



Colonial Period	1606 to 1763
War of 1812	1812 to 1815
Indian Wars	1815 to 1858
Mexican War	1846 to 1848
Spanish American War	1898
Philippine Insurrection	1899 to 1902

1. What was his name? _____
2. When did he serve? _____
3. What unit did he serve in? _____
4. What other information do I have? _____

Key resources to get started:

Familysearch WIKI – GO TO https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page



Enter the name in quotes and genealogy and then search Example: “name” genealogy

GO TO: google.com

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To get the Service Record from the National Archives for a soldier, you need to know:

NAME _____

STATE WHERE HE ENLISTED _____

UNIT OR REGIMENT _____

If you have this information go to step

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 Or continue to search.

1. Check ancestry.com <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=39>
This is a subscription site.
2. To find state and local military records that have been filmed, check the Family History Library Catalog – use PLACE search by state and then MILITARY RECORDS



3. Check Service Records Indexes in the Mesa Regional Family History Center “US MILITARY RECORDS HELP GUIDE”
4. COLONIAL WARS - Check *The General Society of Colonial Wars*
www.gscw.org
5. WAR of 1812 - Check *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served during the War of 1812*. FHL films 882519–882752

2 Check for PENSION RECORDS

1. Check for Pension Index by Virgil White, call numbers 973 M22___ on west wall reference area
2. WAR of 1812 - Check *Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files*. FHL films 840431–840500 and 847501–847532). Check *War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815–1858* FHL films 983163–983177.
3. INDIAN WARS - Check the *Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892–1926*. FHL films 821610–821621)
4. MEXICAN WAR - Check *Selected Pension Application Files for Members of the Mormon Battalion, Mexican War, 1846–48* FHL# 480129–480149. Check *Mexican War Index to Pension Files, 1887–1926* FHL films 537000–537013.
5. Check for Pension Records at he ancestry.com
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=39>
This is a subscription Site
6. Check Fold3.com (subscription site, free at MRFHC) <http://www.fold3.com/>
7. Check Heritage Quest.com (subscription site, free at MRFHC)
<http://www.heritagequestonline.com/>
8. Now order Service Records and/or Pension Records from the National Archives
<https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/start.swe?SWECmd=Start>

3 Check for CEMETERY RECORDS

- The National Cemetery System has a card index that identifies nearly all soldiers who were buried in national cemeteries from 1861 to the present. <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

4 Check Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites <http://www.cyndislist.com/cw.htm>

5 Check links at Mesa Regional Family History Center http://mesarfhc.org/slc_favorites/topics_military_records.html

6 Make a plan - What are my next steps?