

Military Records

<p><u>Revolutionary War</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index-Registration of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's Graves – Not Dated -Department of Military Affairs • List of Veterans Buried in KY-Not Dated – Statewide-DAR <p><u>War of 1812</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index- Registration of Veteran's Graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs <p><u>Mexican American War</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index- Registration of Veteran's Graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs <p><u>French and Indian War</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index- Registration of Veteran's Graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs <p><u>Civil War – Confederate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index- Registration of Veteran's Graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Index- Compiled service records – 1861-1865- Statewide • Casualty Lists • Registers of Soldiers, Sailors, and Citizens who died in Federal Prisons and Hospitals • General Registers – 1860-1865 • General Registers and Rolls of deserters – Louisville Military Prison – 1863-1868 • General Registers – McClean Barracks Military Prison, Cincinnati – 1863-1865 • Administration records – Misc. – McClean Barracks Military Prison, Cincinnati – 1863-1865 • General Register – Civilian – Louisville Military Prison – 1863-1865 • Hospital Registers- 1863-1865 • Register of Prisoners- Civilian – McClean Barracks Military Prison- 1863-1865 • Amnesty Applications – 1865-1867 <p><u>Civil War - Union</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky – Index – 1861-1866 • Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky – 1861-1866 • Compiled Service Records – Index- 1861-1865 • Compiled Service Records – 1861-1865 • Miscellaneous Card Abstracts – 1861-1865 • Miscellaneous Bond Books – 6th Infantry – Not Dated • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Registration of Veteran's Graves – Index -Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Personal Papers – 1 	<p><u>Spanish-American War (War with Spain)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of Veteran's Graves – Index -Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Warren County Records- 1898-1899 • Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky – Index – 1898-1899 • Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky – 1898-1899 <p><u>Mexican Punitive Expedition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Records – Headquarters, Medical, quartermaster corps, other support units, Personnel – 1916-1917 <p><u>World War I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of Veteran's Graves – Index -Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Council of Defense – History of County in WWI – 1917-1919 – Edmonson, Monroe, Nelson, Bracken, Breathitt, Crittenden, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas, Robertson, and Warren • Kentucky in the World War – 1917-1919 – Volume 1-20 – Statewide • Record of Service Cards – WWI – Army, Navy, USMC – 1917-1918 • Draft registration – WWI – 1917-1918 – Covington, Lexington, Louisville, Newport • Draft registration- WWI – Prisoners, Native Americans, Late Registrants, Insane, Hospital • Death Certificates – 1918 – Kentucky soldiers who died outside Kentucky – Statewide <p><u>World War II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Veteran's graves – Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Registration of Veteran's Graves – Index -Not Dated – Department of Military Affairs • Honor list of dead and missing – WWII – 1945 <p><u>Militia Records</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pendleton, Woodford, Clay, Butler, Marshall, Mercer, Russell, Franklin, Todd, Taylor, Muhlenberg, Breathitt, Lewis, Powell, Livingston, Hickman, Robertson, Logan, Lyon, Edmonson, Webster • Military Personal records – Militia and KNG – 1875-1940-Statewide <p><u>Miscellaneous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breathitt- Council of Defense – Miscellaneous records – Not Dated • Military Discharges – Campbell & Carter • Military Pension abstracts – DAR- Statewide – Not dated • Military Records – units raised between the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812 – Statewide – not dated • Muster Rolls and Payrolls – 1791-1797 • NARA – Orders – General Wilkinson – 1796-1808- Statewide • Military Pensions-Census-1840-1840 – Statewide • Clinton – Power of Attorney Books – 1873-2017 • List of Draft Evaders – 1921-1923
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Kentucky has a very rich military history. The Kentucky National Guard, like other states' National Guards, has been known under various names such as state militia or state guard. It has the distinction of being one of the oldest military forces in the United States. Its history dates back to 1775 when Kentucky was known as Fincastle County, a part of western Virginia. During the Revolutionary War few British troops came into Kentucky. But the young Militia faced a far more formidable, dangerous force than the British in that Indians working as mercenaries were paid by the British for the number of Kentucky scalps collected. During the War of 1812, Kentucky supplied numerous troops and supplies to the war effort. Because Kentucky did not have to commit manpower to defend fortifications, most Kentucky troops campaigned actively against the enemy. This led to Kentucky seeing more battle casualties than all other states combined. Kentucky was a southern border state of key importance in the American Civil War. It officially declared its neutrality at the beginning of the war, but after a failed attempt by Confederate General Leonidas Polk to take the state of Kentucky for the Confederacy, the legislature petitioned the Union Army for assistance. Records of the United States War Department best show Kentucky's participation in World War I. A total of 84,172 persons from Kentucky served in the United States Army. About 307,000 Kentuckians served in the military during World War II. An estimated 8,000 died in combat and 14,000 were wounded according to the Kentucky Historical Society.

Access

They are kept on microfilm and available for use in the KDLA Research Room. For remote access, or to place an order for records from this collection refer to our website at kdla.ky.gov.

Other Sources

Consider any of the following institutions for more information when researching Military Records in Kentucky.

- **Kentucky Historical Society:** resources include printed biographies and family histories, access to unique genealogical materials including Bible records, surname collections, and cemetery and church records. This includes the Frankfort Military Museum. *Contact:* (502) 564-1792 <https://history.ky.gov/>
- **Military Records and Research Branch** at 1700 Louisville Road, Building 317, Frankfort, KY 40601 *Contact:* 502-607-6041 | FAX 502-607-6040 Researchers documenting Kentucky's military past or that of their own family will benefit from the collection of the Military Records and Research Branch, Kentucky Department of Military Affairs. The collection is available for use by appointment only.
- **National Archives and Records Administration:** Complied service records and pension applications for veterans of all wars from 1776-1900 are located in the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408. <https://www.archives.gov/> 1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272
- **National Personnel Records Center.** Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive. St. Louis, Mo 63138. 314-801-0800. Information for veterans who served in any conflict between World War I and the Vietnam era.
- **Regional Historical and Genealogical Groups:** valuable organizations for their familiarity with local history. Can find collections or records of local families, churches, or other institutions that can facilitate the discovery of genealogical information.