



Enumeration of Revolutionary War and Civil War Veterans and Pensioners in the Federal Census (1840, 1890, 1910 and 1930)

Researchers frequently use enlistment records, compiled military service records, and pension records for information about veterans and their families. Census schedules may reveal that your ancestor fought in a particular war.

Revolutionary War Pensioners

___Z3, *Index to Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary War Military Services, 1840*. 1 roll. Arranged by surname. This index gives the census page number for the *1840 Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services* listed on roll 3 of National Archives Microfilm Publication T498.

___T498, *The 1840 Census of Pensioners of Revolutionary or Military Services* is found at the end of roll 3 in *Publications of the Bureau of the Census: 1790 Census, Printed Schedules*. 3 rolls. Arranged geographically by state starting with Maine moving south. Within each state, arranged by county and then by township. The census lists the name and age of each pensioner (veterans or widows) and the name of the head of the household with whom the pensioner resided. Unlike the 1840 census population schedule, which provides only the name of the head of household, this special census may provide the names of multiple family members.

___Z2, *Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama, Alabama Archives and Historical Department, 1944*. 2 rolls. Arranged alphabetically by surname. This series provides a brief biography for each soldier. The profiles can contain genealogical information compiled from newspaper obituaries and Daughters of the American Revolution reports, as well as birth date, place of birth, date of enlistment, rank, length of military service, names of commanding officers, names of battles in which the soldier fought, names of family members, marriage information, name of spouse or widow, date of death, place of burial, pension status (approved or rejected) and pension certificate numbers if applicable.

Union and Confederate Veterans

___M123, *Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. 118 rolls. DP.

Arranged alphabetically by state or territory, then county, and then township. Each schedule lists the name of the veteran; if deceased, the name of the widow; the veteran's rank; his company and regiment or vessel; date of enlistment; date of discharge; length of service; post office and address of each person listed; any disability; and remarks relating to the veteran's term of service. This census was originally taken by the Veterans Administration to count the number of Union pensioners, but it may include Confederate, War of 1812, and Mexican War veterans. There are no extant schedules from Alabama through the first half of Kentucky. The District of Columbia is found under Washington, D.C.

For additional information, see Blake, Kellee. "‘First in the Path of the Firemen’: The Fate of the 1890 Population Census," *Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives and Records Administration* 1996 (Vol. 28, No. 1): 64 – 81. This article is available online at

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/spring/1890-census-1.html>

Federal Population Census Schedules, 1910 and 1930

Arranged by state. Within each state, by county or city, then township or minor civil division, and then by enumeration district.

___T624, *Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910*. 1,784 rolls. This census records Union or Confederate Army and Navy service information for native born men over age 50 and all foreign born men who immigrated to the United States before 1865. Enumerators abbreviated military service information as “UA” for Union Army, “UN” for Union Navy, “CA” for Confederate Army, and “CN” for Confederate Navy.

___T626, *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. This census lists U.S. Military or Navy veterans who served in a specific war or expedition.

Other Records

___ZA, *War Department, Pension Establishment of the United States, 1835*. 1 roll.

Arranged by state or territory and then alphabetically by county. Pensioners are listed alphabetically by surname. The records may provide the pensioner’s rank, annual pension allowance, total sums received, names of regiments, dates of placement on the pension rolls, pension benefit start dates, age, the laws under which individuals were added or removed from the pension rolls, date of death, and related remarks.

For more information about Revolutionary War military service, see the following reference report:
Revolutionary War Service, 1775–1783.

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