

Researching Military Ancestors @ the Plainfield Public Library

Microfilm

Illinois Military Census V 124 (all counties) 1861



Locating Additional Military Service Information

Any search for military service information should include a look through local newspapers. Enlistments, promotions, letters home, honor rolls and discharges were mentioned in local papers.

Don't forget national **military newspapers** like *Stars and Stripes* which printed a stateside and an overseas edition! Many of these are available at www.ancestry.com

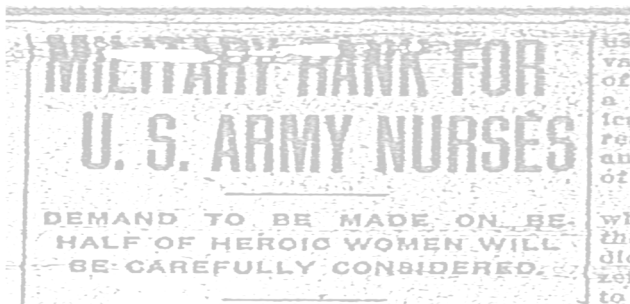
State Archives and Libraries are a good source of information on military records as

well. States typically kept copies of rosters and unit lists, plus enlistment and discharge papers for those serving.

Soldier's and Sailor's Home Records can be found here too. These may include a wealth of information about your ancestor. Adjutant General's records for

Illinois units during the Civil War are also available at the Illinois State Archives.

MILITARY HISTORY.						
Company and Regiment.	Time and Place of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge.				
1st Ohio Regt	July 18 / 1861 Summers Ky	Close of war				
DOMESTIC HISTORY.						
Age when born.	Color of Hair.	Color of Eyes.	Height when born.	Religion.	Occupation.	Education (Schools attended).
16	Brown	Blue	5' 10"	Presb.	Farmer	Common School
HOME HISTORY.						



Locating Additional Military Service Information Continued

Recorder of Deeds & County Clerk's Offices filed military discharge papers for those soldiers returning home from service. These documents are available for copying to next of kin in some locations. *discharge papers filed at Illinois County Recorder of Deeds offices are sealed to the public*



Bob Woodard
Army Air Corps
Stationed at
Hamilton Field
Oakland, CA
1942.
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Barbara Witchell

Military Genealogy at the Plainfield Public Library

Researching your ancestor's military experience can be a rewarding experience. Muster Rolls, Unit Lists and Discharge Papers can give you date of birth, place of birth, place of enlistment and other useful identifying information.

Often, after major wars and conflicts, books will be published containing unit histories, rosters of members, battle histories and photo collections.



All of these can help you trace your veteran and experience what they saw during the course of the conflict. These types of materials and more are available at the Plainfield Public Library.



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Texas	John C. Smith	A
Houston	John C. Smith	B
Columbia	John C. Smith	C
San Antonio	John C. Smith	D
Dallas	John C. Smith	E
Austin	John C. Smith	F
San Antonio	John C. Smith	G
Houston	John C. Smith	H
Columbia	John C. Smith	I
San Antonio	John C. Smith	J
Houston	John C. Smith	K
Columbia	John C. Smith	L
San Antonio	John C. Smith	M
Houston	John C. Smith	N
Columbia	John C. Smith	O
San Antonio	John C. Smith	P
Houston	John C. Smith	Q
Columbia	John C. Smith	R
San Antonio	John C. Smith	S
Houston	John C. Smith	T
Columbia	John C. Smith	U
San Antonio	John C. Smith	V
Houston	John C. Smith	W
Columbia	John C. Smith	X
San Antonio	John C. Smith	Y
Houston	John C. Smith	Z

Muster rolls were typically recorded monthly to keep track of soldiers whereabouts. These can be helpful in tracing your ancestor's footsteps during their time in the service.

Electronic, Print & Microfilm Resources Available @ the Plainfield Public Library

Books

Officer's Guide 9th Edition 1942 **LH 355 OFF**

Chicago Daily News War Book for American Soldiers, Sailors and Marines 1918 **LH 355 CHI**

Roll of Honor: Record of Burial Places for Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Army Nurses of All Wars of the U.S. Buries in Illinois **LH 355.1 ILL**

Selective Service in Illinois 1940-1947 **LH 355.22 KLE**

The VFW Illustrated History **LH 369.11 BOT**

Leslie's Review of the Great War **LH 904.302 LES**

Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot Index (3 volumes) **LH 929.3 DAR**

19th Annual Reunion of the 100th Regiment IL Volunteer Infantry **LH 929.309 NIN**

List of Pensioners Chicago and Cook County 1883 **LH 929.377 LIS**

Korea the Forgotten War **LH 951.9042 KOR**

Grim Reapers at Work in the Pacific Theatre (local author John Hennebry) **LH 940.544**

Liberty's Victorious Conflict Photo History of the World War **LH 940.3 LIB**

Our Country in War **LH 973 HAL**

An Enlisted Soldier's View of the Civil War **LH 973.7 WAR**

My Story of the War; A Woman's Narrative of 4 Years Personal Experience (Civil War) **LH 973.775 LIV**

Army Life of an Illinois Soldier (Civil War) **LH 973.781 WIL**

Fifteen Years Ago or Patriotism of Will County (Civil War) **LH 977.325 WOO**

Soldiers of the First American Army 1791 **Gen Ref 973.41 LYT**



Grand Army of the Republic Dept. of Illinois Transcriptions of the Death Rolls 1879-1947 **Gen Ref 977.3 NOR**

Biographical Dictionary of the Confederacy **Gen Ref 973.713 WAK**

Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois **Gen Ref 973.36 WAL**

Known Military Dead During the American Revolutionary War 1775-1783 **Gen Ref 973.36 PET**

National Military Records

National Archives and Records Administration www.archives.gov

National Personnel Records Center (WWI-present) www.archives.gov/st-louis

Library of Congress's Veteran's Oral History Project loc.gov/vets

Websites

Fold3.com: Has many military documents and Collections www.fold3.com \$

Illinois State Archives Online Military Databases www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html

Cantigny WWI Archives Army's First Division www.firstdivisionmuseum.org/research/holdings/default.aspx

Cornell University's Civil War Collection <http://digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moawar/waro.html>

FamilySearch: online genealogy database www.familysearch.org

Daughters of the American Revolution www.dar.org/library

Society of the Cincinnati: Descendants of Revolutionary War Officer's www.societyofthecincinnati.org

Online Military Indexes & Records www.militaryindexes.com/index.html

Civil War Archive www.civilwararchive.com

HeritageQuest Includes Revolutionary War pension files and Freedman's Bank Records. Available with your Plainfield Library card through our webpage www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org \$

www.ancestry.com \$ Includes WWI draft cards, Civil War pension and service records, WWII KIA lists and more.

\$ Subscription Databases