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 cars are online at Ancestry.com, Findmypast.com, and the free FamilySearch.org. Check Handout *3-Birth Years*.

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

*Example*: review Handout *7-Henry Aloys Theising, Sr, Draft*: free FamilySearch.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 publicly released due to privacy concerns.

*Example*: James A. Montgomery, Sr.: free on FamilySearch.org, Military: can find.

James A. Montgomery, Jr.: can’t find; John Y. Montgomery: can't find.

(Fire in St. Louis Records Center. See Handout Military Records-Ask Ancestry Anne 1 and Handout Military Records 2-Ancestry, Fold3, and Why Can’t Find Your Soldier)

**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

References: several *Handouts*, remaining posted on Kolping Genealogy website

3. BirthYearsofVeterans.pdf *Handout*

4. DevilDogsoftheAirandLand.pdf

5. ExpandingWWIIMilitaryService.pdf

6. FindingtheStoriesoftheFalleninWWII.pdf

7. HATheisingSrDraft.pdf *Handout*

8. MilitaryRecords1-AskAncestryAnne.pdf.  *Handout*

9. MilitaryRecords2-AncestryFold3WhyCan'tFindYourSoldier. *Handout*

10. ReconstructingWWIIServiceRecords.pdf

11. WorkbookDraftRecords.pdf

12. WorldWarIIfromtheBattlefield.pdf

13. WWIIResearchGuide.pdf

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