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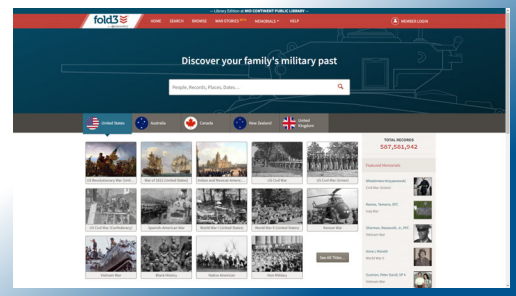
Using Fold3



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What is Fold3 Library Edition?

A comprehensive database of military records – documents, photos, stories, etc. – of individuals who served in the military.

The name "Fold3" refers to the traditional flag folding ceremony that is often a part of military funerals. The third fold is to honor and remember the veteran.

Fold3 records include…

- US Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Mexican-American and early Indian Wars
- US Civil War
- Spanish-American War
- World Wars I & II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Recent Wars

- Records from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK
- Non-Military Records

Homepage Search Options

Name vs. War/Category Search

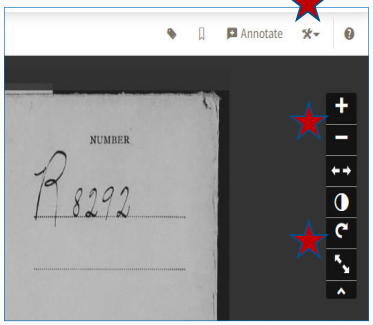
	(1) NAME*	(2) REV. WAR
Total Records	> 587 million	>31 million
Search Results	Keyword: > 45 thousand Name: 186 Place: n/a	62
"Our" Adam Poe	Results #4, 26, …	Result #1

- Homepage (Name) Search field options = keyword, name, and place.
- Note the result counts above!

Using Filters

- Use filters (left side of screen) to fine-tune your results.
  - Conflict/War
  - Title Collection
  - Place
    - Country or US State
  - Publication - Name, Type
  - Record Type
  - Content Provider
  - Branch (of service)
- Number of records (right)

Reviewing a Result



- ←Use "Crossed Tools" to print, download, etc.
- ←Use +/- to increase/decrease the image size
- ←Other tools adjust contrast, orientation, and screen view

Title Search Tips:

Record Count, Completion, & Sources

Source Information

"Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files" database with images Fold3 (https://www.fold3.com/publication/467/revolutionary-war-pensions: accessed July 28, 2022)

Publication Title	Revolutionary War Pensions
Total Records	10,237,533 · Complete: 99%
Content Source	NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Publication Number	M804
Record Group	15
Published on Fold3	14 May 2007
Last Updated	03 Jan 2008
Description	NARA M804. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

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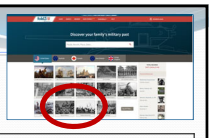
Special Collections



Black History Black History	Civil War Service Records (CMSR) of Colored Troops in the Union army, Court Slave Records for DC, South Carolina Estate Inventories and Bills of Sale 1730-1872.
Native American Native American	Dawes Enrollment Cards, Dawes Packets, Guion Miller Roll, Indian Census Rolls 1885 – 1940, War of 1812 service records for Chickasaw & Creek, and more!

Accessing Non-Military Records

— Library Edition at **MID CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY** —

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- City Directories
- Homestead Records
- Naturalizations 1700 – mid-1900s
- Passport Applications 1795 – 1905
- Social Security Death Index
- (Limited) Census Records
- (Limited) Vital Records

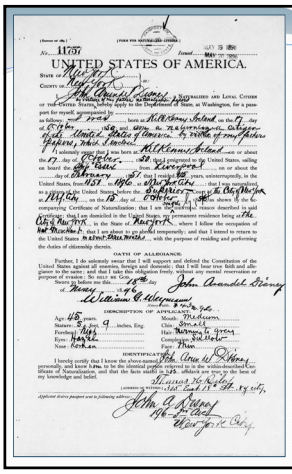
Non Military

Non-military Records:

City Directories

Joyce C. Hall and his Hall Bros paper craft business can be found in this 1915 Kansas City directory.

- Assorted city directories are available for 31 principal cities including:
  - Philadelphia (1785-1922)
  - New York (1786-1922)
  - Boston (1789-1926)
  - Chicago (1839-1923)
  - and both St. Louis (1863-1923) & Kansas City (1865-1923)



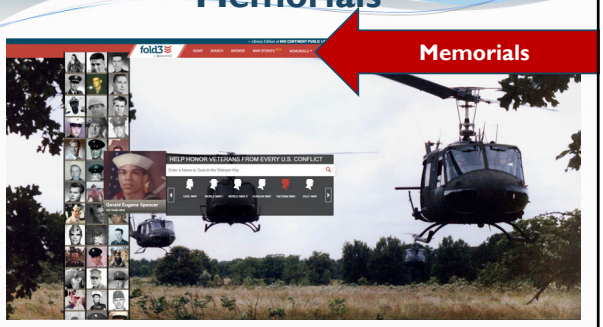
Non-military Records:

Passport Applications

1. Search (navigation bar)
2. Title Collection: select *Non-military*
3. Publication Name: select *Passport Applications (1795 – 1905)*
4. Enter John Ar*ndel Disney

War Stories

Memorials

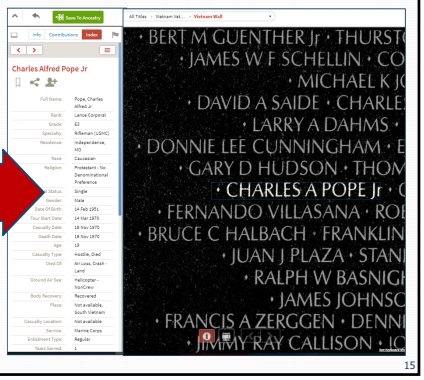


Fold3 memorials include the U.S. Honor Wall, the U.S. Vietnam Wall, the U.S.S. *Arizona* Memorial, and other individual veteran's memorials.

Searchable Memorials:

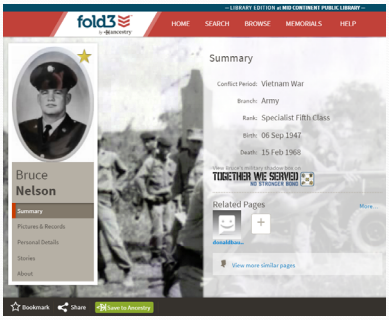
The Vietnam Wall

Memorials, like this one for Independence native, Charles A. Pope, Jr., can be a great source of biographical information for honored veterans.



Creating Your Own Memorial

Individuals can also create their own Memorial Page to commemorate and honor a soldier's service with stories, facts and photos of the veteran.



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Get Started → Online Learning

MGC Online Classes

- Beginning Ancestry Library Edition
- Beginning Genealogy
- Census Records Research
- Introduction to Internet Genealogy
- Tracing Immigrant Origins
- Using Fold3
- Using HeritageQuest
- Using ILL for Genealogy
- Weekly Website Wonders

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