

## New York in the Revolutionary War

At the outset, it should be noted that, inasmuch as the Military Museum's collection did not start until 1863, we do not have many primary source documents prior to that time period. With that in mind, researchers are invited to view the relevant documentation via the following link to the Museum's website:

<https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/unit-history/conflict/revolutionary-war-1775-1783>

The Museum also has an [online catalog](#).<sup>\*</sup> This will allow you to search our different databases.

Be further advised that, while there is limited information in the Museum as to individual soldiers, one of the main outside resources for such a search is [New York in the Revolution as colony and state](#), and its [Supplement](#)

Additionally, Ancestry.com has some related resources:  
New York, U.S., Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789  
New York, Genealogical Records, 1675-1920  
New York, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999

Please note that New York State residents have [free access to parts of Ancestry.com](#).

In addition to Ancestry.com, there is a related site: [Fold3](#), which is a genealogy website that specializes in military records. If you have an All Access membership to ancestry you also will get membership to Fold3.

### **Other places that may have information:**

#### [The Army Heritage & Education Center](#)

950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013  
(717) 245-3971

#### [US Army Center of Military History](#)

103 Third Avenue  
Ft. McNair, DC 20319-5058  
Voice: 202.685.2704  
Fax: 202.685.4570

#### [National Archives and Records Administration](#)

700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20408  
(1-866-272-6272)

<sup>\*</sup>Please see page 3 for all links

[New York State Library](#)

Cultural Education Center  
222 Madison Avenue  
Albany, NY 12230  
(518) 474-5355

[New York State Archives](#)

New York State Education Department  
Cultural Education Center  
Albany, NY 12230  
(518) 474-6926

[Fort Ticonderoga](#)

PO Box 390  
Ticonderoga, NY 12883  
(518) 585-2821

[Saratoga National Historical Park](#)

[The David Library of the American Revolution](#)

**If you cannot find information on a particular soldier after reviewing these resources**, the best advice is to look for information on the unit where the soldier served. You could also try searching for the unit's commanders, who may have written memoirs or books about the war.

In addition to the above resources, a good place to search is WorldCat, [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org), which is a database of thousands of library catalogs. However, this is more of a discovery database since you will not be able to borrow from it directly.

You might also be able to find unit histories at [The Internet Archive](#).

Other possible resources are the local (to the soldier/unit) historical societies and public libraries.

There are also two great newspaper databases:

[NYS Historic Newspapers](#)

[Fulton History](#) (This database also covers the whole state)

Finally, all NYS residents have access to different research [databases through the NYS Library](#)

## Links referenced in this guide

NYS Military Museum online catalog: <http://catalog.nysmm.org/>

*New York in the Revolution as colony and state:*

[https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/application/files/4915/5492/9164/New\\_York\\_In\\_The\\_Revolution\\_2nd\\_ed\\_1898.pdf](https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/application/files/4915/5492/9164/New_York_In_The_Revolution_2nd_ed_1898.pdf)

and its *Supplement:*

[https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/application/files/7315/5492/9162/New\\_York\\_In\\_The\\_Revolution\\_Supp\\_1901.pdf](https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/application/files/7315/5492/9162/New_York_In_The_Revolution_Supp_1901.pdf)

Free access to parts of Ancestry.com:

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/how-to-video-ancestry>

Fold3: <https://www.fold3.com/>

The Army Heritage & Education Center: <https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/>

US Army Center of Military History: <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/>

National Archives and Records Administration: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

New York State Library: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/>

New York State Archives:

[http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res\\_topics\\_military.shtml](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res_topics_military.shtml)

Fort Ticonderoga: <http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org/>

Saratoga National Historical Park: <http://www.nps.gov/sara/>

The David Library of the American Revolution: <http://www.dlar.org/>

WorldCat: [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)

The Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/>

NYS Historic Newspapers: <https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>

Fulton History: <https://fultonsearch.org/>

Databases through the NYS Library: <https://nyslibrary.libguides.com/az.php>