

# Military Resource List – Finding your family

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## Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library

### *Online Resources available from Library Branches*

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) Ancestry Library Edition, distributed exclusively by ProQuest and powered by Ancestry.com, delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. You have access to over 7,000 databases & 200 billion images. **Access is available only from the Genealogy Center or your branch library via Public PC or Wi-Fi.**

### *Online Resources available from anywhere with your Library Card*

[Fold3 History & Genealogy Archives](#) Formerly known as Footnote. Searchable digitized images of millions of historical primary documents relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, U.S. Presidents, historical newspapers and naturalization documents, many from the National Archives.

[Newspaper Archive](#) Newspaper ARCHIVE is a collection of historic newspaper content online. Explore New Mexico history and genealogy in old newspaper archives from 1849 - 2012.

[World Vital Records](#) A massive library with billions of Family History and Genealogy records, and millions of family trees. Access key collections: COMPLETE U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1940; military records; enhanced Social Security Death Index (SSDI) records; millions of newspaper articles; unique, exclusive local and international collections.

[Heritage Quest Online](#) Heritage Quest Online is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids.

[Digital Sanborn Maps](#) Digital Sanborn Maps provides digital access to large-scale maps of towns and cities in the United States, for the time period 1867-1970.

### *Online Resources available only at the Main Library*

[American Ancestors](#) Nearly 3,000 unique searchable online collections, offering information on more than 300 million people for the New England states, including Massachusetts Vital Records and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Records. **Available only from the Main Library (downtown).**

### *Other Free Online Resources*

#### *No library card needed*

- [FamilySearch](#) Free access to largest non-profit database of genealogical records from all over the world. Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- [US GenWeb Project \(all states\)](#) Free genealogy and family history online made possible by the USGenWeb Project volunteers. Search free genealogy websites for your ancestors
- [US GenWeb Project - New Mexico](#) Compiles research on New Mexico genealogy, and also provides an opportunity to post questions and exchange information with fellow researchers.

- [Mocavo](#) Genealogy search engine with millions of records, including a yearbook collection.
- [Cyndi's List](#) A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- [US National Archives](#)
- [Rootsweb](#) Free genealogy site affiliated with Ancestry.com. Primary purpose of RootsWeb.com is to connect people so they can help each other and share genealogical research.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** <http://www.dar.org/>

**National Society, Sons of the American Revolution** <http://www.sar.org/>

**Papers of the War Department 1784-1800** <http://wardepartmentpapers.org/index.php>

**National Archives** <http://www.archives.gov/> The National Archives holds Federal military service records from the Revolutionary War to 1912 in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. See [details of holdings](#).

Military records from WWI - present are held in the National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in St. Louis, Missouri, See [details of holdings](#).

The National Archives does not hold state militia records. For these records, you will need to contact the appropriate [State Archives](#).

**Access to Archived Databases** <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/> You will find in the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource online access to records in a small selection of historic databases preserved permanently in NARA. Out of the nearly 200,000 data files in its holdings, NARA has selected approximately 475 of them for public searching through AAD. We selected these data because the records identify specific persons, geographic areas, organizations, and dates. The records cover a wide variety of civilian and military functions and have many genealogical, social, political, and economic research uses. AAD provides:

- Access to over 85 million historic electronic records created by more than 30 agencies of the U.S. federal government and from collections of donated historical materials.
- Both free-text and fielded searching options.
- The ability to retrieve, print, and download records with the specific information that you seek.
- Information to help you find and understand the records.

**Confederate Pension Records** – National Archive’s State List of where to find them.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/confederate/pension.html>

**Sons of Confederate Veterans** – A list of resources <http://www.scv.org/>

**National Park Service – Civil War** <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/index.htm> NPS Soldiers and Sailors Database. Search our database of more than 6.3 million records to find your family member. Look under “People” on the left side menu for a list of resources. (**Both Confederate and Union Forces**)

### **Pension Indexes:**

Pensions: **Fold3** – <https://www.fold3.com/browse/247/>  
**Ancestry** – Search on “War of 1812” in the Card Catalogue

**FamilySearch** – <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1916219>

Old War Pension Index (wars before 1861)

**FamilySearch** - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1979425>

Remarried Widows Index (Check soldiers, and widows maiden and/or married names)

**FamilySearch** - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1979426>

## **Bounty-Land Patent Records are online at Bureau of Land Management**

**Acts of 1850 and 1855** allowed veterans to apply for Bounty-Land Warrants

(<http://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/>)

Patent numbers are different from Military Warrant numbers (look for “MW” for Military Warrant)

Example: [MW-0110-363](#) verses [IL0540 .142](#)

**American Battle Monuments Commission** <https://www.abmc.gov/> (ABMC)—guardian of America’s overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials—honors the service, achievements and sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces.

**The VA web site** - [http://www.cem.va.gov/burial\\_benefits/](http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/)

The Nationwide Grave Locator (National Cemeteries like Santa Fe, etc.) is on the left side menu plus other information for veterans.

**Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF)** <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/agencies/ompf-fed-agency.html> Copies of documents contained in the official military personnel or health records, or information extracted from these files, will be provided to government agencies (Federal, state, and local) in accordance with the routine use policies published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Upon request, entire folders are returned to authorized users in the service departments that created them and to certain Federal agencies designated as routine users. Consult the routine use statements for additional information regarding the release of service information and access to military records. (**NOTE-Fire July 12, 1973:** A disastrous fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) destroyed approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF). Not all records may be available.)

**Wikipedia** - The [free encyclopedia](#) that [anyone can edit](#). [5,093,469](#) articles in [English](#). Other languages available too! Search for military articles about units, battles, and persons across the world. (**Caveat – Just remember to take these articles at face value. They may contain errors.**)

## **Google is your friend, so is Bing, Yahoo, and other web search engines.**

You can search using Google or other search engines to find books, images, maps, and translate. Here are four Google internet links.

- 1) <https://images.google.com/>
- 2) <https://books.google.com/>
- 3) <https://www.google.com/maps>
- 4) <https://translate.google.com/>

Chrome **Browser Extension** – RootsSearch allows you to search the most popular genealogy websites for records relating to your ancestors. When viewing an ancestor in an online tree or a

record from a genealogy website, RootsSearch allows you to search for matching records on other genealogy record sites. (**A very valuable tool – Highly Recommended**)

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/rootssearch/aolcfffalbhpnjekmimmelebichjmmgn?hl=en>

## Newspapers

**Library of Congress – Chronicling America** <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1836-1922 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) and the Library of Congress. (**NOTE: Not all newspapers have been digitized**)

Search newspapers through other subscription web sites like Ancestry, Newspapers.com, etc.

## 50 Free Genealogy Sites to Search Today

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/>

Looking for a list of free genealogy sites to search? Here are 50 no-cost family history resources where you will find birth, marriage and death records, obituaries, cemetery listings, newspaper articles, biographies, research tips and so much more.

## Look for Local Histories in Book Repositories

**Worldcat** - <https://www.worldcat.org/> (Find a book in a library near you. Interlibrary Loan availability)

**Free eBooks by Project Gutenberg** <https://www.gutenberg.org/>

**Amazon.com** <http://www.amazon.com> (Free or Low Cost Kindle ebooks)

## US State Collections

Many states provide or have digitized collections for finding family member or military units. For Example: New York State Archives: Military research

[http://nysa32.nysed.gov/a/research/res\\_topics\\_military.shtml](http://nysa32.nysed.gov/a/research/res_topics_military.shtml)

## FACEBOOK

Facebook provides members with common interests to join together into groups. Open groups mean that anyone on Facebook can see the posts. Closed groups are groups where only group members can see the posts. However, anyone can see the group's name, the group's description, see who is in the group, see who gets tagged, and can search for the group in Facebook.

The following four groups are open groups.

[U.S. Northeast Genealogy Research Community](#)

[U.S. Midwest Genealogy Research Community](#)

[U.S. West Genealogy Research Community](#)

[U.S. South Genealogy Research Community](#)

The following groups are closed groups.

**New Mexico Genealogy Network:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/255419071140350/>

**New Mexico Genealogy Society:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6419958411/>

**Here are some free blogs that I subscribe to by email.**

While the blogs are not military research related, they do offer information about general genealogy.

The Legal Genealogist - <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/>

Dick Eastman's Blog - <http://www.feedblitz.com/f/f.fbz?Sub=948986>

The Ancestry Insider - <http://www.ancestryinsider.org/>

New England Historic Genealogical Society "The Weekly Genealogist" -  
<http://www.americanancestors.org/browse/publications/the-weekly-genealogist>

**And Foreign Web Sites...**

British Military Websites (I have not check them out thoroughly, but look promising).

Ancestor Research & Military Genealogy - <http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/ancestor.htm>

Forces War Records - <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

Naval and Military Archive - <http://www.nmarchive.com/>

Ancestor Search - <http://www.searchforancestors.com/locality/uk/military.html>

Cyndi's List for French Military Resources <http://www.cyndislist.com/france/military/>

Genealogy in France: [http://genealogy.about.com/od/france/a/french\\_ancestry\\_5.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/france/a/french_ancestry_5.htm)

Best Continental European Genealogy Websites of 2015

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/best-continental-european-genealogy-websites-2015>

Asia – Finding resources for Asia and the Pacific are tough, but Cyndi's List seems to be the place to start. <http://www.cyndislist.com/asia/>

The Latin American Network Information Center <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/genealogy/>

Web site is no longer updated, but contains links to Latin American Genealogy resources.

African Genealogy Resources, like Asia, Cyndi's List may be the best starting point.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/africa/>

South Africa Military Records -

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/South\\_Africa\\_Military\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/South_Africa_Military_Records)