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Finding Your Revolutionary War Patriots

Did you know that through the Carlsbad City Library you have access to thousands of genealogy resources relevant to researching your patriot ancestors? Today we'll cover how to access the many print and electronic sources available through the Library and practice using some additional online resources that may help you find and document the service of your Revolutionary War patriots!

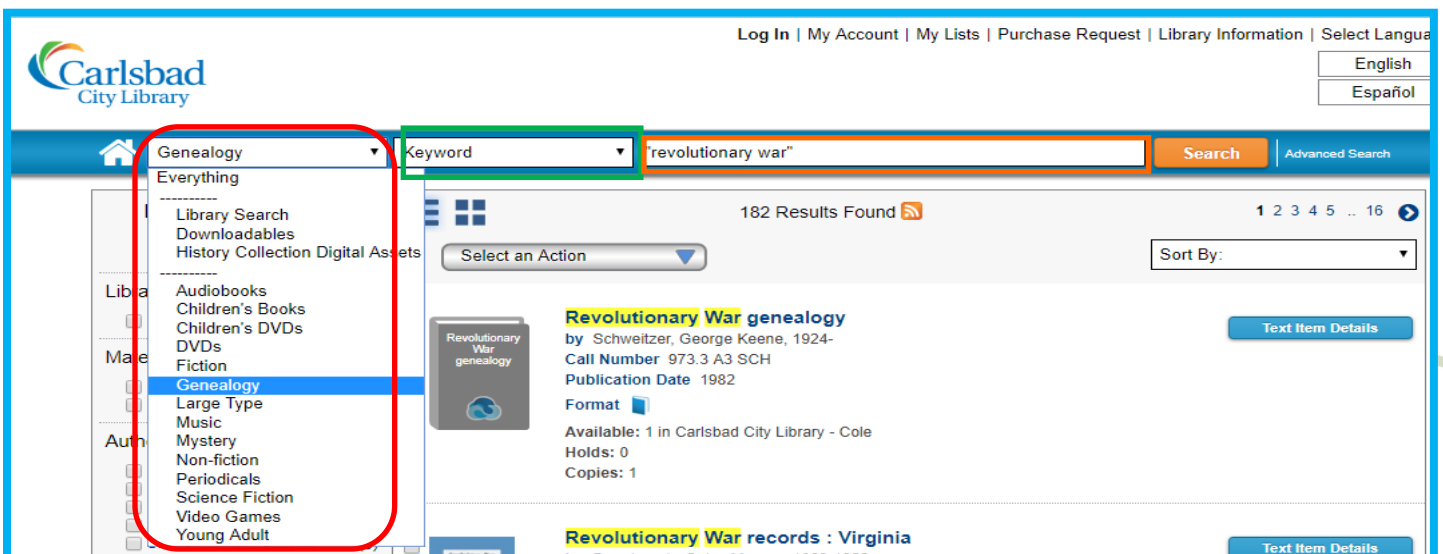
Books in the Genealogy Collection at the Georgina Cole Library

When *browsing* the shelves for books specific to the Revolutionary War, look for the following call numbers:

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|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 973.33 | (Operations) | 973.35 | (Naval history) |
| 973.34 | (General military history) | 973.36 | (Celebrations, commemorations) |

Additionally, books with the record type **M2** are military records and **M24** are military pension records. These books are cataloged to sit on the shelf alongside other books in the state or county to which they pertain. For example, 975.2 M2 are military records related to Maryland.

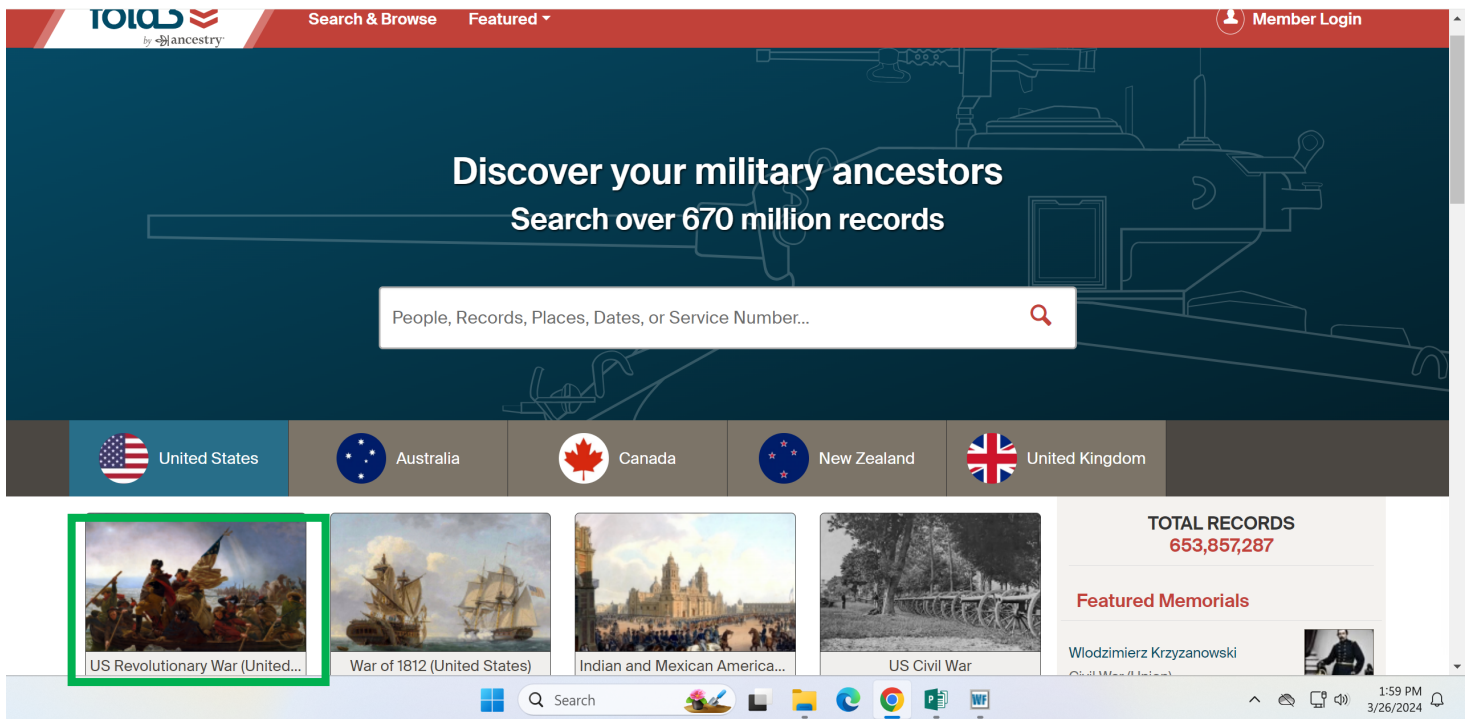
Information about all the books in the genealogy collection at Cole Library is also available through the *online catalog* on the library's webpage (library.carlsbadca.gov). To keep your results specific to our genealogical materials, choose **Genealogy** on the first dropdown menu. Searching by **Keyword**, put your **search** in the third box. To get more specific results, put your search in quotes. Try searching "revolutionary war" or "daughters of the American revolution" or patriot. You can also search record types, such as "M2" or a county's call number, such as "977.1794" (use quotes around record types or call numbers for best results). You can also combine search terms in the search box such as "M2" Maryland to find military records for MD.



The screenshot shows the Carlsbad City Library website's search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Log In | My Account | My Lists | Purchase Request | Library Information | Select Language. The language is set to English. The search bar has a dropdown menu set to 'Genealogy' and a search box containing 'revolutionary war'. Below the search bar, it shows '182 Results Found'. A sample result is displayed for 'Revolutionary War genealogy' by Schweitzer, George Keene, 1924-. The result includes the call number 973.3 A3 SCH, publication date 1982, and format information. A red box highlights the 'Genealogy' dropdown menu, and a green box highlights the search box.

Fold3

Fold 3 features a vast array of military records. On the homepage, navigate to the **Revolutionary War** tab. From there, you can **search all** Revolutionary War records by name or keyword. You can also **browse all military records**.



1. Click US Revolutionary War box on top left.
2. Then either put in a name.
3. Or select publication.

By selecting publication you will see all of the various databases available to search. You will notice that there are 32 Million records.

- Constitutional Convention Records
- Navy and Marine Corps Officers, 1775-1900
- Revolutionary War Service and Imprisonment Cards
- Continental Congress - Misc.
- Navy Casualty Reports, 1776-1941
- Revolutionary War Service Records
- Continental Congress - Papers
- Numbered Record Books
- Revolutionary War Service Records - Navy
- Final Payment Vouchers - Delaware
- Pennsylvania Archives
- Revolutionary War Service Records - Navy
- Final Payment Vouchers - Georgia
- Revolutionary War Manuscript File
- Service Records of Volunteers, 1784-1811
- Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864
- Revolutionary War Milestone Documents
- Virginia Half Pay Pension Application Files
- Foreign Letters of the Continental Congress
- Revolutionary War Pensions
- The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC)
- George Washington Correspondence
- Revolutionary War Prize Cases - Captured Vessels
- Revolutionary War Rolls

Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry is home to a number of Revolutionary War records easily accessible and quickly narrowed through the **Card Catalog**. Once there, search by **title** or **keyword** to find available record collections, which you can then search/browse individually.

Home Search Message

ancestryLibrary Home **Search** Message Boards Learning Center Charts and Forms New Collections

Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Results 1-25 of 28

Title	Collection	Records	Activity
Alabama, Revolutionary War Residents, 1776-1783	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	842	
New York, Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789	Military	4,761	
North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843	Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal	6,181	
Pennsylvania, Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783	Military	46,763	
Maine, Revolutionary War Land Grants, 1776-1780	Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal	2,112	

Title
Revolutionary War

Keyword(s)

Search or Clear All

Filter By Collection

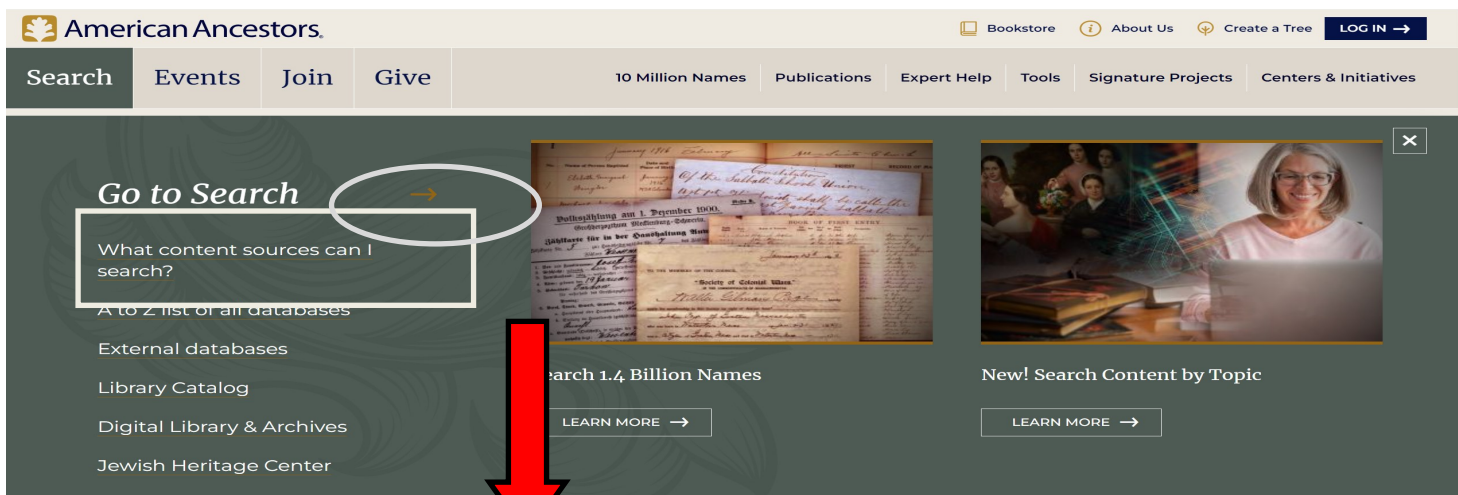
- Census & Voter Lists 1
- Birth, Marriage & Death 1
- Military 26
- Stories, Memories & Histories 4
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories 1
- Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal 5

A select list of relevant collections available in Ancestry Library Edition:

- Alabama, Revolutionary War Residents, 1776-1783
- New York, Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789
- North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843
- Pennsylvania, Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783
- Maine, Revolutionary War Land Grants, 1776-1780
- U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900
- U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775-1783
- U.S. Revolutionary War Miscellaneous Records
- (Manuscript File), 1775-1790s
- U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801-1815, 1818-1872
- Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War
- Revolutionary War Pensioner Census, 1841
- Vermont Men in the Revolutionary War
- Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War
- Land Grants to Georgia Revolutionary War Veterans
- Revolutionary War Heroes
- U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783
- Revolutionary War Pension Index
- Illinois, Revolutionary War
- Veteran Burials Index, 1775-1850
- Maine, Revolutionary War Bounty Applications, 1835-1836
- American Revolutionary War Rejected Pensions
- Maryland Revolutionary War Records
- Alabama Revolutionary War Soldiers
- Connecticut Revolutionary War Military Lists, 1775-83
- North Carolina, Revolutionary War Soldiers, 1776-1783
- Pennsylvania, Women in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
- Virginia, Soldiers of 1776
- Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War
- Revolutionary War Courts-Martial, 1775-1783

American Ancestors

To narrow your research to Revolutionary War records on American Ancestors, conduct an **advanced search** and change the **Category** to **Military Records**. You can also narrow your search to specific **databases**.



Search All Databases

Name Exact Search Soundex

First and/or Middle and/or [Maiden] names Last Name

Years From To **Record Type** -All-

Location Exact Location e.g. Boston, Massachusetts **Keywords**

Database Type All databases Favorites Free With images

Category Military Records

Database -All-

Family Members (Father/Mother/Spouse) Any First and Middle Names

[+ Add family members +](#)

[Reset Search](#) By default

Comment or Question
Write a comment

Help

- [Tips on how to search](#)
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Search by category

- [Atlases, Maps and Reference Materials](#)
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- [Genealogies, Biographies, Heraldry, and Histories](#)
- [Immigration Records](#)
- [Journals and Periodicals](#)
- [Military Records](#)
- [Records \(incl. Bible, Cemetery, Church SSDI\)](#)
- [Great Migration Study Project](#)

A select list of relevant collections available in American Ancestors:

- Index of Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1800-1900
- Massachusetts: Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists, 1765-1790
- Massachusetts: List of Pensioners
- Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1799-1807
- Massachusetts: Revolutionary War Pensioners' Receipts, 1827-1836
- Newport, RI: Members of the Artillery Company of Newport, 1741-1854
- Weymouth, MA: Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783

Heritage Quest

Did you know that Heritage Quest maintains a collection of **pension and bounty-land warrant applications**, accessible right from the **homepage**?

HeritageQuest

HeritageQuest Online

Discover your family history today

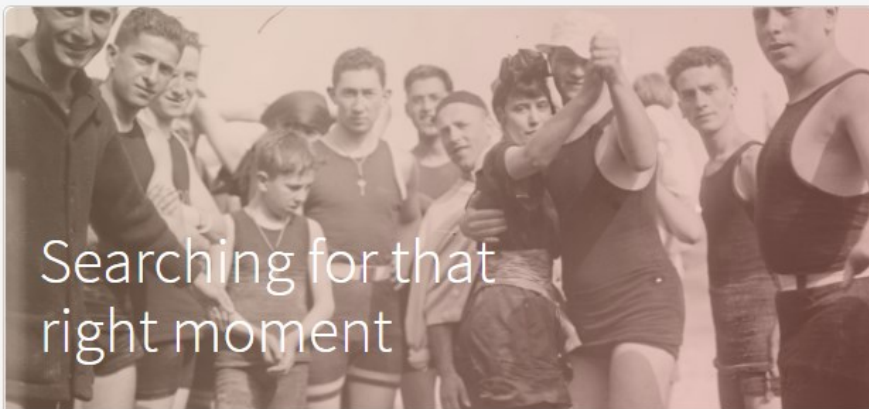
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Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library

City Directories
Census Map Guide
U.S. Indian Census Rolls

Mortality Schedules
Agricultural and Industrial Schedules
U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875



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1840 1830 1820 1810 1800
1790

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1871 1861

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SEARCH BOOKS



Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

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SEARCH REVOLUTIONARY WAR



Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant Application Files.

[Search Now](#)

SEARCH CANADA CENSUS



Find ancestors in this set of Canada Census Images from 1825-1921

[Search Now](#)

Newspapers.com Library Edition

Narrow by date, try your ancestor's surname or such terms as: America, revolution, regiment, battalion, company, privateer, officer, troop, independence and war.

The screenshot shows the Newspapers.com interface. At the top, there are navigation links: ARCHIVE HOME, SEARCH, BROWSE, PAPERS, CLIPPINGS, and a Sign-in button. Below this is a header for 'Welcome, CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY'. The search results show '35 matches' for the query '1765 - 1783' and 'revolutionary war'. A red box highlights the search filters. Below the search bar, there are options to narrow by date (1746 to 2019) and by location (US, World). A map of the United States is shown with Pennsylvania and Maryland highlighted. The search results list several newspaper clippings, including 'Circular letter from General George Washington at the conclusion of the American Revolutionary War' from The Derby Mercury, '1776 article honoring fallen Col. Phillip Johnston of NJ in Revolutionary War' from The Pennsylvania Packet, and 'Revolutionary War 26Jun1777 - "G.Washington Hate Mail"' from The Maryland Gazette.

Archives Unbound

Archives Unbound presents topically-focused digital collections of historical documents. Try searching "revolutionary war" in the **Advanced Search** menu:

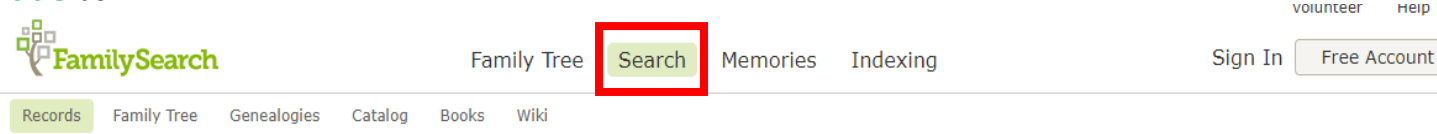
The screenshot shows the Archives Unbound website. The header includes the GALE CENGAGE Learning logo and navigation links: CHANGE DATABASES, HELP, CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, ADVANCED SEARCH, RETURN TO LIBRARY, PREFERENCES, and LOGOUT. The main navigation bar has HOME, ADVANCED SEARCH (highlighted in green), BROWSE COLLECTIONS, and SEARCH HISTORY. The Advanced Search section is titled 'Advanced Search' and includes the instruction: 'Enter search term(s) and select index type. Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)'. There is a 'Fuzzy Search' checkbox. The search term 'revolutionary war' is entered in the first search box. Below this are three rows of search criteria: 'And' with a dropdown menu, a search box, and a dropdown menu for index type (Full Text, Keyword, Document title) and a dropdown menu for fuzzy search (None). There are 'SEARCH' and 'CLEAR' buttons. Below the search section is a 'Limit your search (Optional):' section with a 'Collection / Category:' label and radio buttons for 'Collection', 'Category', and 'Select'. The 'Select' option is chosen, and a dropdown menu shows 'No Title(s) selected'.

FamilySearch.org

There are two quick methods to focus your research to Revolutionary War on FamilySearch.org:

Search by Collection

Click **Search** in the top menu bar, then click **Records**. and then enter Revolutionary War in the **collection title** box.



Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Restrict records by:

[Location](#) | [Type](#) | [Batch Number](#) | [Film Number](#)

Country

State or Province

Match all terms exactly

Search

Reset

Research By Location

Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.



Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.

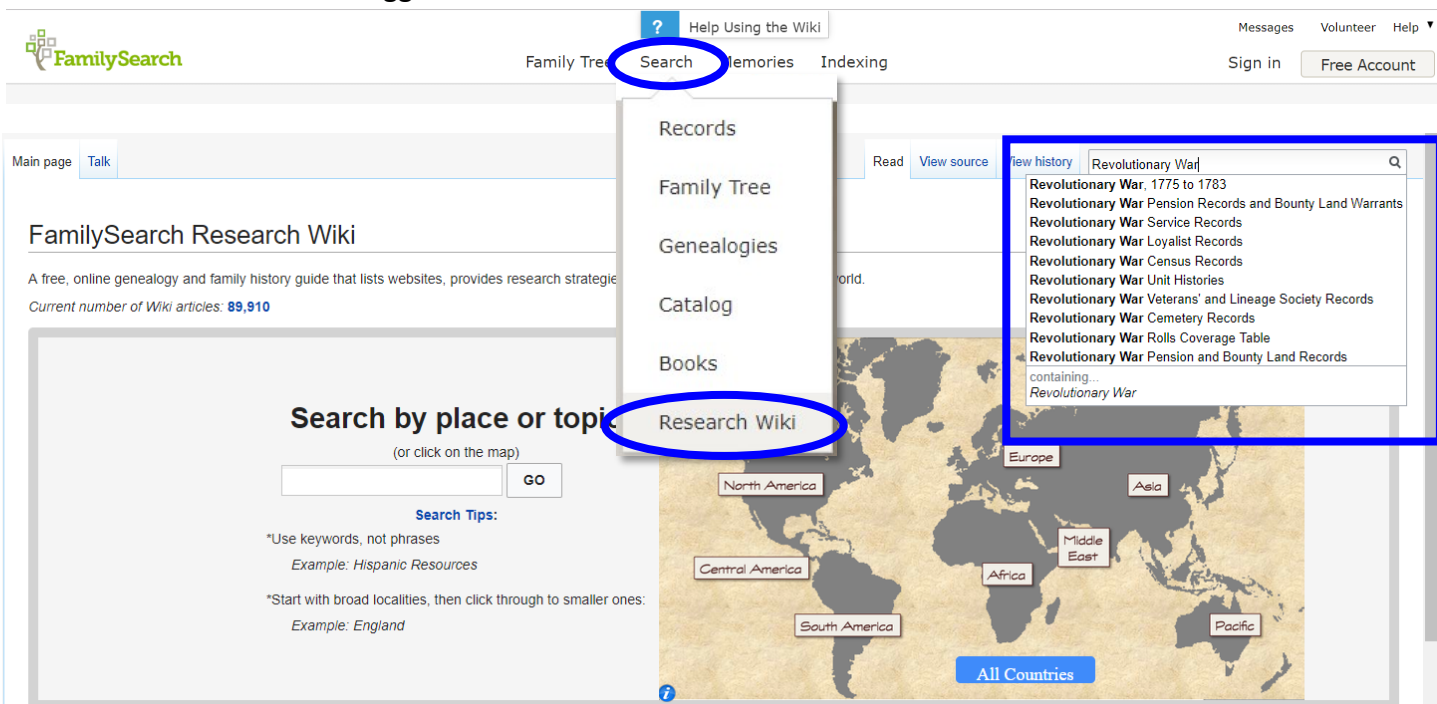
Collection Title

Revolutionary War

- [Maine Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1835-1838](#)
- [Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1805-1845](#)
- [Massachusetts, Revolutionary War, Index Cards to Muster Rolls, 1775-1783](#)
- [New Hampshire Revolutionary War Records, 1675-1835](#)
- [United States Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783](#)
- [United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers, 1818-1872](#)
- [United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant](#)

Use the Research Wiki

Hover over the **Search** menu and choose **Research Wiki**. Type Revolutionary War in the **Find Search Tips** box and watch for a list of suggested articles!





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Genealogy

Genealogy is by far one of the most popular hobbies in the United States. Expertise and skill levels vary considerably from novice to professional genealogy gurus. Joining the DAR does not require an interest in genealogy, but it helps to have some knowledge of one's ancestry. At the very least, you will need to gather documents for yourself, your parents, grandparents and possibly great-grandparents. With some 3,000 chapters nationally and internationally, DAR has teams of volunteers who can assist you if you need help with your research. Feel free to [contact a chapter](#) in your area to get started.

This section will help guide you through the beginning stages of your research. In addition to getting you started in gathering your documents and your initial research, these pages will help you find a DAR chapter near you and provide an overview of our online genealogical resources.

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Ancestor Search

* You must enter a value in at least one of the marked fields.

Ancestor Last Name: *
 Ancestor First Name: *
 State of Service: ⓘ
 Ancestor Number: *
 State of Birth: ⓘ Year:
 State of Death: ⓘ Year:

Search Options

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The DAR website is very helpful. <https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy>

You can see what they already have for your ancestor once you have found the important information. Then check to see if they have qualified for Patriot Status.

SWEARINGEN, VAN Ancestor #: A111742

Service: VIRGINIA Rank(s): COUNTY LIEUTENANT
 Birth: 5-22-1719 SOMERSET CO MARYLAND
 Death: 4-20-1788 BERKELEY CO VIRGINIA
 Service Description: 1) CTYLT WITH RANK OF COLONEL

SWEARINGEN, VAN Ancestor #: A200762

Service: PENNSYLVANIA Rank(s): CIVIL SERVICE, PATRIOTIC SERVICE, CAPTAIN
 Birth: CIRCA 1742
 Death: 12-2-1793 WELLSBURG-BUR OHIO CO VIRGINIA
 Pension Number: *W5415
 Service Source:
 *W5415; PA HIST & MUS COMM, RG 4.61, ROLL #340; PA ARCH, COL RECS, VOL 13, PP 134-135, 443, 740; VOL 14, P 371; PA ARCH, 2ND SER, VOL 14, P 675; VOL 15, P 554; 5TH SER, VOL 3, P 312; 6TH SER, VOL 2, P 275
 Service Description:
 1) COLS MACKAY, DANIEL BROADHEAD, JOHN CARNAHAN, MORGAN;
 2) SHERIFF, 1781-1783; PRISONER OF WAR; FURNISHED SUPPLIES, 1782; SUFFERED DEPREDATION, 1783