

Basic U.S. Military Records with Tiff



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Was Grandpa in the Military?



- ☞ Colonial Wars, before 1775
- ☞ Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
- ☞ Post Revolutionary War, 1784-1811
- ☞ War of 1812, 1812-1815
- ☞ Indian Wars, 1815-1858
- ☞ Mexican War, 1846-1848
- ☞ Civil War, 1861-1865
- ☞ Spanish-American War, 1898-1899
- ☞ Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1902
- ☞ Boxer Rebellion, 1900
- ☞ Mexican Expedition, 1916
- ☞ World War I
- ☞ World War II
- ☞ Korean and after



Colonial Wars



☞ Colonists may have served in local militias therefore records will not be at the federal level.

☞ Check with state repositories, libraries, archives and societies for records.

☞ Could be British Records if they were fighting for that side.

VMI ARCHIVES *an Online Historical Research Center*

Library Name: Lexington Arsenal and Virginia Militia Records
 1792-1839
 Manuscript #00244
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About this Collection

In 1814 the Virginia legislature provided for the establishment of three arsenals to care for the arms accumulation of militias. One of the three was established at Lexington, Virginia, on the 14th of April 1813 under the command of Captain James Foster, and the guard organized there was responsible for approximately 30,000 stand of arms. Although the use of the armament stockpile at the Lexington Arsenal varied somewhat from year to year, it generally consisted of the fusils, a sergeant, one or two corporals, ten to fifteen privates, and a few employees among whom were musicians. This arrangement was maintained until 1839, when the Virginia Militia Institute opened on the site of the Arsenal and the arsenal guard was replaced by the new VMI Cadets.

The collection consists of two series. The first series contains miscellaneous records (1792-1793-2010) relating to the Virginia Militia, including appointment returns for various militia units. The second series contains the appointments of the state armory at Lexington, Virginia, and the documents were found among the Lexington Arsenal records also contained in this collection. Two of the documents date from the British colonial period (1792).

The second series (1828-1839) contains 30 items concerning the operation of the state armory at Lexington, Virginia. Included are payrolls and other financial records, guard returns and muster rolls, and two appointment documents.

Regimental Returns - View Original Documents

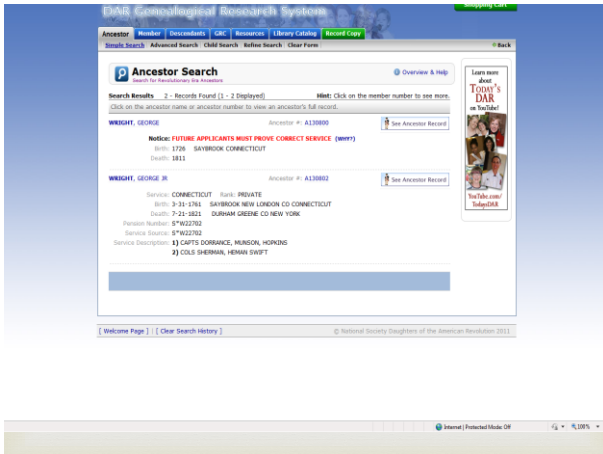
1. 1792 Nov 10 (2nd Regt., Campbell Co., William Henderson commanding)
2. 1796 June 18 (3rd Regt., Bedford Co., John Trigg commanding)
3. 1797 Nov 10 (2nd Regt., Bedford Co., John Trigg commanding)
4. 1797 Nov 22 (2nd Regt., Franklin Co., James Harrison commanding in absence of John Davis)
5. 1798 Oct 30 (2nd Regt., Campbell Co., Daniel B. Serran commanding)
6. 1799 June 13 (1st Regt., Patrick Co., George Mynn commanding)
7. 1800 Oct 25 (3rd Regt., George Harrison commanding)
8. 1801 June 18 (3rd Regt., Harrison commanding)
9. 1802 Nov 15 (3rd Regt., Thomas M. Clark commanding)
10. 1802 Dec 15 (1st Regt., Samuel Harrison commanding)

Militia Appointment Documents (John Foster, 3rd Regiment) - View Original Documents

1. 1793 September 23
Signed by Governor Henry Lee.
2. 1797 December 11
Signed by Governor James Wood.

Other Militia Documents, 1792-1834 - View Original Documents

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Post-Revolutionary War (1784-1811)

- ❧ After the Revolutionary War, Congress decided to keep some regiments to build a military. They were to serve a one year term.
- ❧ Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served from 1784-1811 (M905)
 - ❧ On microfilm, book format



War of 1812 (1812-1815)

- ❧ Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served during the War of 1812 (M602)
 - ❧ On microfilm and some books; Ancestry.com
- ❧ Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served during the War of 1812
 - ❧ Order through the NARA
- ❧ U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858 (M848)
 - ❧ On microfilm and books - not complete; Ancestry.com
- ❧ War of 1812 Papers, 1789-1815 (M588)
 - ❧ On microfilm; Ancestry.com

Indian Wars

- ❖ U.S. Army Indian Campaign Service Records Index, 1815-1858 (M629, M243, M256, M907, M908) Ancestry.com
- ❖ Index to Soldiers: Midwest Genealogy Center- books in Ready Reference
- ❖ Index to Pension files: Midwest Genealogy Center
 - ❖ Books in Ready Reference
- ❖ To order the records, send form 86 to the NARA.



Mexican American War

- 1 Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served during the Mexican War (M616)
- 2 To order the records, send form 86 to the NARA.
- 3 Unit Histories available at Midwest Genealogy Center on microfiche
- 4 Pension files also available through the NARA, form 85.

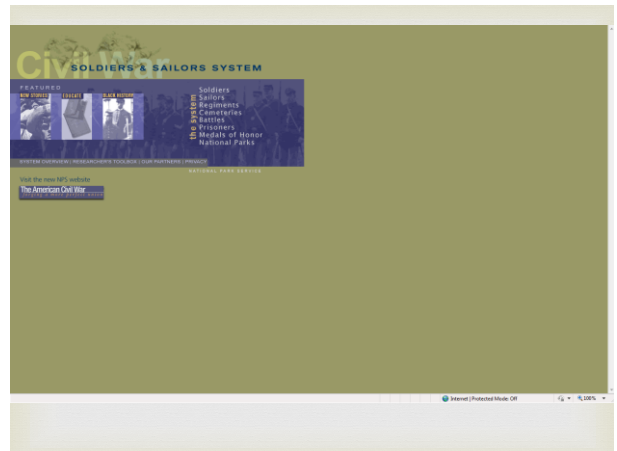
Civil War

- ☞ Check the indexes for both Union and Confederate when service is not known
 - ☞ MGC- Ready Reference books, microfilm, ancestry.com
- ☞ Check the website for Soldier and Sailors
 - ☞ <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>
- ☞ Once you find your person, determine if you can get the records on microfilm. If they are not filmed, you will have to order them through NARA using form 85.
 - ☞ States that have **NOT** been filmed: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DT, DE, DC, IL, IN, IA, KS, ME, MA, MI, MN, NE TER, NV, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, VT, WA TER, WI, WY TER, US Colored troops, Veterans reserve corps



Cyrus Maynard Black

- ☞ What I know
 - ☞ Cyrus Maynard black born about 1846 in Ohio, died 24 January 1892 in Daviess County, Missouri
- ☞ Through a cemetery book in Daviess County, Missouri I found that he was buried in Lile Cemetery.
- ☞ The tombstone was issued from the military with his regiment on it.



World War I



- ☞ World War I Draft Registration Cards are online through Ancestry.com
- ☞ MGC has Missouri and Kansas Draft Cards on microfilm
- ☞ Records are not filmed and have to be ordered through NARA using form 180.
- ☞ Next of Kin (immediate family) may use the online form. Usually free!



World War II



- ☞ Ancestry.com has some items about WWII
 - ☞ World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas
 - ☞ World War II Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Casualties, 1941-1945
 - ☞ World War II Prisoners of War, 1941-1946
 - ☞ U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946
 - ☞ WWII U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Muster Rolls, 1939-1949
 - ☞ WWII United News Newsreels, 1942-1946
 - ☞ U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

World War II



- ☞ NARA online indexes and searches
 - ☞ <http://archives.gov/genealogy/start-research/website.html>
- ☞ Find a grave has many of the gravesites listed for the American National Cemeteries




Lost Records



- ☞ 1973 fire: <http://archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html> 




- ☞ Sometimes all that is available is the DD214 form which is the report of separation:
 - <http://archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/dd-214.html> 

National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis

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The 1973 Fire at the National Personnel Records Center (St. Louis, MO)



On July 12, 1973, a disastrous fire at NPRC (MPRI) destroyed approximately 10-15 million Official Military Personnel Files. The affected record collections are described below.

Branch	Personnel and Period Affected	Estimated Loss
Army	Personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960	80%
Air Force	Personnel discharged September 25, 1947, to January 1, 1964	75%


No duplicate copies of the records that were destroyed in the fire were maintained, nor was a microfilm copy ever produced. There were no indexes created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available. Nevertheless, NPRC (MPRI) uses many alternate sources in its efforts to reconstruct basic service information to respond to requests.

KILLED IN ACTION—Staff Sgt. Roy A. Wright, 32, was killed in action over Frankfurt, Germany, Jan. 28, his wife, Mrs. Wilma H. Wright, 511 Ninth street south, has been notified. He was a crew member on a Flying Fortress.

Sergeant Wright was employed by the A. C. W. Co. before being inducted into the army in March, 1942. He received training at Tusson, Ariz., and was sent overseas in September, 1942. He had been stationed in England.

Resides his wife, Sergeant Wright is survived by his father, W. A. Wright of Villisca, Ia.



Courtesy of the Battle Monuments Commission

More about World War II

- ☞ Look for an online group for the regiment
 - ☞ <http://www.91stbombgroup.com/>
- ☞ Unit Histories
- ☞ Some areas have a monument for soldiers in their county
- ☞ Items at a state or county level
- ☞ Clubs and organizations

91st Bomb Group (H)

91ST BGM MEMBERSHIP BUY FROM THE P.I. 91ST BG BLOG UPCOMING EVENTS

91ST BG PHOTO SECTION

- Crew Photos (1946)
- B-17 Photo History
- Birthdays of Members
- Support Unit Photos
- Memorials Around the World

INSIDE THE 91ST

- Statistics from the 91st Army Air Division
- Mary Ruth by Lowell Gertz
- Service Unit
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 - Tony Steiner
 - Clayton Frank
 - Jack Coffey
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Welcome to the 91st Bomb Group!

8th Air Force, 91st Wing, 91st Division
The 91st Bomb Group

This website exists as a tribute to the members of the 91st Bomb Group (Heavy Bombers) and as an historical record of events that took place in Europe during World War II.

The 91st Bomb Group Memorial Association's (BGMMA) purpose is to keep alive the spirit of the 91st BG (H) and to maintain the fellowship of all those who fought together in 91st BG from AF Station 021 in Basingstoke, England from 1942 - 1946.

Help keep this spirit alive by joining the 91st BGMMA. Preserve the memories of our heroes whose duty was to fly in the extraordinary B-17 Flying Fortress.

The 91st BGMMA is a Non-Profit Organization.

www.MilitaryClothing.com

Help Us Keep History Alive

Help support this website with a donation. Your donation will help with maintenance, adding records of new BGM members, and upgrades to the overall website. We are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank You.

Donate

Visit the 91st BG blog if you are seeking info not found on the website.

www.91stbombgroup.com

Search the Website.

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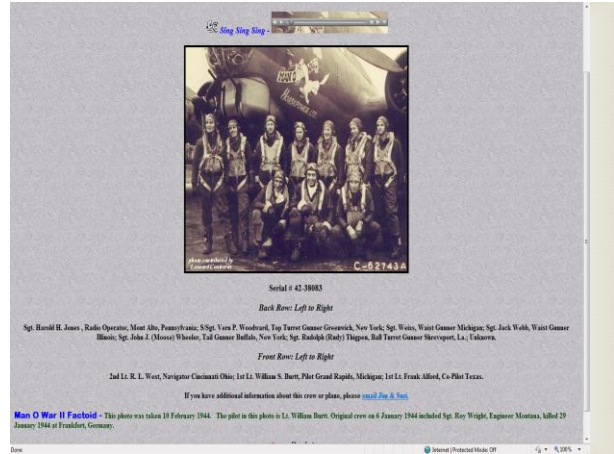
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morning results: dropped on F22., A/W/AV cloud
 Time: Take off 0800. Target 1125. Az. Base 1430.
 A.A. Fire: Moderate and inaccurate
 Damage to A/C: 3 A/C., minor damage; 1 A/C major damage.
 Fighter opposition: 30-40 E/A, mostly rocket-firing A/C. Attacks were generally directed toward other groups.
 Claims: 1 FW-190 damaged - S/Sgt. Robert P. Kirk, A/C 996.
 1 Me-110 destroyed - Sgt. Walter Clark, A/C 947.
 Casualties: S/Sgt Roy A. Wright - R.I.A.. S/Sgt Charles W. Grubb - I.I.A.
 Remarks: A/C 353, Lt. Fancher, dropped 2 1/2 tons of nickels, # 6.50

In a continuous two-hour battle, beginning at Frankfurt, A/C 967 ("Man O' War"), piloted by Lt. Burt, was crippled by direct hits that knocked out two motors.
 Sgt. Wright was killed by a 20 mm. hit. His courage and spirit was an inspiration to the entire crew.
 With the third motor out, "Man O' War" crashed in an English turnip field to fly no more.
 S/Sgt. Grubb (R/O) injured by fragment from a 20 mm. explosion, was the only other casualty.

JANUARY 30 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on Brunswick, Germany: (from loading list, 30 Jan. '44)
 A/C 656 - Capt. James L. Griffin
 333 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher
 673 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson
 838 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward
 815 - 2/Lt Clarence H. Pingel
 333 - 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop
 947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith
 307 - 2/Lt Jerald L. Newquist
 070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

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Types of Military Service Records

Archives.gov

This is a list of the Older Military Service Records held at [Washington, DC](#).

Branch of Service	Dates
Volunteers	Military service performed by persons serving during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the Federal interest, 1775 - 1902
Regular Army	Enlisted personnel, 1789 - October 31, 1912 Officers, 1789 - June 30, 1917
Navy	Enlisted personnel, 1798 - 1885 Officers, 1798 - 1902
Marine Corps	Enlisted personnel, 1798 - 1904 Some officers, 1798 - 1895
Coast Guard	Persons who served in predecessor agencies to the U.S. Coast Guard: the Revenue Cutter Service (Revenue Marine), the Life-Saving Service, and the Lighthouse Service, 1791 - 1919
Confederate States	Persons who rendered military service for the Confederate States government in its armed forces, 1861 - 1865
Veterans Records	Claims files for pensions based on Federal military service, 1775 - 1916 and Bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on wartime service, 1775 - 1855

Resources

- ☞ DAR ancestor and descendant index
 ☞ http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/
- ☞ Heritage Quest from MCPL's databases
 ☞ www.mymcpl.org; Click on Genealogy; Click on Resources for Genealogy and Family History; then click on Genealogy Databases; select Heritage Quest
- ☞ NARA online indexes and searches
 ☞ <http://archives.gov/genealogy/start-research/website.html>
- ☞ <http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/> Ehistory- has some Civil War information

Resources



- ☞ Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil War
☞ <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>
- ☞ NARA Military Record forms
☞ <http://archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>
- ☞ American Battle Monument Commission
☞ <http://www.abmc.gov/home.php>
- ☞ Ready Reference books at Midwest Genealogy Center or try your local Genealogy Library

Thank you!

