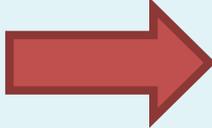




## Tuesday, September 3, 10 A.M.–4 P.M. (EDT)



TIME	#	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
10 A.M.	1	Introduction to Military Records at the National Archives	John Deeben National Archives at Washington, DC
11 A.M.	2	Introduction to Genealogy: Civilian	Rebecca K. Sharp National Archives at Washington, DC
NOON	3	Alien Files (A-Files)	Elizabeth Burnes National Archives at Kansas City, MO
1 P.M.	4	Native American Records	Michael Wright National Archives at Fort Worth, TX
2 P.M.	5	National Archives Online Resources for Genealogy	Nancy Wing National Archives at Washington, DC
3 P.M.	6	Citizenship Matters: Bureau of Naturalization Files at the National Archives	Zack Wilske U.S. Immigration & Citizenship Services, Washington, DC



# INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

## John Deeben

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

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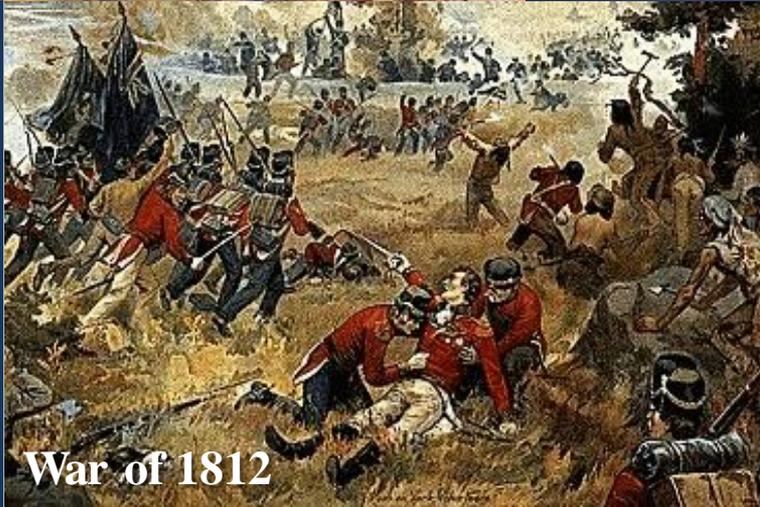
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# INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

*Lecture by  
John P. Deeben  
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World War I



War of 1812



Spanish-American War

# OLD MILITARY RECORDS

## 1775 - 1912

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- Volunteer Service
  - Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs)
  
- Regular Army Service
  - Register of Enlistments
  
- U.S. Naval Service
  - Rendezvous Reports
  
- Marine Corps
  - Service Records (Case Files)
  
- Pensions

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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## Compiled Military Service Records

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

# COMPILED MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

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- ◉ Revolutionary War (1775-83)\*
- ◉ War of 1812 (1812-15)
- ◉ Old Indian Wars (1784-1858)\*
- ◉ Mexican War (1846-48)
- ◉ Civil War (1861-65)\*
- ◉ Spanish-American War (1898)
- ◉ Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902)

# COMPILED MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

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## ○ Basic information about soldiers:

- Full name
- Date(s) of enlistment
- Period(s) of service
- Residence
- Personal description
- Miscellaneous
  - Pay rates
  - Special duty assignments
  - Wounding/death in combat
  - Hospital/POW records

# Revolutionary War Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR) of William Graham

487  
Graham, William

**1 Massachusetts Regiment.**  
**(Revolutionary War.)**

Corporal | Corporal

**CARD NUMBERS.**

1	3556 0967	26
2	70028	27
3	0089	28
4	0146	29
5	0197	30
6	0248	31
7	0305	32
8	0337	33
9	0371	34
10	60943	35
11	70405	36
12	0439	37
13	1534	38
14	1576	39
15	618000	40
16	57616	41
17	1637	42
18	1657	43
19	37174617	44
20		45
21		46
22		47
23		48
24		49
25		50

Number of personal papers herein 0

Book Mark: R. P. 436786

See also \_\_\_\_\_

- Name: William Graham
- Unit: 1 Massachusetts Regiment
- War: Revolutionary
- Rank: Corporal

*Wm Graham*

*Capl.* { Captain Abraham Hunt's Co., in  
Col. Joseph Vose's Reg't.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on

**Company Pay Roll**

of the organization named above for the month

of *June*, 1778.

Commencement of time ..... , 17 ..

Commencement of pay ..... , 17 ..

To what time paid ..... , 17 ..

Pay per month *7 1/3 dollars.*

Time of service *1 month*

Whole time of service .....

Subsistence .....

Amount *£ 2.4 -*

Amt. of pay and subsistence .....

Pay due to sick, absent .....

Casualties .....

Remarks: .....

Next roll on file May 1779.

*Metcalf*

*William Graham*

*Private* { Capt. Abraham Hunt's Co., 1st  
Massachusetts Batt'n of Forces, com-  
manded by Col. Joseph Vose.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

of the organization named above for the month

of *Sept*, 1779.

Roll dated *Bedford*

*Oct 2*, 1779.

Appointed ..... , 17 ..

Commissioned ..... , 17 ..

Enlisted *Jun 26*, 1778.

Term of enlistment *3 years,*

Time since last muster or enlistment .....

Alterations since last muster .....

Casualties .....

Remarks: *On guard.*

Next roll on file July 1780.

*Roue*

*William Grayham*

*Capl.* { Capt. John Mills' Co., 1st Massa-  
chusetts Reg't, commanded by Col.  
Joseph Vose.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on

**Company Pay Roll**

of the organization named above for the month

of *Nov + Dec*, 1779.

Commencement of time ..... , 17 ..

Commencement of pay ..... , 17 ..

To what time paid ..... , 17 ..

Pay per month *2 30/100 Dalls*

Time of service *2 months*

Whole time of service .....

Subsistence *per month 10*

Amount .....

Amt. of pay and subsistence *34 60/100 Dalls*

Pay due to sick, absent .....

Casualties .....

Remarks: .....

*Muhleman*

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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## Related Records

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

# STATE OF TEXAS.



COUNTY OF Cameron

I, Nicolas de Abrigo born in Matamoros  
in the State of Mexico aged Twenty two years,  
and by occupation a Boatman do hereby acknowledge to have  
voluntarily enlisted this tenth day of November

18 69, as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the period  
of THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to  
accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law. And  
I, Nicolas de Abrigo do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith  
and allegiance to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and that I will serve them honestly and  
faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and  
obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers  
appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Brownsville Texas  
this 10 day of November 1869,  
BEFORE Wesley Stancel

Nicolas de Abrigo  
mk

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Recruit, agreeably to the General Regulations  
of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify  
him from performing the duties of a soldier.

J. G. Garner

Examining Surgeon.

R. P. Fox Cav

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Recruit, Nicolas de Abrigo  
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgement and belief, he is of  
lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed  
the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has black eyes, black hair,  
dark complexion; is six feet, two inches high.

Wesley Stancel  
R. P. Fox Cav

Recruiting Officer.

DIRECTIONS.—This enlistment must be signed and acknowledged in triplicates, one copy to be sent to the Adjutant-General, one to the commander of  
the Regiment, and one copy to be retained by the recruiting officer: the copy to the Adjutant-General must be sent immediately after being signed; the oath  
must be sworn and subscribed to before any Commissioned Officer.

Enlistment paper for  
Nicolas de Abrigo, Co.  
K, 1st Texas Cavalry  
(U.S.)

PRINTED AND SOLD BY J. ROBINSON.



THE UNITED STATES,

To *Lieut Thomas Cockrill* in the  
*1st* Regiment of Ar. M. M. Dr.

For his pay from the *2<sup>nd</sup>* August 1813 to the  
*9<sup>th</sup>* August 1813 ~~Twenty~~ *Eight* Days, at  
*Thirty* Dollars per Month, . . . . .  
For his pay for a servant, not a soldier of the line, from the *2<sup>nd</sup>*  
August to the *9<sup>th</sup>* August 1813 ~~Twenty~~ *Eight*  
Days, at *Eight* Dollars per Month, . . . . .  
For his subsistence, per account herewith, . . . . .

DOLLS.		CENTS
7	74	
2	06	
4	80	
14	60	

Amount,

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, That the foregoing Account is accurate and  
just ; that I have actually kept in service a servant, who was not a soldier of the line,  
for the whole time as above charged ; that I have not employed, as a servant, a sol-  
dier of the line, during any part of the above period ; and that I have not received  
compensation from the United States, for the whole or any part of the above account.

*Thos. Cockrill 1st Lt*

RECEIVED Benjamin Hodges Paymaster 1st Regt Artillery  
100 Dollars, being in

for my own and my servant's pay, forage and subsistence from the  
*2<sup>nd</sup>* August 1813 to the *9<sup>th</sup>* August 1813

Having signed duplicates hereof. *Thos. Cockrill 1st Lt*  
*1st Regt Artillery*

SUBSISTENCE ACCOUNT

COMMENCEMENT.

*2<sup>nd</sup>* August 1813  
*2<sup>nd</sup>* August 1813

I CERTIFY on Honor, that the fo  
in service a servant, who was not a sold  
not employed, as a servant, a soldier of  
not received compensation from the Unit

Having signed duplicates hereof.

*Lieut in McLaughlin Comp*

Due.	Price of Ration.	AMOUNT.	
	CENTS.	DOLLS.	CENTS.
	20	3	20
	20	1	60
		4	80

RECEIVED of B. Hodges Paymaster 1st Regt  
100 Dollars, being in full for my subsistence  
*7<sup>th</sup>* August 1813

Having signed duplicates hereof.

*Thos*  
*1st Lt*

Personal Papers for 1st Lt. Thomas Cockrill,  
1st Regiment Artillery, Maryland Militia, August 1813

# THE REGULAR ARMY

## Register of Enlistments

- Basic source to document service in the Regular Army
- Volumes cover 1798-1914, arranged by
  - Year of enlistment
  - Alphabetically (first letter of surname)
  - Chronologically by date of enlistment
- Available on microfilm as M233, *Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914*. Also digitized on Ancestry.com.

# REGISTER OF ENLISTMENTS

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- Basic information about soldiers:
  - Rank
  - Physical description
  - Occupation
  - Date and place of birth
  - Date of enlistment
  - Unit assignment
  - Term of service
  - Discharge information

# REGISTER OF ENLISTMENTS,

NO.	NAMES	ENLISTED.				WHERE BORN.		AGE.	OCCUPATION.	DESCRIPTION.				
		WHERE.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.	TOWN OR COUNTY.	STATE.			EYES.	HAIR.	COMPLEXION.	HEIGHT.	
42	Philipsen	1878 Nathan O. Kelly	26	Baltimore	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Co. Cent. Regt. 3 <sup>rd</sup> U.S. Sch. Div.	Germany	24	Bookbinder	Gray	Light	Fair	5	3 1/2	
3	Pinelle	Olin R.	15	H. Adams St.	Quincy	Ill.	26	Soldier	Gray	Red	.	5	6 1/2	
4	Payne	William	22	St. Louis, Mo.	Leitch	Ill.	24	.	Gray	Brown	.	5	4	
5	Panneton	Alpheus A.	22	.	.	Montreal	Canada	23	Miner	.	.	5	2 1/2	
6	Pride	Alfred	11	St. Lawrence	Capt. Hood	Richmond	Virginia	32	Soldier	Brn.	Blk	Brown	5	8
7	Richard	Appelton	10	H. Adams St.	St. Louis	Ill.	27	Soldier	Brown	Light	Fair	5	4	
8	Reck	Albert	21	St. Louis	Capt. Henry	Evansville	Indiana	23	Printer	.	Brown	.	5	4 1/2
9	Ryne	Michael	24	New York City	West	Tippahony	Ireland	22	Clerk	Blk	.	Ruddy	5	8 1/2
50	Purcell	James H.	25	.	Mass.	Boston	Mass.	26	Telegrapher	.	Fair	5	3 1/2	
1	Petzsch	Charles	15	.	.	Dobruja	Russia	23	Cigar maker	.	.	.	5	4
2	Peth	George	16	St. Katy St.	Mass.	Congress	New York	26	Carpenter	.	.	.	5	10 1/2
3	Prince	Frank D.	16	Cleveland O.	Michigan	Charman	.	23	Laborer	.	Ruddy	5	4 3/4	
4	Philipp	Ludwig J.	8	Buffalo, N.Y.	Lowell	Empire	Germany	27	Machinist	.	Red	Dark	5	10
5	Parker	William H.	23	St. Louis, Mo.	Swage	New York	New York	22	Welder	Gray	Dark	Fair	5	4 1/2
6	Perkins	Benjamin H.	18	Cincinnati	Indiana	Whitewater	Ohio	30	Farmer	Light	Blk	Dark	5	8 1/2
7	Pearson	Michael H.	22	St. Louis, Mo.	W. Hunter	Glenview	Mass.	36	Soldier	Gray	Dark	Fair	5	8
8	Pierce	Walter J.	16	Cumham	W. Vir. Williams	.	England	31	Clerk	Brown	.	Dark	5	6 1/2
9	Pahl	John	2	Cincinnati	Alb. H. H. H. H.	Baravia	Germany	31	Soldier	Brown	Fair	5	6 1/2	
60	Porter	James	11	.	.	Richville	Indiana	24	Printer	Blk	Light	Light	5	5
1	Pavro	Chas. W. March	21	Washington	Gen. Benjamin	Washington	D. C.	67	Clerk	Gray	Dark	Fair	5	7
2	Palmer	Stephen	15	New York	Capt. Chaffin	West	Ill.	26	.	Brown	Dark	Ruddy	5	8 1/2
3	Plunkett	James	25	.	.	Boston	Mass.	28	Bookbinder	Gray	.	Fair	5	6 1/2
4	Premier	Henry	30	.	.	Sapping	Germany	22	Machinist	.	Light	Ruddy	5	4 1/2
5	Parker	John	18	San Antonio	Chas.	Lud.	England	25	.	Blk	Fair	Light	5	5

# UNITED STATES ARMY

No 44

## Alfred Pride's service:

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

REGIMENT.  
 5 Cav  
 1 Inf  
 5 Cav  
 24 Inf  
 Supt. Service  
 3 Cav  
 13<sup>th</sup> Dept. Defor.  
 19 Inf  
 7 Inf  
 3 Inf  
 16 Inf  
 7 Inf  
 19 Inf  
 1 Inf  
 24 Inf  
 5 Cav  
 9 Inf  
 7 Cav  
 2 Cav  
 Comd. Unit off.  
 1 Cav  
 1 Cav  
 1 Cav  
 24 Inf

Dischgd. Feb 17 1883 Exp. of Serv. at Ft. Sill T. S. a Pvt. Char. very good.  
 Dischgd. Feb 21 1883 Exp. of Serv. at Ft. Laramie Wyo a Pvt. Char. un. toll.  
 to Gen. for Dept of War Dischgd. Feb. 15 1883 Exp. of Serv. at Omaha Neb a Pvt. Char. Excellent.  
 Discharged Aug. 22 1879 for disability at Ft. Maudslayi. P. S. Pvt. Disch. with Char. Excellent.  
 Discharged Feb. 16 1879 for disability at Ft. Ellis W. S. a Pvt. Char. Good. Disch. with  
 Dischgd. Sept. 30 1880 for S. O. 221. W. S. 1880 at Ft. Washburn Col. Char. un. toll.  
 Dischgd. July 19 1880 for S. O. 221. W. S. 1880 at Ft. Walla Walla W. S. Pvt. Char. un. toll.  
 Dischgd. Feb 24 1883 Exp. of Serv. at Fort. T. S. a Pvt. Char. Good.  
 Dischgd. Feb 29 1883 Exp. of Serv. at Ft. Walla Walla W. S. a Pvt. Char. very good.  
 Dischgd. Aug. 8 1878

# U.S. NAVY SERVICE

## Rendezvous Reports

1846-1891

- Weekly reports from the recruiting officers
- Indexes:
  - T1098 for before and after Civil War (1846-61, 1865-84)
  - T1099 for Civil War service (1861-65)
- M1953, *Weekly Returns of Enlistments at Naval Rendezvous ("Enlistment Rendezvous")*, January 6, 1855-August 8, 1891.

# RENDEZVOUS REPORTS

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

# ENLISTMENTS AT MARE ISLAND, CAL.

Return of the United States Naval Rendezvous for the <sup>8 days</sup> week ending <sup>Monday</sup> Saturday, June 30th, 1884.

As this sheet will become the Reference Record at the Navy Department, great care must be taken that the information called for under the several headings is correctly given and plainly written. If the number of enlistments exceed the capacity of this sheet, do not leave an addition to the bottom of it, but carry forward to a new sheet—dating and certifying each sheet.

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## James G. Mason:

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

INITIALS OF ENLISTING SERVICE	NAMES (In alphabetical order)
✓ T. b. H.	Booth
✓ T. b. H.	Clarke
✓ T. b. H.	Crovinne
✓ T. b. H.	Donaldson
✓ T. b. H.	Quenne
✓ T. b. H.	Ericsson
✓ T. b. H.	Flood
✓ T. b. H.	Freeman
✓ T. b. H.	Groves
✓ T. b. H.	Gullagh
✓ T. b. H.	Hagan
✓ T. b. H.	Johnson
✓ T. b. H.	Larawa
✓ T. b. H.	Mason

INITIALS	NAMES	AGE	DATE	PLACE	STATUS	REGIMENT	COMPANY	GRADE	COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	SCARS	TATTOOS	REMARKS			
✓ T. b. H.	Murray Thomas	25	3 yrs	Sea	No	Sea Serv	No.	—	At Sea	Toronto Canada	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mariner	Brown	Ruddy	5 6 1/2	Small scars on eye of hair	
✓ T. b. H.	Carrott Thomas	27	3 yrs	Sea	No	Sea Serv	No.	—	Sea Serv	Brighton Eng	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mariner	Black	Ruddy	5 3	Scotish Run a breast bottle chief l. breast ship's arm teeth defective	
✓ T. b. H.	Quint Joseph	25	3 yrs	Sea	No	Sea Serv	No.	—	S. F. Cal	Valparaiso Chile	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mariner	Brown	Swathy	5 3 1/2	Burnt left thigh recent cold	
✓ T. b. H.	Shultz Otto G.	26	3 yrs	Land	No	Sea Serv	No.	—	Sacramento	New York N.Y.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Taylor	Blue	Brown	Ruddy	5 5 1/2	Small varicose on l. thigh by leg. enlarged tonsils granulation protrusion wall
✓ T. b. H.	Triplett Isaac A.	28	Cruise	Sea	No.	Monongahela	No.	—	—	Knoxton Tenn	17 <sup>th</sup>	Barber	Negro	—	5 2 1/2	INI 10-falsharymb	
✓ T. b. H.	Thompson James W.	28	Cruise	Sea	No.	Monongahela	No.	—	S. F. Cal	that Maryland Eng	34 <sup>th</sup>	Cook	Hog	Brown	Ruddy	5 4	Bow legged
✓ T. b. H.	Whitney Horace	26	3 yrs	Sea	No	Sea Serv	No.	—	S. F. Cal	Liverpool Eng	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mariner	Blue	Brown	Ruddy	5 6 1/2	Brittish coat for a a-arm Bracelet each wrist bracelet each wrist
✓ T. b. H.	Young James	27	3 yrs	Sea	Yes	Sea Serv	No.	—	S. F. Cal	Glasgow Scotl	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Fireman	Brown	Brown	Ruddy	5 5 1/2	teeth defective

# MARINE CORPS SERVICE

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## Service Records (Case Files)

1798-1895

- Alphabetical Card List of Enlisted Men of the Marine Corps, 1798-1941 (RG 127, Entry 75)
- Service Records of Enlisted Men, 1798-1895 (RG 127, Entry 76)
  - Enlistment/reenlistment papers
  - Conduct record
  - Descriptive list
  - Notice of discharge
  - Medical surveys

Enlistment paper for  
John Easton,  
December 15, 1864

I, *John Easton*  
do acknowledge that I have voluntarily enlisted myself to serve four years in the Marine Corps of the UNITED STATES unless sooner discharged, upon the terms mentioned in the act passed the 11th day of July, 1798, entitled "An act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps;" also the act passed the 2d day of March, 1833, entitled "An act to improve the condition of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marine Corps of the United States, and to prevent desertion;" also the act passed 30th June, 1834, entitled "An act for the better organization of the United States Marine Corps;" and also the acts passed the 2d day of March, 1837, entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen;" and February 20, 1845, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen," and also the 9th section of an act passed March 3, 1845, "making appropriations for the Naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846:" and that I have had read to me the Rules and Articles of the Army and Navy against Mutiny and Desertion.

Witness my hand, this *Fifteenth* day of *December* 1864.

In the Presence of—  
*Robert Fellett.*

*John Easton*  
Capt.

I, *John Easton*

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

Sworn before me, at *Marine Barracks, Portsmouth N. H.*  
this *Fifteenth* day of *December* 1864.  
*C. D. Webb*  
Capt. Comdr. Post.

SIZE ROLL.

*John Easton* a private, born in the *U. States.*  
State of *Pennsylvania* County of *Centre* Town of  
*Bellmont* enlisted *15<sup>th</sup>* *December* at  
*Portsmouth, N. H.* for four years, by *Capt. C. D. Webb*  
aged *28* years *5* feet *7 1/4* inches high, *Blue* eyes,  
*Brown* hair, *Fair* complexion, by trade or occupation a *Soldier*

REMARKS:

*Enlisted as a Volunteer.*  
*Has served in the Army.*

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

*Has been vaccinated—*

*J. H. Belack*  
Asst. Surgeon

# PENSIONS

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- Based on service in the U.S. military between 1775 and 1916
  
- Different types of pensions:
  - Disability pensions
  - Service pensions
  - Widow/dependent pensions
  
- Many different pensions acts
  - If rejected under one act, applications could reapply under a later one

# PENSIONS

- What kind of information can I find?
  - Full name of individual
  - Date(s) of enlistment
  - Period(s) of service
  - Units individual served with
  - Residence
  - Medical history
  - Death dates
  - Information about Widow and/or Children

# PENSIONS

- Indexes for every war (Rev War - Philippine Insurrection)
- Revolutionary War:
  - *M804, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900.*
  - *M805, Selected Records from Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900.*
- No Confederate pensions
- Scanning projects
  - Civil War widows/dependents
  - 1812

# Revolutionary War Pension of William Graham

(8-1779)

SERVICE

Mass.  
N. H.

NUMBER

Graham, William  
Mary

W. 10068

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# William Graham's Declaration of Pension

STATE OF NEW-YORK, } ss.  
SARATOGA COUNTY.

ON this twenty first day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Saratoga and state of New-York, personally appears William Graham aged sixty two years, resident in the town of Hadley in the County of Saratoga in the said state, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That the said William Graham enlisted in the year 1777 as a Private Soldier in the state of Massachusetts for 3 years in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Hunt and served the full three of his enlistment) that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the War as a Private Soldier when he was discharged from service in March 1783 at Quincy by General Washington and state of New York that he was in the battles of Bunker Hill, York Island, Whit Plains, & Oranston and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except as follows to wit that at the Battle of Bunker Hill he was under Captain William Scott of the New Hampshire line previous to his enlistment under Captain Hunt and that after the enlistment expired under the said Capt Hunt he enlisted under Captain John Moll, for during the War but that his Discharge by some unavoidable accident has been lost.

Subscribed and sworn to before me Salmon Child his  
before me Salmon Child } William Graham  
State of New York }  
Saratoga County }  
Personally appeared before Lewis Scott and being duly sworn Deposited and

with that has heard his father William Scott which is Captain William Scott above above mentioned and says that William Graham above alluded to, was in Bunker Hill Battle with him and that he served in the revolutionary War a considerable time thinks from General conversation that he was sworn to and declared before me, Lewis Scott in During the War  
Salmon Child April 21<sup>st</sup> 1818

I Salmon Child Judge, &c. as aforesaid, do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said William Graham did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the War Department, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress. Salmon Child April 21<sup>st</sup> 1818

Pub. from the Verif. examination of the above named William Graham and personal acquaintance with the said Lewis Scott I was satisfied of justice of the said William Graham without any further testimony  
Salmon Child

STATE OF NEW-YORK, } ss.: In testimony that the above named Salmon Child is a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Saratoga and that the above is his signature, I subscribe my name and affix the county seal, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1818



Wm Stillwell } Clerk of the County of Saratoga.

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

## William Graham's Inventory of Property

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

An Inventory or Schedule of the within named Person's Property

William Graham -

Real property (None)

Two hogs	\$5.00
1/2 doz Old Iron & Tools	25
1 Spade	11
1 Tea Kettle	6
Two Lugs & 3 Small Hens	15
1/2 doz plates	48
Two pewee plates	37 1/2
One Milk Pail	18
Two Pots	1.25
One Tea Kettle	75
One Spade	25
One Old Pail	37 1/2
One old work hat	37 1/2
Two Small Tubs	45
	\$10.25

My family consists of myself aged sixty four years a Wife aged sixty eight years and a Daughter aged thirty years - I am a Basket maker by trade but unable to follow it on account of Paralytic affections & subject to convulsion fits - and infirmity of age - My wife is unable to do labor in consequence of age and is wholly unable to render me any assistance towards a support - My Daughter is thirty years of age born lame and has never had the use of her limbs sufficiently to walk - She is also subject to frequent & violent fits and has ever been an expense to me so great that when I was able to work I found it very difficult to gain a sufficient support for my family and am now enabled by age and subject to afflicting diseases - that even if not for the bounty granted me by Government should be unable to subsist without resorting to public or private charity

William Graham  
made

## Mary Graham's Declaration of Pension

State of New York  
County of Warren }  
ss.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1837, personally appeared before  
Thomas B. Hicks, a Judge of County Courts,  
in the County of Warren Mary Graham a resident of  
Corinth in the County of Saratoga and State of New York,  
aged Eighty six years, who, being first duly sworn according to  
Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in  
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of  
Congress, passed July 4, 1836, ~~That~~ she is the Widow of  
William Graham, who was a private Soldier in the  
Army of the Revolution

That her husband the said William Graham was a  
Pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress, passed on the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1814, at the time of his death, and that  
the following is an extract from a copy of the affidavit  
made by him before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of  
the County of Saratoga in the State of New York, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of August 1820, in open Court, to wit,

"That in the month of May 1776, he enlisted at  
" first for the term of eight months at Peter'sburgh, New Hamp-  
" shire State, under Lieutenant Scott, in a Company com-  
" manded by Captain Scott in the New Hampshire line  
" that he proceeded to Mistek near Bunker Hill, and joined  
" the Regiment commanded by Colonel Starke, under whom  
" and Colonel Sergeant, he served about One year and eight  
" months faithfully and was discharged from Captain Scott's  
" Company at ——— 11<sup>th</sup> December or January 1777  
" That his original declaration was made on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
" of April 1812, and that his original Pension Certificate  
" is numbered 1161.

" And he further saith that he was in the Battle at Rock Island,  
" White Plains and at Bunker Hill ——— after which he enlisted  
" again, at Boston in a Company commanded by Captain John  
" Hunt of the 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Regiment commanded by  
" Colonel Joseph Voe, enlisted for three years, after the  
" expiration of said enlistment he again enlisted as a  
" Soldier under Captain John Miller in the Regiment com-  
" manded by Colonel Joseph Voe for during the War, enlisted  
" at North Castle, and served under Capt Timothy Remick

- Filed in 1837 (age 86)
- Mary's declaration recapped the details of William's service:
  - Capt. Scott in the NH Line
  - Capt. Hunt in the 1<sup>st</sup> MA Regiment
  - Capt. John Miller (Mills)
  - Capt. Timothy Remick's Co.

# MODERN MILITARY RECORDS AFTER 1912

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- Modern military service relates chiefly to the major wars and conflicts of the 20th century and later, including:
  - World War I (1917-1918)
  - World War II (1941-1945)
  - Korean War (1950-1953)
  - Vietnam War (1965-1975)
  - Operation Desert Storm (1991)
  
- Military service records: **National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO**
  - 1973 fire

# OFFICIAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FOLDERS

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- ◉ **U.S. Army:** officers, separated July 1, 1917–Sept. 30, 2002, and enlisted personnel, separated Nov. 1, 1912–Sept. 30, 2002\*
- ◉ **U.S. Air Force:** officers and enlisted personnel, separated Sept. 25, 1947–Sept. 30, 2004\*
- ◉ **U.S. Navy:** officer, separated Jan. 1, 1903–Dec. 31, 1994, and enlisted personnel, separated Jan. 1, 1886–Dec. 31, 1994
- ◉ **U.S. Marine Corps:** officer and enlisted personnel, separated Jan. 1, 1905–Dec. 31, 1998
- ◉ **U.S. Coast Guard:** officers and enlisted personnel, separated after Jan. 1, 1898

# DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS

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- ◎ **WWI Draft Registration**
  - *M1509, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*
  - On Ancestry.com
  
- ◎ **WWII 4<sup>th</sup> Draft Registration (Old Man's Draft), 1942**
  - Currently available On Ancestry.com and Fold3.com:
    - AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, ID, IL, IN, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, PR, RI, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI
  
- ◎ **Korea & Vietnam Draft**
  - Draft registration cards for men born before January 1, 1960, write to St. Louis\*

# WWI Draft Registration Card for Charles S. Deeben

Serial No. 29 Registration No. 51

1 Name in full Charles Stephen Deeben Age, in yrs. 21

2 Home address Shamokin St Trevorton Pa.

3 Date of birth September 2 1897

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

5 I am  1. A native of the United States.  
 2. A naturalized citizen.  
 3. An alien.  
 4. A person declared an alien.  
 5. A person declared an alien.  
(Strike out words not applicable)

6 If not a citizen, of what Nation are you a citizen or subject?

7 Father's birthplace Gnesin Germany

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

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

10 Race: White  
(Strike out words not applicable)

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Charles S. Deeben  
(Signature of Mark of Registrant.)

P. M. G. O.  
 Form 1 (Rev. 11-15-18)

REGISTRATION CARD. 2-5728

If person is of African descent, fill in this column.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 37-5-23 B Short Medium Short  
(Strike out words not applicable)

2 Color of eyes Dark Gray Color of hair Dark

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he palpably physically disqualified (specify)? no no

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

Sho L. Mark  
(Signature of Registrar.)

June 5 1918  
(Date of Registration.)

LOCAL BOARD DIV. # 2  
 NORTHUMBERLAND CO.  
 SUNBURY, PA.

(Seal of Local Board.)

This stamp of the local board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this space.

2-5728

WWII Draft  
Registration Card  
for Charles S.  
Deeben

**3 REGISTRATION CARD**—(Men born on or after April 28, 1917 and on or before February 16, 1947)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. Name (Print) **2581 Charles Stephen Deeben** ORDER NUMBER

2. Place of Birth (Print) **Trevorton Northumberland Pa.**

(THIS PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THIS LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL.)

3. Marital Status **Same**

4. Education **none** 5. Age in Years **45** 6. Place of Birth **Trevorton Pa.**

7. Date of Birth **Sept. 2 1896**

8. Name and Address of Person Who Will Act as Key Man (Print) **Mrs. Edith Deeben-Trevorton, Pa.**

9. Employer's Name and Address **Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point Md.**

10. Place of Employment or Service **Sparrows Point Balto. Md.**

11. Signature **Charles Deeben**

D. W. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-47)

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WEIGHT (Approx.)		HEIGHT (Approx.)
			Now	Basic	
Color	Blue	Light	150		5' 8"
Texture	Wavy	Ruddy			
Color	Gray	Dark			
Texture	Wavy	Light Brown			
Color	Black	Black			
Texture	Wavy	Black			
Color	Black	Black			
Texture	Wavy	Black			

When only one physical characteristic that will aid in identification

I certify that my records are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him, in my presence, the instructions that have accompanied his registration or draft and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Signature of Registrar **Francis M. Long...**

Date of Registration **April 27, 1947**

LOCAL BOARD NO. 3  
BETHLEHEM COUNTY  
100 N. 5th St., Bldg. 107  
BETHLEHEM, PENNA.  
STAMP OR SEAL REQUIRED

(This stamp of the local board having jurisdiction of the registrant must be placed in this space.)

# NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT COLLEGE PARK

## Military Unit and Operational Records

### ○ World War I

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

# Reconnaissance Report, 1st Pursuit Group, September 26, 1918

Visibility near lines Fair

Mission Straff troops on the Romagne-Bantheville Road.

Route actually followed Bantheville and Ainreville.

Names of Pilots on Patrol and Leaders Mantz, K.L. Porter, (Leader)  
Myers, Simon, G.P. Porter, and McDermott.

HOOR OF DEPARTURE: Hour of Return: Altitude: Squadron: Date:  
..... 11 h. 30 ..... 13 h. 20 ..... 500 m. .... 147th ... 9/26/18.

Number of E.A. Seen 10 Time 12 h. 30

Number of E.A. Encountered 6 Time 12 h. 30 and again 12 h. 40

TYPE 9 Fokkers 1 Biplane, probably Rumpler. Altitude Rumpler 400 meters  
Fokkers 500 meters.

Region Montfaucon and Gierges Combats 4

Number rounds fired 300 Confirmations Requested 1

Planes seen to have gone down in flames, E.A. 1; Allied,    ;

Planes seen to have crashed on ground, E.A.    ; Allied,    ;

Planes seen to have gone down out of control, E.A. Allied;

Workings on E.A.    

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

Mantz, K.L. Porter, L.S. Simon and G.P. Myers.

## DETAILED REPORT of Pilots and Other Observations:

The patrol was ordered to straff troops on the Romagne-Bantheville Road just north of Romagne.

I observed about five transports, not more than seven. The patrol descended to 50 meters and shot up the road causing some disorder. We were heavily archied just east of Bantheville. In the northern edge of the woods just east of Bantheville a Hun archie battery is very active. About 12 h 10 a fourth unknown Spad joined our patrol (probably from the Third Pursuit Group). About 12 h 20 I observed an EA two-seater probably Rumpler flying west, north of Montfaucon at 400 meters. About 200 meters above the two seater were 5 Fokkers and above the 5 Fokkers were four more Fokker just in the light fluffy clouds. I fired at long range on the 5 Fokkers and they turned north. I then attacked the two-seater and the Fokkers suddenly returned and I was forced to withdraw. The Fokkers again withdrew and I resumed the attack again withdrawing on the approach of the Fokkers. The Huns pulled into Hum-land for a space and my patrol continued back down the lines. We again turned west and just north of Montfaucon we again encountered the two seater at 12 h 40 and the Fokkers did not tumble down. I opened with a regular gun and the balloon gun from above with Lieut. ~~McDermott~~ McDermott and Lieut. ~~Simon~~ Simon from below. The two seater fell in flames just north of Gierges. The unknown Spad seemed to be in the combat but was ~~higher~~ higher than ~~we~~ we were when we attacked. I saw no Hun balloons.

Squadron Operations O.

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## Military Unit and Operational Records

### ○ World War II

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

### ○ Korean War

- RG 407
  - Command Reports, 1949-54 (E429)
- Record Group 338, Records of U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations (WWII and After)
  - Unit histories (E37042)

# NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT COLLEGE PARK

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## Military Unit and Operational Records

### ○ Vietnam War

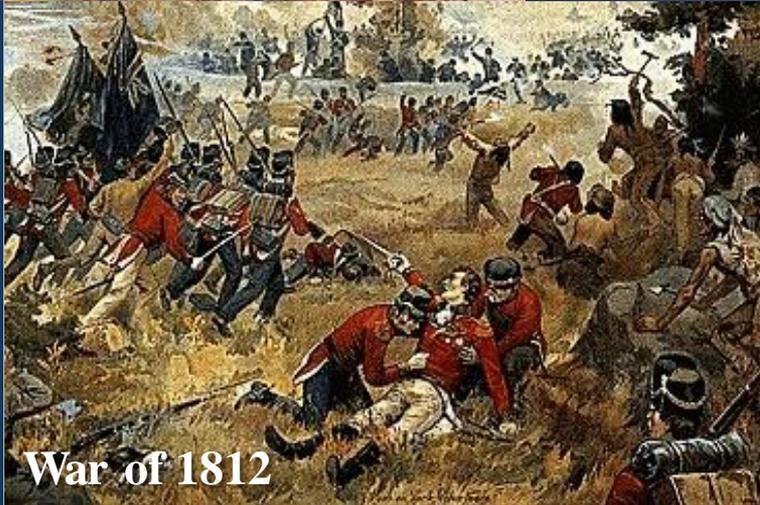
- Record Group 472, Records of the United States Forces in Southeast Asia, 1950-1975
  - Combat divisions, brigades, support brigades (aviation, medical, engineer, military police, signal), and logistical support organizations
  - Very few records at the company level
- Record Group 550, Records of the United States Army, Pacific, 1945-1984
  - Organizational History Files (E A1)

# INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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World War I



War of 1812



Spanish-American War