Finding Your Military Records Using FamilySearch.org

There are lots to find.

Before We Get Started

- Browser Extensions
  - Chrome
    - https://chrome.google.com/webstore/search/translate
  - Firefox
    - https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/search/?q=translate
  - Opera
    - https://addons.opera.com/en/extensions/?hl=en-US
  - Edge
    - Add, turn off, or remove extensions in Microsoft Edge
    - Microsoft Edge Add-ons – translate

- May 2022 Military Research SIG Video – State Archives
  - https://archive.org/details/state-archives-ags-military-research-sig-3may-2022

FamilySearch.org

- Church of the Latter Day Saints main genealogy website.
- Easy to establish an Account.
  - **<u>Free</u>** – Username & Password is all you need.
- Free to Use
- Not Everything is Indexed
  - Lots of Microfilms
  - Working to digitize all books.
- https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch_Wiki:FamilySearch_Research_Wiki

FamilySearch Wiki Home Page

A Genealogy Resource Guide

100,713 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

Search by place or topic

Find Search Tips

List of all Localities

Jump-start your research

Guided Research will help you find the best databases for select locations.

Guided Research

North America

Europe

Asia

Africa

South America

Australia/Oceania

FamilySearch Wiki

- Click any continent on the map
  - List of Countries (pop up menu)
  - Country will have research guide list and
  - Description of what information is available.
  - Tools available
  - Right side will contain list of topic and record types.
  - Not every Country have a lot of records available online

FamilySearch Example

- Germany - Württemberg Web Page "Native Language vs Translated"

- https://www.auswanderer-bw.de/sixcms/detail.php?template=a_artikel&id

GIS	GIS
Bitte beachten	Please note
Suche nach Auswanderern	search for emigrants
Geschichte der Datenbank	History of the database
Zugrundeliegende Quellen und Literatur	Underlying sources and literature
Auswertung der Datenbank	Evaluation of the database
Bedeutende Auswanderer	Important emigrants
Weiterführende Suche	Advanced search
Technologie	Technology
FAQ	FAQ

FamilySearch Example #2

- France – FranceGenWeb

  - http://www.francegenweb.org/indexall.php?dept=01

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Site régional
Site départemental
Site CousinsGenWeb
L'entraide
Les communes et cantons an VII-VIII
Bases locales gratuites
Les listes
Projets pédagogiques proposés par les AD

Base: Actes en Vrac
Base de l'entraide
Base: Cimetières
Base: Culte
Base: La Fayette
Base: Maires
Base: Mariages-Napoléon
Base: Migranet, mariages
Base: Migranet, origine
Base: Notaires
Base: Protestants
Base: 1914-1918

Base: Blasons

(quelques liens posent encore problème, particulièrement pour les dom-tom et la Corse)

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Regional website
Departmental site
Site CousinsGenWeb
mutual aid
Municipalities and cantons years VII-VIII
Free local databases
The lists
Educational projects proposed by the ADs

Basis: Acts in Bulk
Mutual aid basis
Base: Cemeteries
Basis: Worship
Base: Lafayette
Base: Mayors
Base: Marriages-Napoleon
Basis: Migranet, weddings
Base: Migranet, origine
Basis: Notaries
Base: Protestants
Base: 1914-1918

Basis: Blazons

(some links still pose problems, particularly for overseas territories and Corsica)

FamilySearch – Military Records

Military Records

Guide to locating military records for ancestry, family history, and genealogy research.

Contents [hide]

FamilySearch – Records

- Typical Search Features
  - First & Last Names
  - Place
  - Year (Birth or Death Year)

  - Advanced Options ->

Add Life Event

ANY   BIRTH   MARRIAGE   RESIDENCE   DEATH

Place   Year (Range)   ✕

[City, County, State, Province, or]   [From]   [To]

Add Family Member

SPOUSE   FATHER   MOTHER   OTHER PERSON

Add Record Options

LOCATION   TYPE   BATCH NUMBER   IMAGE GROUP NUMBER (DGS) OR FILM NUMBER

Country or Location   State or Province   ✕

[   ]   [   ]

Source: FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch – Records (Continued)

- Add Record Options
  - Type->

Add Record Options

LOCATION   TYPE   BATCH NUMBER   IMAGE GROUP NUMBER (DGS) OR FILM NUMBER

Record Type   ✕

☐ Birth, Baptism, and Christening

☐ Marriage

☐ Death

☐ Census, Residence, and Lists

☐ Immigration and Naturalization

☑ Military

☐ Probate

☐ Other

FamilySearch – Images

Explore Historical Images

Search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents, with over **4,879,202,605 images** and counting.
View the most recently added images.

Place

Show More Search Options

Search Image Groups

Why can't I search names?

Source: FamilyTree.org

FamilySearch – Trees

https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/name

Source: FamilyTree.org

FamilySearch – Genealogies

- Explore one of our collections
  - Search for a specific tree
  - Community Trees
  - Oral Genealogies
  - Computer Generated Trees
  - Guild for One Name Studies
  - Partner Trees
    - MyTrees.com
    - Rootsfinder
    - American Ancestors

Source: FamilyTree.org

FamilySearch – Genealogies (continued)

- Explore one of our collections
  - Pedigree Resource File
  - Ancestral File
  - International Genealogical Index (IGI)

- How is FamilySearch Genealogies different from FamilySearch Family Tree?
  - Genealogies is a database of tens of thousands of personal family trees, lineages, and other histories. The FamilySearch Family Tree, by comparison, is a single tree or lineage for the entire human family.

Source: FamilyTree.org

FamilySearch – Catalog

Explore FamilySearch Catalog of Resources — FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Search by:

Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place

Search for:

Call Number | Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

Availability

◉ Any

◯ Online

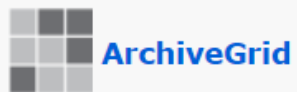◯ Family History Center

Search   Reset

FamilySearch – Catalog (continued)

Other Catalogs to Consider:

OCLC WorldCat

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.

ArchiveGrid

ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

OCLC WorldCat

[WorldCat.org: The World's Largest Library Catalog](WorldCat.org)

What you might find!
You can search for popular books, music CDs and videos—all of the physical items you're used to getting from libraries. You can also discover many new kinds of digital content, such as downloadable audiobooks. You may also find article citations with links to their full text; authoritative research materials, such as documents and photos of local or historic significance; and digital versions of rare items that aren't available to the public. Because WorldCat libraries serve diverse communities in dozens of countries, resources are available in many languages.

ArchiveGrid
[ArchiveGrid (oclc.org)](oclc.org)

Digital Content
Some collection descriptions include links to images, sound recordings, or other online materials. You can narrow your search results to those that have links to digital content by adding " has_links:1" to your search.

For example: 1918 influenza has_links:1

FamilySearch – Books

FamilySearch – Books (continued)

FamilySearch – Books (continued)

Language ^

Owning Institution ^

Access Level ^

☑ Public

TITLE NO
1653055

CREATOR
Daughters of the American Revolution

EXTENT
135 volumes

LANGUAGE
English

ACCESS LEVEL
Public

PAGE COUNT
61

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..., 1912. Presented by Mary Wolcott Green. The following 112 volumes of the Vital **Records** of Massachusetts...

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Summary

- FamilySearch.org has a rich variety of search options

- Military Records can be found under various menus

- Wiki articles covers the entire world

- Not all Countries may have records

- Use the Wiki to narrow your search criteria

- Use the Translate Feature in your Browser for non-English web sites

- Let Google assist your research to FamilySearch Wiki lists.