order Copies of Records
Learn how to order copies or scans of records from Research Services staff and how to utilize self-service copying in the research room.

Online Research Tools
- National Archives Catalog
- Fort Worth's Catalog Holdings
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- Guide to Federal Records
- and more

Courthouse Records
- Civil, criminal, and other Federal court records

Historical Military Records
- Pre-WWII service and pension records
- Unit histories

Your Own Military Service Records
- Order your personal records or next-of-kin

Webcasts and Online Events
- Forgotten Legacy: William McKinley, George Henry White, and the Struggle for Black Equality - January 29, 2021, 1200 p.m. EST
- South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War - February 4, 2021, 1:00 p.m. EST
- The Rope & True Story of Murray, Harris, and the Dawn of the NAACP - February 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m. EST
Case Files of Fort Smith, Arkansas
www.archives.gov/fort-worth
Naturalization Records at the National Archives at New York City

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- Records and Indexes on Microfilm

See Also: our Naturalization Records page and our guide to the areas covered by Federal courts in New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico.

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Last Name Index to Naturalization Records (New Mexico), 1860-1963

Alphabetical by Surname - A

This last name list indexes naturalization records (including declarations of intention, petitions for naturalization, and certificate stubs) from the district court in New Mexico held by the National Archives at Denver.

- Find the descriptions for the indexed series in our National Archives Catalog
- Search hints for using the National Archives Catalog

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Acevedo-Perez
Acosta
## Former Alcatraz Inmates List

The National Archives at San Francisco holds comprehensive inmate case files, prisoner identification photographs, and warden’s notebook pages for most listed inmates. For more information about these records, please contact us.

The bulk of our facility’s RG 120 archival holdings concern Alcatraz Island and its use by the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Prisons (BOP) as a Federal penitentiary (1934-63). They include individual comprehensive inmate case files (approximately 541 cubic feet), administrative records (approximately 11 cubic feet), supply, equipment, and facilities maintenance files (approximately three cubic feet), the Warden’s notebook pages (approximately five cubic feet), copy negatives & black and white prints of prisoner identification photographs (three cubic feet), and a few maps and drawings. The bulk of the records are dated 1934 through 1963, but include records dated as early as 1913 and as late as 1968.

These records may contain information that is restricted under Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) provisions that protect the privacy of living persons. Public access to portions of the documents researchers request may be restricted under exemption (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which relates to clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

See also the Numerical Index of Former Alcatraz Inmates.

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Slave Manifests for Charleston

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Please check back soon for the addition of manifests from Mobile and S

Beaufort, S.C. Slave Manifests (Outbound)
- By Slave Owner's Name
- By Slave's Name

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- By Slave Owner's Name
- By Slave's Name
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Bankruptcy Case Files at the National Archives at Kansas City

Bankruptcy Case Files may be accessed by ordering reproductions for a fee or viewed by appointment at the National Archives at Kansas City.

Bankruptcy Case Files are contained within RG 21, Records of the U.S. District Court, and RG 578, Records of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Bankruptcy Case Files will grow annually at Kansas City as new transfers and direct offers of records are accessioned into the holdings of the National Archives. Currently there are 125,000 cubic feet of bankruptcy case files stored in Kansas City.

- Frequently Asked Questions about Bankruptcy Case Files
- How to Request Copies of Bankruptcy Case Files
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Bankruptcy Case File Record Requests

Please provide the following information:
- name of the court where the case was filed;
- case number and name(s) of parties on the case; and
- time period the case was filed.

For bankruptcy cases filed 1940 and after, a FRC transfer number is required. This is obtained by contacting the court where the bankruptcy was originally filed. If the court does not have the transfer number due to the age of the case, please note this with your request.

There is no charge to perform a search. Do not send any money or credit card information when you make your initial request. Digital and paper reproductions from the case file will incur a charge. Staff will communicate the fees prior to making the copies.

How to Submit Requests

We receive requests by e-mail, postal mail, or phone.
- E-mail: kansascity.archives@nara.gov
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  Kansas City, MO 64108

Chattel Mortgage from "In the Matter of Laugh-O-Gram Films." Laugh-O-Gram Films was Walt Disney's film studio in Kansas City, Missouri. (NAID 6897521)
Frequently Asked Questions about Bankruptcy Case Files

- What time periods are covered by these records?
- What is the research value of Bankruptcy Case Files?
- How do I access bankruptcy case files still with the Federal Court or Federal Records Center?
- What information is found in bankruptcy case files?

What time periods are covered by these records?

Bankruptcy case files were created by the Federal court to contain the records of bankruptcy case proceedings. The content varies depending on the type of bankruptcy and the time period in which the case was filed. There have been five major Bankruptcy Acts by the Federal government: 1800, 1841, 1867, 1898, and 1978.

Generally, bankruptcy proceedings 1940 and prior are permanent records. Case files opened after 1940 may be subject to a 2.5% sampling*. This is dependent on the type of filing. The goal of the sampling is not to save individual cases, but to save sufficient cases to provide researchers with the resources to identify historical trends, such as what types of people file for bankruptcy (e.g. the poor, the working class, male, female, urban, rural, etc.), why they file (e.g. medical bills, luxury items, job loss), where they live, what their jobs are, how bankruptcy filings are affected by national, regional, or local economic conditions, and similar issues.

*Some courts initiated earlier sampling projects with earlier acts. Questions about sampling should be directed to the National Archives at Kansas City.

What is the research value of Bankruptcy Case Files?

Bankruptcy case files are valuable for a number of reasons. Many individuals need to access their own bankruptcy case files for a variety of circumstances. The case files prove the discharge of, or final disposition of particular debts. Attorneys and other court officials likewise use bankruptcy case files in both reviews of past legal matters, as well as new disputes regarding debt.

Bankruptcy case files are also valuable for genealogists. By showing everything an individual owned and to whom they owed money, bankruptcy files open the door into the homes of our ancestors. The details revealed in the case files allows the researcher to understand so much more than what a name and a date alone provide. They help a researcher understand why a path guided an ancestor in a particular direction.
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Name Indexes and Subject List

African-Americans:

African-American Resources on microfilm at the National Archives at Kansas City

Aliens:

Iowa 1942-1946, Alien Personal History and Statements, (Record Group 147), Records of the Selective Service System at the National Archives at Kansas City

Minnesota 1942-1946, Alien Personal History and Statements, (Record Group 147), Records of the Selective Service System at the National Archives at Kansas City

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North Dakota, 1942-1946, Alien Personal History and Statements (Record Group 147), Records of the Selective Service System at the National Archives at Kansas City
Land/Environment:

Bureau of Land Management (Record Group 49) - Kansas
Dodge City, Kansas and Topeka, Kansas Land Offices, ca. 1905-1937, Name Index to Cancelled, Rejected, and Relinquished Land Entry Files

Bureau of Land Management (Record Group 49) - Kansas and Missouri
Kansas and Missouri, ca. 1821-1920, RG 49, Land Tract Volume List

Bureau of Land Management (Record Group 49) - Nebraska
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North Platte, NE ca. 1902-1922, Name Index to Cancelled, Rejected, and Relinquished Land Entry Files
O'Neill, NE ca. 1900-1918, Name Index to Cancelled, Rejected, and Relinquished Land Entry Files
Valentine, NE ca. 1907-1918, Name Index to Cancelled, Rejected, and Relinquished Land Entry Files
# Name Index to Cancelled, Rejected, and Relinquished Land Entry Files, Lincoln, NE ca. 1905-1933

Lincoln, NE ca. 1905-1933 (Record Group 49), at the National Archives at Kansas City

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Naturalizations:

A Quick Guide to Federal Naturalization Records at the National Archives at Kansas City.

Iowa

**Creston Naturalizations**, Name index to naturalization records, including declarations and petitions, 1930-1951, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa, Southern (Creston) Division. Record Group 21.

**Keokuk Naturalizations**, Name index to miscellaneous records pertaining to naturalization, 1840-1888, U.S. District Court, District of Iowa, Southern (Keokuk) Division. Record Group 21. (The records indexed here include declarations submitted to the court as part of the petition process, a list of persons naturalized in the court, and other documents. We have no naturalization petitions from this court.)

**Mason City Naturalizations**, Name index to naturalization records, including petitions and declarations, 1942-1961, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Iowa, Central (Mason City) Division. Record Group 21.

**Ottumwa Naturalizations**, Name index to naturalization records, including petitions and declarations, 1916-1951, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa, Ottumwa Division. Record Group 21.

Kansas

**Fort Scott Naturalizations**, Name index to naturalization records, including petitions and declarations, 1915-1967, U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, Fort Scott Division. Record Group 21.

# Naturalizations, Southern (Creston) Division

**Name Index to Naturalizations for Southern District of Iowa (1930–1951)**

Records, including Petitions and Declarations, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa, Southern (Creston) Division. (Record Group 21)

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- Name and tonnage of vessel
- Official number (if relevant)
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War Relocation Authority (WRA) Case Files

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Contents of WRA Case Files

The content of individual case files varies. In addition to including basic identifying information about the individual (such as their name, age, and physical description), case files may also contain:

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- Property records
- School records
- Military service information
- WRA camp employment records
- Leave or discharge documentation
- Related correspondence

Not all case files contain each of these documents.

Case files may provide information about an individual’s family members as well.

Accessing WRA Case Files

Researchers may request to view WRA case files on site at Archives 1 or order copies of case files using the WRA case file request form.

In your request, please provide the following information so that our staff can locate the case file:

- Individual’s full name
- If the individual used a Japanese name and an Anglicized name, please provide both names.
- Individual’s date of birth
- WRA camp
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The National Archives Catalog contains descriptions for NARA’s nationwide holdings in the Washington, DC area; regional facilities; and Presidential Libraries. The Catalog is a work in progress and currently contains descriptions for 95% of our records, described at the series level.

The National Archives Catalog vs. Online Genealogy Databases

- The Catalog is keyword searchable like many genealogy databases.
- You can narrow searches with filters.
- The Catalog allows you to search for records in all NARA facilities – not just online.
National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists (continued)

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Tips for Searching for an Individual’s Name
There isn’t a specific field for names in the Catalog, so you may need to try several different searches using different strategies when searching for a name.

- Search on the person’s full name in first name-last name order.
- Search on the surname only. The records might only include a first initial or a variant spelling of the first name.
- Search on variant spellings of the surname using OR, for example: Lucchetti OR Lucatti.
- Search on variant spellings of the first name, including “Americanized” versions, for example: Joseph Maggio OR Giuseppe Maggio.
- Keep in mind that most descriptions in the National Archives Catalog do not include the names of individuals in that record. However, the National Archives still might have records about your ancestors. If you know an individual participated in an event, search for that search term and look within the records for your ancestor.

Tips for Searching by Topics
One of the best ways to identify records of genealogical interest in the National Archives Catalog is by topic. If you find a description without digital images attached in the National Archives Catalog, that may contain records about your ancestor, contact the staff in that unit. The contact information appears in the Contact/Util section at the bottom of the description.

Suggested Keywords
In these examples, we use quotations in Catalog searches around multiple words, phrases or words that we want to appear exactly as we have written them. For more in-depth information on how to search the Catalog visit National Archives Catalog Search Tips.

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Ahasuerus Wendell of the town of Charleston in the County of Saratoga, swears that he is well acquainted with John Van Eps, the same person referred to in the preceding documents as an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 17, 1782.
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Some of the series and files listed in this report are accessible online:

- **Download** - This is a link for downloading the files and documentation from the Catalog. For more details on downloading files, please review the frequently asked questions (FAQs).
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I. Digital Records from the World War II Era

Record Group 38: Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

- Records of Duty Locations for Naval Intelligence Personnel, 1942 - 1945
  National Archives Identifier: 603333
  File Unit: Naval Group China Muster Roll and Report of Change Punch Cards
  Online Access: Download Search
  This data file contains information about the military intelligence personnel attached to Naval Group China during World War II.

Record Group 64: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration

- World War II Army Enlistment Records, 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002
  National Archives Identifier: 604357
  File Unit: Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1938-1946
  Online Access: Download Search
  This file contains the records of approximately nine million enlistments in the United States Army, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, ca. 1938 through 1946.
  This file unit consists of two data tables:
  - Enlistment Records: The Army Serial Number Enlistment Card Records table has records for almost 9 million men and women who enlisted in the Army and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.
  - Reserve Corps Records: The Army Serial Number Reserve Corps Statistical Card Records table has records for approximately 300,000 reservists in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Record Group 210: Records of the War Relocation Authority

  National Archives Identifier: 574045
  File Unit: [Japanese-American Internee Data File], 1942-1946
  Online Access: Download Search
  This data file contains information about Japanese-Americans relocated to 10 camps during World War II by the War Relocation Authority (WRA).
IV. Other Digital Records that Identify Individuals

Record Group 47: Records the Social Security Administration

- Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007
  National Archives Identifier: 12004494
  File Unit: 60 data files
  Online Access: Search

This series contains one record for every social security number (SSN) assigned to individuals with a verified death or who would have been over 110 years old by December 31, 2007. There are three types of entries in NUMIDENT: application (SS-5), claim, and death records.
Collection CIR: Center for Immigration Research Collection

The Center for Immigration Research (CIR), The Balch Institute, Temple University produced these files by extracting information from ship passenger lists in the records of the U.S. Customs Service (NARA Record Group 36).

- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States, ca. 1977 - 2002
  
  National Archives Identifier: 566634
  
  Online Access: Search

  File Unit: Germans to America Passenger Data File, 1850 - 1897
  This file contains records of 4,048,907 passengers who arrived at the United States between 1850 through 1897; about 90 percent identified their country of origin or nationality as Germany or a "German" state, city, or region. In about 10 percent of the records, passengers identified their country of origin or nationality as France, Luxemburg, Switzerland, United States, and other places. There are records of passengers arriving at the following ports: Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia; the bulk of the records are of passengers arriving at the Port of New York.

- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States, ca. 1977 - 2002
  
  National Archives Identifier: 566637
  
  Online Access: Search

  File Unit: Manifest Header Data File, 1834 - ca. 1900
  This file contains information on each ship, including the ship manifest identification number, the name of the ship, the code for its port of departure, and date of arrival. The same file is part of the Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States and Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Russians to the United States.

- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States, ca. 1977 - 2002
  
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  Online Access: Search

  File Unit: Italians to America Passenger Data File, 1855 - 1900
  This file contains records of 845,368 passengers who arrived at the United States between 1855 through 1900; about 99 percent identified their country of origin or nationality as Italy or one of the following Italian regions: Lombardy, Piedmont, Sardinia, Sicily, or Tuscany. Some records are of passengers who identified their country of origin as England, France, Germany, Spain, or United States. Most of the records are of passengers arriving at the Port of New York, although there are some records of passengers arriving at the Ports of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and others.
Passenger Lists in AAD (continued)

- **Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Russians to the United States, ca. 1977 - 2002**
  
  *National Archives Identifier: 560638*
  
  *Online Access: Search*

  *File Unit: Russians to America Passenger Data File, 1834 - 1897*
  This file contains records of 527,394 passengers who arrived at the United States between 1834 through 1897 and identified their country of origin or nationality as Armenia, Finland, Galicia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Russian Poles, or Ukraine. There are records of passengers arriving at the following ports: Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia; the bulk of the records are of passengers arriving at the Port of New York.

  *File Unit: Manifest Header Data File, 1834 - ca. 1900*
  This file contains information on each ship, including the ship manifest identification number, the name of the ship, the code for its port of departure, and date of arrival. The same file is part of the Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States and Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States.

- **Records for Passengers Who Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine 1977 - 1989**
  
  *National Archives Identifier: 569666*
  
  *Online Access: Search*

  *File Unit: Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File (FIPAS)*
  This file contains information about passengers who arrived at the Port of New York during the era of the Irish Potato Famine, 1846-1851.

  *File Unit: List of Ships that Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine*
  These records contain ship names, ports of embarkation, arrival dates, and the number of passengers on the ship.
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### Series Description

There are 2 files for this series in AAD:

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- Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946 (Reserve Corps Records)

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**Function and Use:**
The agency converted the Army Serial Number microfilm of computer punch cards to electronic form to support the military records reconstruction project. This file resulted from a subsequent project to prepare the records for use in the Access to Archival Databases project.

**Scope & Content Note:**
This series contains records of approximately nine million men and women who enlisted in the United States Army, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Although incomplete, the records contain data for a majority of the enlistments in the United States Army during World War II. The bulk of the records conform to the format found on War Department Adjutant General's Office (WD AGO) Form 317 (Enlistment Card) for the period ca. 1941-1945, and WD AGO Form 372 (Enlistment Card) for ca. 1945-1946. Additional records contain data originally recorded on Enlisted Reserve Corps (E.R.C.) Statistical cards. In general, the records contain the serial number, name, state and county of residence, place of enlistment, date of enlistment, grade, Army branch, term of enlistment, longevity, nativity (place of birth), year of birth, race, education, civilian occupation, marital status, height and weight (before 1943), military occupational specialty (1945 and later), component, and box and reel number of the microfilmed punch cards.

Access Restrictions: Unrestricted.

General Note: These records are an electronic version of the series "Army Serial Number File, 1938-1946." In 1994, NARA contracted with the Bureau of the Census for a special conversion project which later resulted in the creation of the series "Electronic Army Serial Number Raw Files, 1994-2002." To create the series "World War II Army Enlistment Records, 2002," the series "Electronic Army Serial Number Raw Files, 1994-2002" were merged into a single file. This processing combined the first two reads of the punch card images into a single "best guess" record and stripped the files of the box header records, end of file and blank records. The box and roll data were placed at the end of the cleaned up record. The records with the value ONE OR MORE CARDS WERE UNREADABLE AT THIS LOCATION are retained in the file at the position where they originally occurred. Each record contains the combined readings from the first two scans of each enlistment punch card although each card was scanned up to ten times. While these additional scans may have produced additional information from the card, NARA did not use a more complex algorithm to include the information from these subsequent scans to create a better "guess" than what currently appears in the series "World War II Army Enlistment Records, 2002." Therefore NARA has retained the series "Electronic Army Serial Number Raw Files, 1994-2002," should researchers want to re-process the raw data with the information from all of the scans and to try to create a file with possibly more accurate records.
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Free-Text Search Results

975 records in 4 Series searching within Genealogy/ Personal History: Passenger Lists
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Fielded Search

File unit: Germans to America Passenger Data File, 1850 - 1897
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You may wish to View the FAQs for this series.

To locate the arrival date, ship name, and port of departure information associated with an individual passenger record, search the Manifest Header Data File using the manifest identification number listed in the passenger record. Please refer to the FAQs for more details.

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CASE FILES OF DISAPPROVED PENSION APPLICATIONS OF WIDOWS AND OTHER DEPENDENTS OF CIVIL WAR AND LATER NAVY VETERANS ("NAVY WIDOWS' ORIGINALS") 1861-1910

Reproduced in this microfiche publication are approximately 7,000 disapproved pension applications of widows and other dependents of U.S. Navy veterans who served between 1861 and 1910. The applications, generally made between 1861 and 1910, are commonly referred to as "Navy Widows' Originals" and are part of Records of the Veterans Administration, Record Group (RG) 15.

BACKGROUND

Prefederal Pensions

Pension payments for disabled soldiers and sailors were granted by American colonial governments for more than a century before the beginning of the Revolutionary War. During and after that war, the U.S. Government continued this practice and expanded it to include dependents of disabled soldiers and sailors.
The act of July 14, 1862, also provided that in case an officer or enlisted man died as a result of military service, his widow, children, or, if there were no widow or children, his mother and/or orphan sister(s) dependent upon him for support, would receive the same pension the officer or enlisted man would have received for total disability. In order for a mother to receive a pension based on her son's service, she could not be receiving a widow's pension at the time of application. The mother's or widow's pension terminated if she remarried, and an unmarried sister's pension ceased when she reached the age of 16. This act also precluded widows, children, or other heirs from receiving pensions if they had aided the Confederate cause.

The system of benefits provided by the July 14, 1862, act and later legislation, which involved more liberal benefits, came to be known as the "general law pension system." It was the only pension system in effect for Civil War survivors and their dependents until 1890.
Pension Application Procedures

Pension application procedures varied according to the act under which benefits were sought. Generally, the process required an applicant to appear before a court of record in the State of his or her residence to describe under oath the service for which a pension was claimed. A veteran’s widow was also required to provide information concerning the date and place of her marriage. The application statement or "declaration," as it was usually called, was submitted on a form provided by the Bureau of Pensions. It, along with supporting papers such as property schedules, marriage records, and affidavits of witnesses, was certified by the court and forwarded to an official, usually the Commissioner of Pensions in the Interior Department, responsible for administering the specific act under which the claim was being made. Applicants were
This act also stipulated that the widow of a black or Indian soldier or sailor was entitled to receive a pension if the soldier or sailor died from wounds or injuries received while in the line of duty. The only proof of marriage required of the widows of these soldiers or sailors was that they possess evidence of having been joined in marriage "in some ceremony deemed by them obligatory" or have evidence that they recognized each other "and were so recognized by their neighbors" as man and wife at the date of enlistment or at the date of death of the soldier or sailor, if he died after leaving service. Furthermore, the children of these marriages were recognized as the soldier’s or sailor’s legal heirs. These provisions applied only to those black or Indian soldiers or sailors who had enlisted before the passage of this act.
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Reference Reports
Reference Reports for Genealogy

Reference Reports are brief (one to four page) descriptions of research strategies for frequently used records of genealogical interest held at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Although some textual records are discussed, most of the records described are on microfilm. Many of these are also available on Ancestry, Fold3 (formerly Footnote), or Family Search, however, the reference reports generally do not indicate which records are online. These reports are also available in hard copy in the Microfilm Reading Room (MRR) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

The Reference Reports are arranged by general subject headings. The reports are listed by individual topic. Please check back soon for updates.

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Citizenship-related Reference Reports

The National Archives holds records pertaining to various aspects of U.S. citizenship. Since 1790, naturalization records have documented the process by which foreign-born persons (aliens) became American citizens, while passports, protection certificates, and other maritime records were used by U.S. citizens and merchant seamen to verify and safeguard their American nationality while traveling abroad. During the Civil War, both the Federal Government and the Confederate States government compiled records relating to Southern civilians, or Confederate citizens, including amnesty records to restore U.S. citizenship to former Confederates once the war was over.

Citizenship Reference Reports describe research strategies using Federal naturalization records, State Department passport applications, and seamen’s protection certificates and vessel crew lists from the U.S. Customs service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The reports also cover more specialized topics including U.S. citizens who died overseas, as well as certain rights and activities enjoyed by U.S. citizens, such as submitting private claims to Congress and the Southern Claims Commission, participating in New Deal public relief programs during the Great Depression, and attending significant national events such as the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition of 1876.

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- American State Papers: Public Lands and Claims
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- Records of the U.S. Congress Relating to Private Claims
- The Accompanying Papers File of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1865-1877
- District of Columbia Naturalization Records, 1802-1926
- The Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition of 1876: The Centennial Commission’s Final Report
- Impressed American Seamen, 1789-1815
- Records of the Department of State Relating to Deaths of U.S. Citizens in Foreign Countries, 1789-1974
- Early Congressional Private Claims in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1789-1817
- Early Congressional Private Claims in the U.S. Senate, 1797-1811
Private claims, both received and created by Congress beginning in 1789, document congressional actions on submitted claims covering a wide range of topics, such as compensation for military service; land disputes; damages to persons or property caused by representatives of the American government, foreign governments, or Native Americans; and the removal of political disabilities imposed on former citizens of the Confederate States following the Civil War.

**Types of Records**
Private claims can include the claimant’s petition, supporting affidavits, a bill introduced on the claimant’s behalf, a committee report, and correspondence from the appropriate Federal agency as well as interested individuals.

**Information Required for a Search**
Researchers interested in locating private claims must know the name of the claimant, the Congress into which the claim was introduced, the chamber that considered the claim (either the House of Representatives or the Senate), and the committee(s) to which the claim was referred. Claims brought before the House of Representatives are in Records of the U.S. House of Representatives (Record Group 233); those brought before the Senate are in Records of the U.S. Senate (Record Group 46). The records are in the custody of the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

**Finding Aids**
Congress printed special indexes to private claims as part of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. Each index is arranged alphabetically by surname of the claimant and shows the nature or object of the claim, the Congress and session into which the claim was introduced, the committee to which it was referred, the date of hearing, and the date of report or final disposition. For a full description of the records, see the "Abstracts of Records of the Congress of the United States," which is available to the public at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.
Military Reference Reports

From 1775 to the early 20th century, the United States engaged in numerous military conflicts, both internally and against foreign foes. These wars were fought by the U.S. military establishment, including the Regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, as well as by citizen volunteers in State and local militias called into Federal service. Military Reference Reports describe research strategies for frequently used records relating to military service in the Revolutionary War (1775-83), War of 1812 (1812-15), Old Indian Wars (1817-58), Mexican War (1846-48), Civil War (1861-65), Spanish-American War (1898), and Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902). Related topics also include pension and bounty-land records, prisoners of war, and some 20th-century draft records (World War I and World War II).

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Enlisted Men and Officers

- Enlisted Service in the Regular Army, 1789-1914
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- US Navy Pensions, 1776-1910
- Navy Pension Fund List, 1802-1836

By War or Conflict

- Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
- Revolutionary War Prisoners, 1776-1783
- Service Between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812
- War of 1812, 1812-1815
- War of 1812 Prisoners
- Florida Seminole Wars, 1817-1858
Regular and Volunteer United States Military Service
Between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812

The National Archives holds records relating to the United States regular and volunteer military service between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Regular military forces are also known as standing military forces. Volunteers served for short terms of service during a specific war and usually did not make a career of the military.

Service in the Regular Army

M233, Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798–1914. 81 rolls. DP. Arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by the first letter of the soldier’s surname. These records were created from enlistment papers, muster rolls, and other sources. With the exception of pensions, these records may be the only source on enlisted men during the 19th century. The registers may show when and where the soldier enlisted, the period of enlistment, the place of birth, the age at enlistment, civilian occupation, a physical description, and the unit to which he was assigned.

M1856, Discharge Certificates and Miscellaneous Records Relating to the Discharge of Soldiers from the Regular Army, 1792–1815. 6 rolls. DP. Arranged by regiment, company, and then alphabetically by surname. The descriptive pamphlet has an alphabetical listing of the soldiers’ names. These records relate exclusively to the discharge of soldiers from the regular army; no militiamen or volunteers are included. Most of the discharges date from 1812 to 1815, but a few date from the 1790s. These files may include a certificate of discharge, a descriptive list, a certificate of death, or a pay voucher.

Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs)

In the 1890s, the Department of War used numerous sources, such as muster rolls, descriptive rolls, and pay rolls to create compiled military service records (CMSRs). These records generally show when a soldier joined a unit and if he was present when the unit was mustered.

M694, Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served from 1784–1811. 9 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldiers surname.
1940 Census
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Welcome to the 1940 census

The 1940 census records were released by the US National Archives April 2, 2012, and brought online through a partnership with Archives.com. This website allows you full access to the 1940 census images, in addition to 1940 census maps and descriptions.

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How It Works

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Anne Kerny wailed and moaned as the *Garrick* sailed to America during the worst winter of Ireland’s Great Famine. Somewhere in the Atlantic, before the ship reached New York City on January 20, 1848, the cries of the baby she delivered also filled the steerage compartment.

Bridget Kerny was not the only newborn of the 40-day journey from Liverpool. The *Garrick* was nearly a nursery, with 33 children born at sea among the 478 aboard, according to the Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File held at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Two of the babies died before the ship nudged the dock.

*[Read about how to access online Passenger Arrival Data Records]*

The online database shows 8,075 births at sea among more than 410,000 Irish passengers to arrive in New York from January 1846 through December 1851, The teeth of the Famine years. Of these newborns, 452 died, among 2,883 total reported fatalities. That’s a nearly three-to-one ratio of births-to-deaths, and an extra 7,623 passengers who did not embark from Irish or Canadian ports.

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Bankruptcy records can be a genealogy gold mine.

**The Army in the Woods**
Where’d They Go?
Finding Ancestral Migrations in Federal Records

By Joan Nudd

We are used to a very mobile society in the 21st century, and we think that it is unique to us. However, our ancestors were mobile as well. Families were often moving, sometimes across an ocean, but just as often via land routes to the western frontier. Knowing where they went, how they got there, and why they moved can add flavor and depth to our research and family knowledge.

Figuring it all out can be very complicated but fascinating. This article describes a few of the federal records that can be helpful for this type of research.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE DOING MIGRATION RESEARCH?

It’s helpful to know at least where the family started or where they ended up. For example, the Ide family ended up in Vermont, but where did they come from? A Revolutionary War pension file provides the answer to where the soldier was born as well as where his wife and children were born.

If you can locate the family in a census from 1880 or later, you will find information on not only the person you’re researching but also his or her parents’ places of birth. The 1870 census asks for the number of adult males in the household who are United States citizens, and the 1830 census asked if there were any aliens in the household. If your ancestor was born somewhere other than the United States before 1850, it may be necessary to look for naturalization records.
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Seeking immigration/naturalization records for Frank Dragnich

This question is Not Answered.

Hello, I am trying to find out if my great grandfather Frank Dragnich was naturalized.

I did a research and found his Declaration of Intention, Oath of allegiance and Petition of Naturalization, but based on these documents I can’t figure out if his application was successful or not.

Both documents are available on these links:
- https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Record/View/FB2289BA641C6AD7117096126994B9A4
- https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Record/View/7149BB5C168FFC9967EF70616B96DAD9

I was hoping if someone can help me understand my great-grandfather's naturalization process. Thank you so much!
Re: Seeking immigration/naturalization records for Frank Dragnich

Yes, he was naturalized. Look at the petition page that you have a link to. In the middle of the page it has a section Order of Court Admitting Petitioner. Here it states that he was admitted as a citizen on 12 Apr 1923. Also at the bottom of the page it has his certificate of naturalization # and the date of the certificate (12 Apr 1923). The actual certificates were given to the new citizen and copies do not appear in the naturalization records.
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- Compiled Military Service Records
  - These records contain abstracts taken from muster rolls, pay vouchers, and other records, and provide a basic picture of the soldier’s biographical and military information. CMSRs dating from after the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection are available to scan.

- Pension Files
  - Pension files contain the soldier’s (or their dependent’s) application for a pension, as well as supporting evidence such as affidavits, medical records, marriage records, and often other documents. Pension files based on military service between 1793 and 1903 are available to scan.

- Bounty Land Records
  - Bounty Land files contain the application of the veteran (or their dependent), as well as supporting evidence such as commissions, discharges, or affidavits. Approved applications also contain information about the land granted. Bounty Land files based on military service between 1790 and 1855 are available to scan.

- Carded Medical Records (1780s-1917)
  - These records contain information from other records, such as hospital registers, rolls, and reports, which relate to the medical treatment of individuals in military service or in military hospitals. Carded Medical Records dating from after the Revolutionary War through 1912 are available to scan.
Approved Pension File for Private Henry Stevens, Company E, 9th Iowa Infantry Regiment (SC-20522)

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Indian Scout Pension Files
Indian Scouts were a vital part of the U.S. Army's campaigns in the post-Civil War West. Pension files are a rich source of information, not only about the soldier who served but also about their families and comrades.

Buffalo Soldiers Pension Files
Following the success of the United States Colored Troops’ actions during the Civil War, the U.S. Army created African American peacetime regiments. Pension files can be a great source of genealogical information such as names of family members, home addresses, and details about the pension applicant’s life. These files can also be useful for historians, students, and others who are interested in firsthand evidence of the experiences of 19th-century African American soldiers and their families.

20th Maine Infantry Regiment Compiled Military Service Records
This Civil War regiment fought in dozens of engagements from 1862 to 1865, including the Battles of Shepherdstown, the Wilderness, and Appomattox Court House, and are known for the bayonet charge by which they defended Little Round Top at Gettysburg.
Maps
Maps at NARA of interest to Genealogists

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has custody of over 5 million maps. Maps and related cartographic records are often useful for genealogical research. They can:

- provide important information on place names and localities at the time the maps were created
- show changing political boundaries, counties and minor civil subdivisions
- sometimes include names of individual land owners or residents.

The following cartographic series have particular significance to genealogists and may be used in the Cartographic and Architectural Research Room of the National Archives in College Park, MD.

Census:

- **Census enumeration district maps** were prepared by the Bureau of the Census decennially from 1880 to 1970. They consist of approximately 110,000 printed, photocopied, and manuscript maps of cities, counties, lesser political units, and unincorporated areas. Only three maps exist for 1880, but the number of available maps increases with each succeeding census. The maps, arranged alphabetically by name of state, and thereunder by name of county and locality, are in Record Group (RG) 29, Records of the Bureau of the Census. Genealogists using the later 19th and early 20th-century censuses will find that knowing the enumeration district for a surname can be valuable information.
Maps of Interest to Genealogists (continued)

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General Land Office Records

Among the Records of the Bureau of Land Management, RG 49, are several cartographic series of interest to genealogists. These holdings include approximately 20,000 headquarters office township survey plats retained by the General Land Office in Washington, DC, and more than 22,000 local office plats used by the local land office having jurisdiction over specified townships. Among the holdings are manuscript headquarters plats for the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and parts of Ohio, including the “Old Seven Ranges.” Local office plats are available for Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Wisconsin, and parts of Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Washington.

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RG 49: State Maps

RG 56: Maps of Captured and Abandoned Property

RG 75: Central Map File

Map of Plantations in Carroll Parish, Louisiana, and Issaquena County, Mississippi, Goodrich Division, Skipwith District

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This series has been digitized and is now fully available online. Hyperlinks to digital images are found below in the Details section.

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Map of Plantations in Carrol Parish, Louisiana, and Issaquena County, Mississippi. Goodrich Division, Skipwith District
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Military Records

Manuscript, annotated, and printed maps, plans, and charts were compiled or collected by various military organizations, ca. 1770-1960. Of foremost importance are those among the Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, RG 77, the organization responsible for most of the military mapping pertaining to civil works, exploration, military campaigns, and fortifications in the United States during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Map coverage is most heavily concentrated in, but not limited to, areas of substantial Federal activity. Notable are detailed area and county maps of parts of Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia during the 1860s; maps of colonies, states, and territories; city plans; and maps of canals and roads. These records are usually arranged by state or region (by subject for canals and roads), and thereunder primarily chronologically. These records frequently indicate roads, canals, and waterways that could have been migration routes. They may include the names of residents, boundaries of civil divisions, inns, mills, churches, mountains, and other cultural and physical features.

Other records of particular interest to genealogists are those of the Army Graves Registration Service among the Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, RG 92, and the Records of the American Battle Monuments Commission, RG 117. These maps, plans, diagrams, and tables provide the names and service numbers of some of the U.S. military personnel from both World War I and World War II who are buried overseas. The records are incomplete and unindexed for the purpose of locating individual names, but they do provide the locations of and plans for specific cemeteries. In addition, there are a limited number of similar records covering some Civil War cemeteries in the South for Union dead and a few Confederate soldiers. Only a few names of individuals are provided in these Civil War records.

What's Online in the National Archives Catalog?

RG 77: Civil Works Map File
Other Cartographic Records of Genealogical Interest

- The Department of Agriculture prepared and published small scale civil division maps of the United States decennially for the years 1840-1900. Similar maps are also available for 1909, 1915, 1920, 1931, 1935, and 1940. These maps indicate county boundaries and names as they then existed within all states and territories of the continental United States. During the 1930s, approximately 2,200 civil division maps spanning the period 1789-1932 were prepared in conjunction with a Work Projects Administration (WP A) study known as the Atlas of Congressional Roll Calls.

- Regional and state postal route maps in the Records of the Post Office Department, RG 28, are dated 1839-1960. Rural delivery route maps cover the period 1900-37. State and regional postal route maps show county names and boundaries, post offices and delivery routes, and distances and frequency of service between post offices. Names of individuals are sometimes shown on rural delivery maps.

- The Geological Survey records contain manuscript and published topographical quadrangle maps, 1888-present. They indicate extensive cultural and physical features such as county and township names and boundaries, towns, roads, railroads, houses, schools, churches, cemeteries, mountains, valleys, streams, and lakes.

Learn more about Cartographic Records at the National Archives
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The Cartographic Branch holds over 8,000 maps, charts, and plans relating to the Civil War. These records cover a wide range of subjects, including battles and skirmishes, fortifications, supporting facilities such as cemeteries and hospitals, and ship plans. They include manuscripts, printed, and published materials. Many of the published maps are annotated to show troop movements or positions.

The vast majority of the maps and records are Federal in origin, and were created by or for Union forces or other US government agencies. Many of the records date to the war itself, although some items also date to the post-war era, particularly maps made to accompany official government publications and reports. The holdings also include some Confederate maps and records.

The best overall resource for learning more about Civil War records held by the Cartographic Branch is the Guide to Civil War Maps in the National Archives. Additional finding aids and resources are available in the Cartographic Research Room in College Park, Maryland.

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