



## ***Revolutionary War Service, 1775–1783***

The National Archives holds records relating to military service during the Revolutionary War, including both Continental troops and state troops that served as Continental troops. The National Archives does not have custody of records for service in State militias. To find those records, check with the State archives of the state in which the soldier served.

### **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 generally show when a soldier joined a unit and if he was present when the unit was mustered. **Note:** The Department of War abstracted the compiled military service records for men who fought in the Revolutionary War from extant records among its files in an attempt to create substitutes for records destroyed by fires in 1800 and 1814. Because the Department was not able to reconstruct every record, a soldier may have fought in a Continental Army unit during the war, but there may not be a compiled military service record for him.

#### **Army Compiled Military Service Records**

\_\_\_M860, *Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteers Who Served in the Revolutionary War*. 58 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldier's surname.

\_\_\_M881, *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteers Who Served in the Revolutionary War*. 1096 rolls. DP. Arranged by Continental units and then alphabetically by State and then by unit. Within each unit, service records are arranged alphabetically by the soldier's surname.

\_\_\_M246, *Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–1783*. 138 rolls. DP. Arranged by Continental units and then alphabetically by State and then by unit.

\_\_\_M920, *Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Served with the American Army in Connecticut Military Organizations*. 25 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldier's surname.

\_\_\_M1051, *Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Served with the American Army in Georgia Military Organizations*. 1 roll. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldier's surname.

\_\_\_M 257, *Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Revolutionary War in Organizations from the State of North Carolina*. 2 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldier's surname.

#### **Navy and Quartermaster General Compiled Service Records**

\_\_\_M879, *Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel Who Served During the Revolutionary War*. 1 roll. DP. Arranged alphabetically by surname.

\_\_\_M880, *Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel and Members of the Departments of the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Military Stores Who Served During the Revolutionary War*. 4 rolls. DP. Arranged into three parts (Quartermaster General, Commissary General, and Naval personnel) and then alphabetically by surname.

## **Pensions and Bounty Land Warrants**

A veteran's pension file can include his rank, place of residence, age or date of birth, and time of service. A widow's application can also include her place of residence, her maiden name, the date and place of marriage, the date and place of her husband's death, and the names of children under 16. A child's or heir's file contains information about both the veteran and the widow, as well as the child's place of residence, date of birth, and the date and place of the widow's death.

\_\_\_M804, *Revolutionary War Pensions and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications*. 2670 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by claimant's surname.

\_\_\_M829, *U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers (Acts of 1788, 1803 and 1806)*. 16 rolls. DP. Roll 1 contains indexes and registers.

\_\_\_M910, *Virginia Half Pay and Other Related Revolutionary War Pension Application Files*. 18 rolls. DP. Arranged in two sections; soldiers and sailors. Under each section they are arranged alphabetically by surname.

## **Other Records**

\_\_\_M247, *Papers of the Continental Congress*. 204 rolls. DP. There is a 5 volume published index arranged alphabetically by names of people, places and organizations.

\_\_\_M332, *Miscellaneous Papers of the Continental Congress*. 10 rolls. DP.

\_\_\_M847, *Special Index to Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775–1783*. 39 rolls. DP. This publication reproduces an alphabetical card index to names that appear in numbered record books or numbered unbound documents relating to the Revolutionary War. If the index cites a manuscript number, see M859; if it cites a volume number, see M853. Some citations refer to State records. State records are not on microfilm and will have to be ordered.

\_\_\_M859, *Miscellaneous Numbered Records (the Miscellaneous File) in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775–1790s*. 125 rolls. DP.

\_\_\_M853, *Numbered Books Concerning Military Operations and Service, Pay, and Settlement Accounts, Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records*. 41 rolls. DP.

\_\_\_M1015, *Central Treasury Records in the Continental and Confederation Governments Relating to Military Affairs, 1775–1789*. 7 rolls. DP.

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