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Pension Records for Service in the United States Navy, 1776–1910

Pension applications and records of pension payments for veterans, their widows, and heirs are based on service in the armed forces of the United States. These files can contain supporting documents such as narratives of events during service, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, family letters, statements from witnesses, and affidavits.

Indexes

Revolutionary War Service, 1776–1783

___ *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications*. Hoyt, Max Ellsworth, and Metcalf, Frank Johnson, and others. Washington, DC: National Genealogical Society, 1966. Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Between the Revolutionary War and the Beginning of the Civil War, 1783–1861

___ T316, *Old War Index to Pension Files, 1815–1926*. 7 rolls. Arranged alphabetically by the claimant's surname. This series indexes claims based on disability or death for primarily regular army, navy, and marine corps service. The cards show the name of veteran; the name and type of dependent, if any; unit; application numbers, certificate numbers and in some cases file numbers; and the state from which the claim was made.

Civil War and Later, 1861–1910

___ *Index to Navy Pension Files, 1861–1910*. Arranged by sailor's surname.

___ T288, *General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934*. 544 rolls. Arranged alphabetically by surname.

___ M1391, *Lists of Navy Veterans for Whom There are Navy Widows' and Other Dependents' Disapproved Pension Files ("Navy Widows' Originals"), 1861–1910*. DP. 15 cards on microfiche. Arranged alphabetically by sailor's surname.

Records

A veteran's pension file can include his rank, place of residence, age or date of birth, and time of service. A widow's application can also include her place of residence, her maiden name, the date and place of marriage, the date and place of her husband's death, and the names of children under 16. A child's or heir's file contains information about both the veteran and the widow, as well as the child's place of residence, date of birth, and the date and place of the widow's death.

Revolutionary War Service, 1776–1783

___ M804, *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*. 2,670 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the claimant's surname.

For more information, see the following reference report: *Navy Pension Fund Lists, 1802–1836*.

Between the Revolutionary War and the Beginning of the Civil War, 1783–1861

Pensions are held by the National Archives in Washington, DC. They can be viewed on-site, or copies can be ordered at www.archives.gov using Order Online.

Civil War and Later, 1861–1910

___M1274, *Case Files of Disapproved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (“Navy Widows’ Originals”), 1861–1910*. Approximately 8,500 cards of microfiche. DP. Arranged by pension application number.

___M1279, *Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (“Navy Widows’ Certificates”), 1861–1910*. Approximately 40,000 cards of microfiche. Arranged by pension certificate number.

___M1408, *Case files of Disapproved Pension Applications of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (“Navy Survivors’ Applications”), 1861–1910*. Approximately 13,560 cards of microfiche. Arranged by pension application number.

___M1469, *Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (“Navy Survivors’ Certificates”), 1861–1910*. Approximately 41,200 cards of microfiche. Arranged by pension certificate number.

Other Records

___M850, *Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907–1933*. 2,539 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by the soldier’s or widow’s surname. This series records payments to pensioners from 1907 to 1933, except for World War I veterans. Each card includes the pension certificate number.

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