

# For Those Who Served: Military Research from Colonial Conflicts to World War II

## *Class 1: Soldiers of Colonial Conflicts*

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### **Step #1 - Determine if he fought.**

1. Determining the Military Service of your ancestor before the Revolution.
2. How old was your Veteran?
3. What colonial wars occurred during his lifetime?

#### **17th-Century Conflicts**

1. Pequot War: 1636-1638.
2. King Philip's War: 1675-1676.
3. King William's War: 1689-1697.

#### **18th-Century Conflicts**

1. Queen Anne's War: 1702-1713.
2. War of Jenkins Ear: 1739-1742.
3. King George's War: 1740-1748.
4. French and Indian War: 1754-1763.
5. Cherokee Uprising: 1760-1761.
6. War of the Regulators: 1771.

#### **Consider family heirlooms for clues**

1. What might be in the attic?
2. Ask relatives.
3. Museum and Archives.
4. Ebay or Auction catalogs.

### **Step #2 - Confirm published sources.**

1. Don't re-invent the wheel.
2. What has been published
3. State by state lists.
4. Local histories.
5. Internet resources when available.

## Published Sources

1. Compilations of Colonial Soldiers.
2. Published histories of battles and wars.
3. Hereditary Society publications.

## Overview of New England Repositories

1. Massachusetts State Archives.
2. Connecticut State Archives.
3. Maine Historical Society.
4. State by state lists.

## Databases on AmericanAncestors.org

Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775

<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/494/colonial-soldiers-and-officers-in-new-england-1620-1775>

General Society of Colonial Wars Membership Applications, 1893-1949

<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2826/general-society-of-colonial-wars-membership-applications-1893-1949>

Massachusetts: Society of Colonial Wars Membership Applications, 1560-1970

<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2755/massachusetts-society-of-colonial-wars-membership-applications-1560-1970>

## Step #3 - Apply to hereditary societies

- 1638 : Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
- 1927 : National Society Women Descendants of A. & H. A. C.
- 1893 : General Society of Colonial Wars
- 1932 : National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars
- 1896 : National Soc. of Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century
- 1896 : Order of Founders and Patriots of America
- 1898 : National Society Daughters and Patriots of America
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