

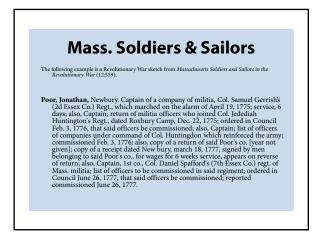


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# **Revolutionary War Resources**

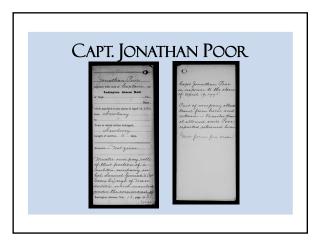
#### **Muster and Pay Rolls**

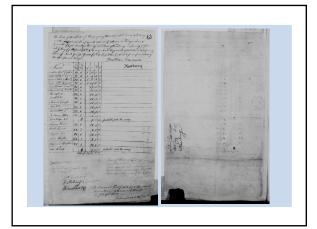
- Often a published series with verbatim transcriptions or abstracted detail.
- Originals can be located on Fold3 and Family Search.
- Most muster rolls are in the possession of the State Archives for the individual units. The National Archives only has microfilm copies available.





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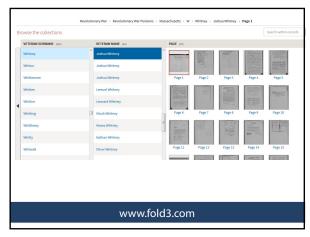
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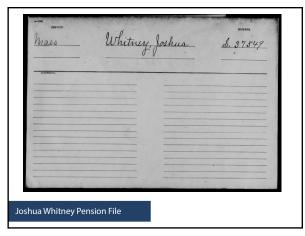
#### Pension Records and Bounty Land

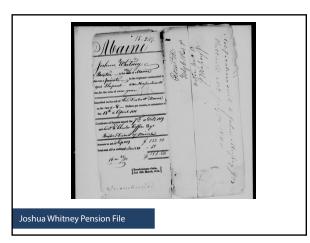
- Early Bounty Land records were destroyed in two fires at the War Department in 1800 and 1814. Many Pensions will make a reference to a BLW Number, and state "No papers".
- Fold3 has digitized all Revolutionary War Pension records from the microfilm.
- Revolutionary War Pensions cannot be examined at NARA.

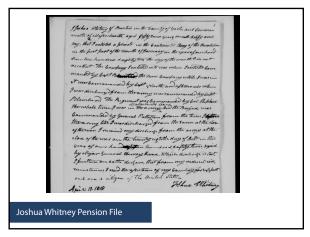
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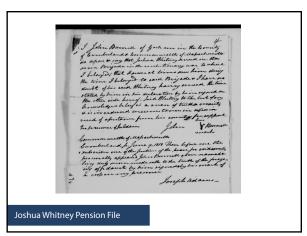


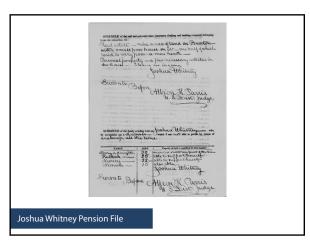












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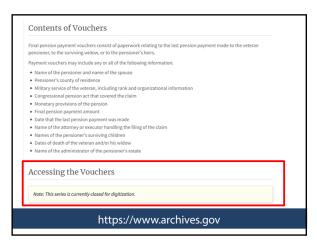
#### **Final Payment Vouchers**

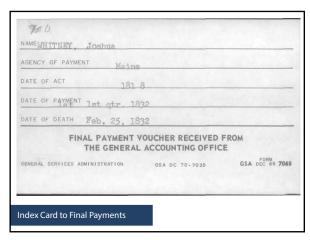
- Fold3 has the index to Final Payment vouchers, and the images for the states of Georgia and Delaware
- Revolutionary War Vouchers are being digitized at NARA and currently cannot be examined.

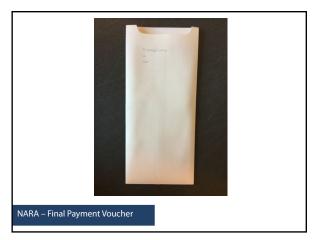
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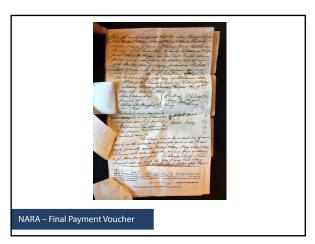
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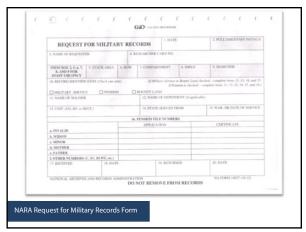


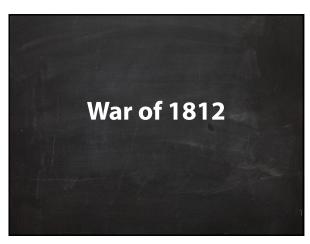












## **Original Records at NARA**

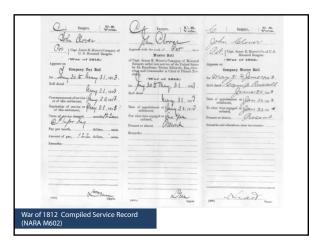
- War of 1812 Compiled Military Service Record (NARA M602) is a part of Record Group (RG 94) Records of the Adjutant's General's Office.
- War of 1812 Pension Record (NARA M313) are 86% digitized on Fold3. Currently surnames "A" to most of the letter "S" are online.

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#### **CMSR - M602**

- Compiled primarily from Federal and State Muster Rolls.
- Pay orders and pay vouchers.
- Misc. Federal & State military documents.
- Contains the name, rank and unit for the veteran.

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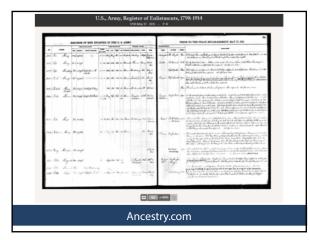


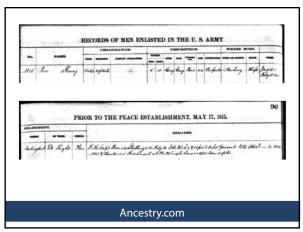


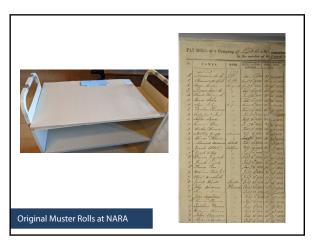


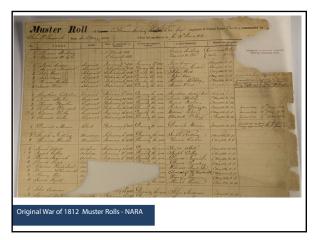
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## **War of 1812 Papers on Ancestry**

Papers of the State Department 1789-1815

• RG59 – **M588** (7 rolls of microfilm)

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#### **Contents of M588**

- Letters Received Concerning Letters of Marque, 1812-1814
- Letters Received Regarding Enemy Aliens, 1812-1814
- U.S. Marshal's Returns of Enemy Aliens and Prisoners of War, 1812-1815
- Requests for Permission to Sail from the United States, 1812-1814
- Passenger Lists of Outgoing Vessels
- Correspondence Regarding Passports, 1812-1814
- Agreements for the Exchange of Prisoners of War, 1812-1813
- Misc. Letters Received Concerning the Release of Prisoners, 1812-1815
- Reports of William Lambert, Secret Agent, 1813
- Misc. Intercepted Correspondence, 1789-1814



#### **Contents of M1747**

- Lists of prisoners
- Accounts of clothing provided U.S. agents to prisoners held in Canada
- Lists of soldiers captured at a certain place or in a certain battle
- Lists of prisoners held at a certain place
- Lists of prisoners who died in captivity
- · Lists of men exchanged
- Correspondence

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#### NARA RG 45

Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library, 1775-1910.

- Muster Rolls and Payrolls of Vessels 1779-1885.
- Muster Rolls and Payrolls of Shore Establishments of the U.S. Navy, 1800-1842.

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Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and [ONRL]

(Record Group 45)
1691-1945 (bulk 1794-1927)
2,995 cu. ft.
Overview of Records Locations

Table of Contents

• 45.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

• 45.2 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 1798-1913 1,127 lin. ft.

• 45.2.1 General records

• 45.2.2 Fiscal records

• 45.2.3 Piscsonnel records

• 45.2.4 Significants

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• 45.2.5 Miscellaneous records

• 45.2.4 RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF NAVY COMMISSIONERS 1794-1843 109 lin. ft.

• 45.4 RECORDS OF BUREAUS OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT 1811-1910 38 lin. ft.

• 45.4.1 Records of the Bureau of Yards and Docks

• 45.4.2 Records of the Bureau of Yards and Docks

• 45.4.2 Records of the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography

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#### **NARA Microfilm T1118**

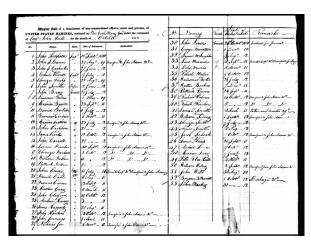
U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1892

- Name
- Rank
- Enlistment date and muster date
- Vessel or installation where the Marine was located





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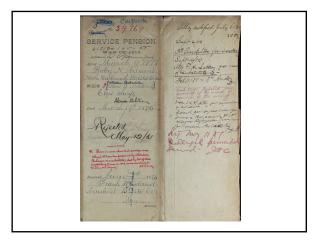
# War of 1812 Pension Record (NARA M313) Application of veteran or widow Proof of service Affidavits relating to claim Correspondence from veteran Receipts Genealogical information, e.g. death certificate

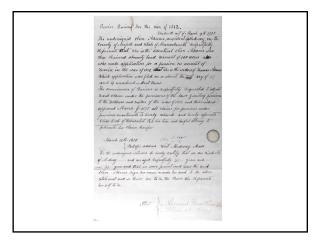
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₩. C. 28899	Wipow Adams, Olive S		
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	ENLISTED Sept. 20, 1814	DISCHARGED 0ct. 17, 1814	
RESIDENCE or SOLDIER		REMARKS Soldier furnished	a substitute, David
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Marriace of Soldier and Widow Sept. 29, 1803, Medway, Mass.		from Oct. 18, 1814 to Nov. 30, 1814	
DEATH OF SOLDIER June 21,1831,1	fedway, Mass.		
DEATH OF WIDOW About 1881			
		-	







#### **War of 1812 – Bounty Land Records**

- Many War of 1812 veterans or their widows did not live long enough to collect a pension in 1871.
- Original Bounty Land records can be searched first on the Bureau of Land Management website.

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#### War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858

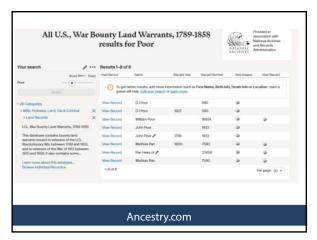
- <u>First series</u> Bounty Land for **War of 1812** service were issued under acts of December 24, 1811, January 11, 1812, and May 6, 1812
- Congress stated that noncommissioned officers and soldiers serving for five years (or discharged earlier), or their heirs, would eventually be entitled to 160 acres of land from the public domain in partial compensation for their military service
- Six million acres of land in the Territories of Michigan, Illinois, and Louisiana were set aside for this purpose

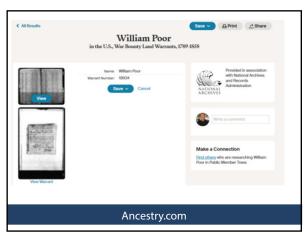
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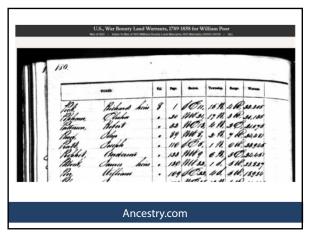
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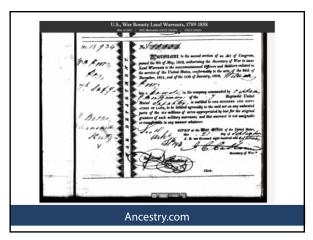
- <u>Second series</u> per act of Congress on December 10, 1814
- Act increased by doubling the acreage offered to soldiers enlisting after that date
- These warrants per this act were called "Double Bounty Warrants"







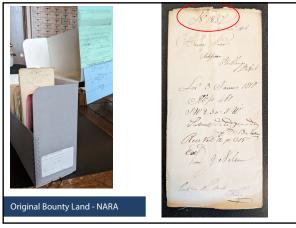


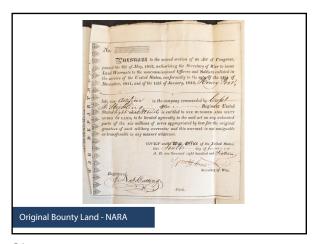


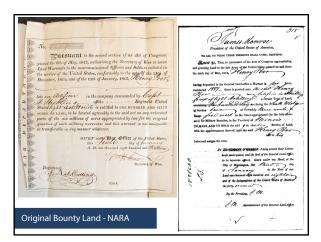


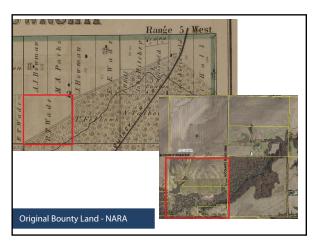








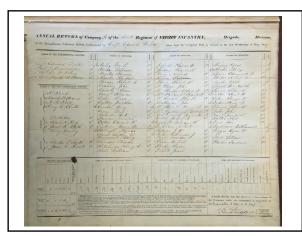








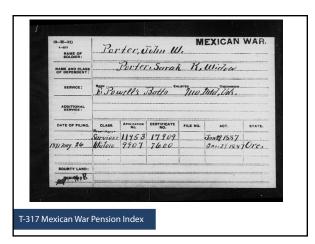
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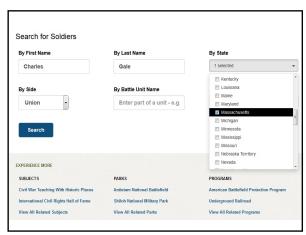
## **Compiled Military Service Records**

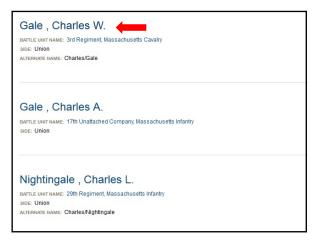
- Confederacy: Online on Fold3
- Union: Some states and USCT (U.S. Colored Troops) are on Fold3.com: D.C., GA MA, TX, and UT
- You can make requests for the originals at NARA for the other states

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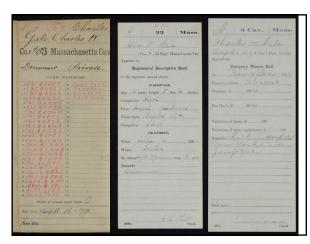
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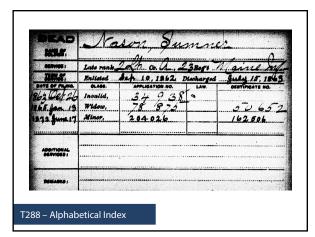
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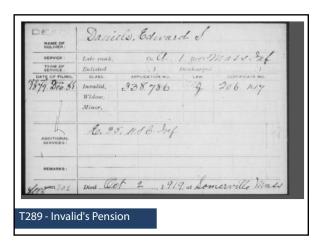
#### **Pension files**

- T288 Index Alphabetical by veteran
- T289 Index Arranged by Regiment
- Pensions for the U.S. Navy & Marines online on Fold3 and are not in this series.

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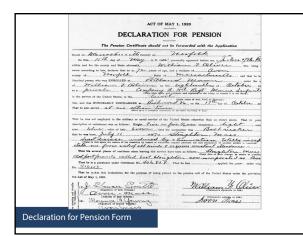
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# **Typical Pension File Papers**

- Declaration for pension and pension application
- · Certificate of disability
- Surgeon's certificate with disability description (form and sketch)
- Questionnaires (Form 3-447 used before 1902; Form 3-389; widow questionnaire)
- Affidavits (for and against the pensioner)
- Correspondence
- · Bills and receipts

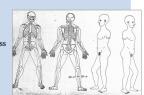
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# Surgeon's certificate

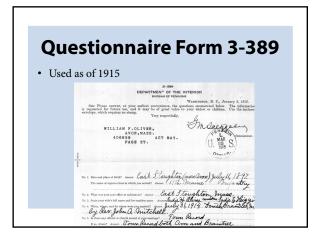
- Includes a form and sketch describing disability
- Form provides:
  - Date of examination
  - Name and rank of claimant
  - Claimant's post office address
  - Cause of disability
- If a pensioner, the amount of pension
- Claimant's statement
- Full description of disabilities



Qu	estionnaire Form 3-447
• Use	d before 1902
• Ger	nealogical goldmine of information
	Design Decision.  Later Market Decision.  Later Market Decision.  Later Market Decision.  Department of the Interiory.  Decision Decision.  BUREAU OF PENSIONS.  Washington. D. C. Letter 7. 1900.  Washington. D. C. Letter 7. 19
	2. Where were you been? Answer. Educations Aloud, 2. When did you enlist? Answer. Assart. Assart. 15.4h. 18.6s. 4. Where did you enlist? Answer. Battern Academy.

#### **Form 3-447 asks:** What is your present occupation ? <u>Physical description</u> When were you born? Where were you born ? What is your height? (feet. & inches) When did you enlist? Where did you enlist? Your weight? The color of your eyes? The color of your hair? Your complexion? Where had you lived before you enlisted? What was your post office address Are there any permanent marks or scars on your person? If so, describe. at enlistment? What was your occupation at enlistment? When were you discharged ? Where were you discharged ? What is your full name? Please write it on the line below, in ink, in the Where have you lived since discharge? Give dates, as nearly as possible, manner in which you are accustomed to sign it, in the of any changes of residence. presence of two witnesses who can write.

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## Form 3-389 asks:

Date and Place of Birth; The name of Organization in which you served? What was your post office at Enlistment

State your wife's full name and her maiden name.
When, where and by whom were you married?
Is there any official or church record of your marriage?; If so, where? Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives.

If your present wife was married before her marriage to you state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and if so, give name of the organization in when he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage, to you,

let your answer include all former husbands.

Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead.

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## Widow's pension

- After Sept. 8, 1916, accompanied by a questionnaire asking:
  - Widow's certificate no.
  - Name of soldier (or sailor)
  - Service of soldier (or sailor)

"Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier (or sailor) named. I was his wife during the Civil War. I am \_\_\_\_ years of age, having been born \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_ . I am entitled to the increase of pension provided by the first section of the Act of September 8, 1916."



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FATHER, MOTHER, OR ORPHAN BROTHER'S Application for Army Pension, Act June 6, 1866. n wust be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, and if before the Judge, the official capacity and signature, and attest the same under the seal of the Court, not outlandente this paper. If he does, the work is utterly unless, and must be all done over open

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Pension Application

## **Affidavits & Correspondence**

- Sworn statements regarding the legitimacy of the veteran's claim; expressing the need of pension or disability
- Provided by fellow soldiers, doctors, state and federal soldiers' home, or neighbors
- Guardian declaration for minor child pension
- Letters from veteran or his family regarding application for pension

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## **Bills and receipts**

- Bills and Receipts for the veteran and his widow billable to the Pension Office
- Last payment to the veteran or widower

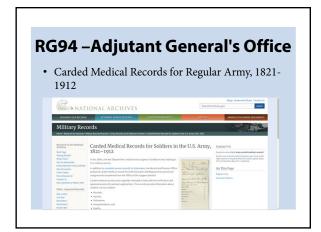
You are hereby notified that check # 37.2.2.2.0.0 for \$50.00 inted MAR 4-1917 in favor of post-office of CATHARINE A-HOLDCRAFT, THURKONT, MD. 50488 R.D.1. ACT APRIL 50488 R.D.1. ACT A

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#### **Confederate Pension Records**

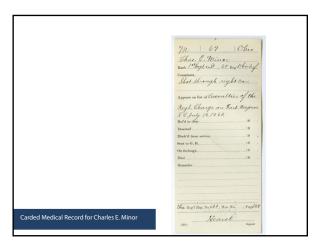
- Not located at the National Archives.
- State repositories maintain the original records.
- Family Search: Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee.





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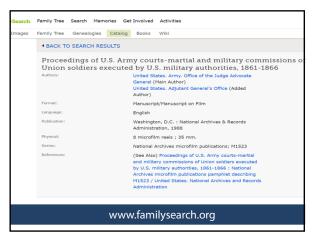


#### M1523

Proceedings of the U.S. Army Courts-Martial and Military Commissions of Union Soldiers Executed by U.S. Military Authorities, 1861-1866

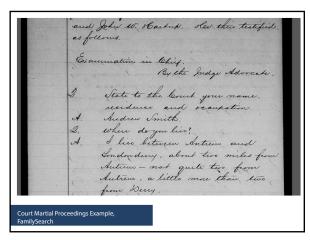
- · Arranged in alphabetical order
- Includes 267 Union soldiers who were executed, mostly for desertion or murder
- Executions were carried out by firing squad or hanging

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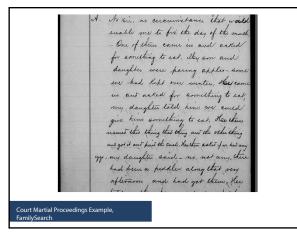


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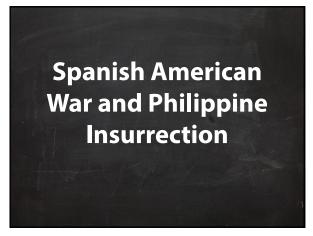
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# Spanish American War and Philippine Insurrection Service

- Florida: Online on Fold3
- Texas: Texas State Archives
   https://txarchives.org/tslac/finding\_aids/30076.x
   ml
- Index on Fold3, service records can be requested at NARA

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# Spanish American War and Philippine Insurrection Pensions

• Use the same T288 and T289 Indexes as you would for Civil War Pensions. The pensions cover service for 1861-1934.

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# National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) - St. Louis, Missouri

- Fire of July 12, 1973
- Records Destroyed by fire and water:
  - ≻Army
  - ➤ Enlisted men 1912-1960: Compiled service folders.
  - ➤ Officers 1917-1960: Compiled service folders.
  - ➤ Air Force
  - ➤ 1947-1964 Compiled service folders

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# **Surviving Records at NPRC**

- Morning Reports
  - ➤ List of soldiers in a company, the date, location, and notable information about the day (battles, hospitalizations, POW's, etc.)
  - ➤ WWI available on Fold3.com
  - ➤ WWII not digitized yet. Require hiring a private researcher to go onsite to review microfilm.
- Unit Rosters (1912-1959)
- Final Pay Vouchers



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#### RG26 - U.S. Coast Guard

- Muster Rolls, 1833-1932
- Honorable Discharges, 1917-1919
- Personnel and Pay cards, 1917-1921
- Officer personnel files, 1915-1929
- Vessel logbooks, 1915-1947
- Casualty and wreck reports, 1913-1936

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# RG41 – Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

- Merchant seaman lost in WWI, 1914-19
- Recruit enrollment & application 1918-1921
- Applications to serve on Merchants Ships 1918-19
- Seamen's Protection Certificates, 1918-1919
- Merchant Marine Logbooks (RG 26 Coast Guard)

#### Office of the Judge Advocate General – RG 153

• Ledgers of all A.E.F. Court Martial convictions, 1917-1919



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# **RG 391 - U.S. Army Mobile Units**

- Infantry divisions and brigades
- Corps of Engineers Battalion and company records, muster rolls.
- 1st through 15th U.S. Cavalry Regiments
- Infantry divisions and brigades
- Field artillery regiments
- Coastal Artillery Units and Mine planters

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#### **RG 395 - U.S. Army Overseas Operations**

- U.S. Army troops stationed in China 1912-1938
- A.E.F. troops in Siberia 1918-1920
- Troops stationed in Puerto Rico 1918-1919.



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## **RG 18 - Army Air Forces**

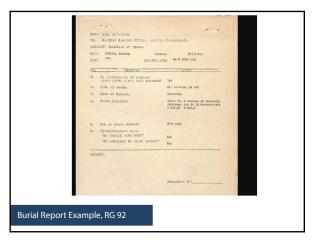
- General Orders, 1917-1938
- WWII Combat Operations Reports, 1941-1946
  - o AKA "Mission Reports"
  - This series consists of original mission reports pertaining to specific targets.
  - These reports were filed by the units and sometimes include encounter reports by pilots, aerial photographs, and loading lists.

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# RG 92 – Office of the Quartermaster General

- Correspondence, Reports,
   Telegrams, Applications, and
   Other Papers Relating to
   Burials of Service Personnel
- Casualties Reports
- WWI Gold Star Pilgrimage records (M-1872)
- Missing Air Crew Reports (MACRs), 1942-1947





#### RG 319 - Records of the Army Staff

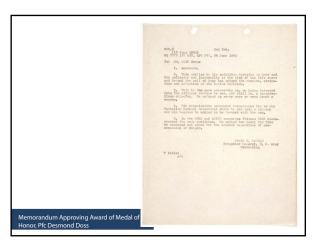
 Disinterment Records Files, Gravesite Reservation Cards, Record of Interments, and Grave Cards for Arlington National Cemetery



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# RG 338 – U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations

- General Orders, 1940-1953
- Command Reports, 1952-1953 • Arranged chronologically by month



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## **RG 407 - Adjutant General's Office**

- · General Orders
- WWII Operations Reports (1940-1948)
- Diaries and Historical Narratives (1940-1945)

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Under the provisions of army Regulations 600-45, as amonded, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted muss hit CHARL J DRERRY 4005500, Infantry, Frivato, Company 1, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 august 1944 near Geros, France, attaking across an open area before a town, Frivato Deberty's platoon encountered heavy machine gum fire, followed by an artillery and norther concentration which stopped the advance. While the other mambers of his unit were planted down, Frivato Deberty's enable twentow the support of the super fire directed this subject to within twenty yards of the enemy makine gum position. He world whiself to within twenty yards of the enemy makine gum position. He world whiself and fired a rifle granded into the epilocenom which elizeded the gam and able or wounded four of the crow. He then made his way beak to his place and one able to regroup and continue the attack and secure the town, Friend Deberty's buildness and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from long Island Olty, Now York.



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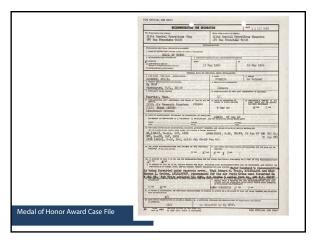
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