



Revolutionary War

1775–1783

1. What was his name? _____
2. When did he serve? _____
3. What colony did he serve from? _____
4. What other information do I have? _____

Key resources to get started:

Familysearch WIKI – GO TO https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page



Enter the name in quotes and genealogy and then search Example: “name” genealogy

GO TO: google.com



How do I know who served?

Family records, documents and stories

US Census – 1840 (Identifies pensioners)

To find state and local military records that have been filmed, check the Family Search Library Catalog – use PLACE search by state and then MILITARY RECORDS

Search the Internet (Lineage organizations, Unit websites, histories, etc). Use www.google.com or another good search engine.



Check for Service Records

Check Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4282>

Check Fold3.com

<http://www.fold3.com/>

Check the “Index of Service Records of Revolutionary Soldiers”. Family Search Library films 882,841 to 882,898.

If the person cannot be found, he may have been in the Colonial Militia. These records are kept in the state archives of the 13 original colonies' states and must be ordered from the appropriate state archives.

3 Next check for Pension Records and Bounty Land Warrants

Check Ancestry.com pension register

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4691>

Check Fold3.com <http://www.fold3.com/>

Check Heritage Quest.com <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/>

To find state and local military records that have been filmed, check the Family Search Library Catalog

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp

4 Now check Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

You can request a free look up of an ancestor on-line by completing the request at http://dar.org/natsociety/pi_lookup.cfm

If your ancestor is found, they will notify you of cost to copy information and lineage papers (descendents pedigree). The search may take up to 3 months.

5 To check for “Loyalists”

Check Ancestry.com <http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6134>

Check Family Search Library Catalog – Do keyword search for LOYALIST

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=keywordsearch&columns=*,0,0

7 Check links at Mesa Family Search Library

http://mesafhc.org/slc_favorites/topics_military_records.html

8 Make a plan - What are my next steps?