

# Revolutionary War Records

The "Revolutionary War Records" binder is located on the bookshelves against the wall in the Genealogy Room.

## Locating a Revolutionary War Military File:

1. Use microfilm **M860, General Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers**, to locate a soldier's regiment number or name, and state. The 58 rolls of the index are organized alphabetically by the soldiers' last names. The alphabetical range of each roll is marked on the outside of the box. These rolls are found in cabinets 7A – 9A.
2. Once you have located the soldier's name, write down the name or number of his regiment, as well as the state.
3. Next, find the black binder titled "Revolutionary War Records" located on the wooden bookshelves against the wall. Turn to the tabbed section labeled **M881, Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War**. Find the state in which the soldier served and the name of the regiment. The number in parenthesis following the regiment name is the roll number for **M881**.
4. The soldiers are listed alphabetically under their state and regiment. You can expect to find:
  - \* Muster rolls
  - \* Payroll records
  - \* Lists of officers
  - \* Other military service records

## Other Sources of Information:

### **M804 Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files.**

In the "Revolutionary War Records" binder, locate the tab for **M804** and look at the alphabetical list of names on pages 27-80 to determine which roll to select.

**M859 Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File) From the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1790's.**

In order to determine if your ancestor has records in this series, you should consult the index **M847, Special Index to Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1783**. Locate the section tabbed **M847** in the "Revolutionary War Records" binder and look at the alphabetical breakdown of names on page 7 to determine which roll to select.

If you have located files on the index, **M847**, use the manuscript numbers given to find the records on **M859**. To do this, locate the tab for **M859** and turn to pages 29-30 for the roll list.

**M880 Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel and Members of the Departments of the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Military Stores Who Served During the Revolutionary War.**

If your ancestor was in the Navy during the Revolutionary War you may want to consult **M879, Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel During the Revolutionary War**. Names are listed alphabetically on this single roll of film.

Once you have written down the information from the index card, you are ready to use **M880**. Turn to the tabbed section for **M880** and look at the list on page 7 to determine which roll to select.

**T823 The Negro in the Military Service of the United States, 1639-1886.** For a roll list, please refer to the Descriptive Pamphlet for this series located under tab **T823** in the "Revolutionary War Records" binder.