

Military Records

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WWI: Because they cover nearly 98 percent of the male population between 18-45 years old, WWI draft cards represent a tremendous resource for genealogists. Digital images of WWI draft registration cards are online at Ancestry.com, Findmypast.com and the [free FamilySearch.org](http://freefamilysearch.org).

Start by entering your ancestor's name and likely residence at the time of registration.

Example: Henry Aloys Theising, Sr.: [free FamilySearch.org](http://freefamilysearch.org), Military

See also *Workbook Draft Records.pdf* (NOT researching Civil War as Grandfather was not born until 1892).

WWII: For the most part, WWII registrations of young men (born from February 1897 to July 1927) have not been publically released due to privacy concerns.

Example: James A. Montgomery, Sr.: [free FamilySearch.org](http://freefamilysearch.org), Military: can find.

James A. Montgomery, Jr.: can't find.

John Y. Montgomery.: can't find.

(Fire in St. Louis Records Center. See Military Records 1 and 2)

Can't Find Records? See *Other References:*

1. Devil Dogs of the Air and Land
2. WWII Battlefield Reports
3. Finding the Stories of the Fallen in World War II
4. World War II Research Guide - Ancestry
5. WWII Military Service Records

Three New Ways:

http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2017/05/23/ThreeNewWaysToLearnAboutYourAncestorsMilitaryService.aspx?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=sft-dha-nl-170525&utm_content=946103EDT_FTM170525&utm_medium=email

References:

BirthYearsofVeterans.pdf

DevilDogsoftheAirandLand.pdf

ExpandingWWIIMilitaryService.pdf

FindingtheStoriesoftheFalleninWWII.pdf

HATheisingSrDraft.pdf

MilitaryRecords1.docx

MilitaryRecords2.docx

MilitaryRecordsOverview.docx (this document)

ReconstructingWWIIServiceRecords.pdf

WorkbookDraftRecords.pdf

WorldWarIIfromtheBattlefield.pdf

WWIIResearchGuide.pdf