

Tracing Female Ancestors in WWI Military and Non-Combatant Records

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Women's World War I Military Records Checklist

Family Stories and/or Family Documents

Federal Records

- Official Military Service Record
- Payment Cards
- Service Returns
- Military Petitions *

State Resources

- Military Service Card
- Veteran's Bonus Claim
- World War Honor Books
- Military Petitions *

County Resources

- Veteran's List (County War Commission)
- County World War Honor Book
- Military Petitions *

Online Research

- Ancestry
 - *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*
 - *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010*
 - *U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939*

- Fold3
 - *Connecticut WWI Service Rosters*
 - *WWI New York Army Cards*
 - *National WWI Museum Portrait Photographs*
 - *WWI Panoramic Unit Photos*
 - *FBI Files*
 - *Navy and Marine Registers*
 - *Ohio, Soldiers Grave Registration Cards, 1804-1958*
- Familysearch
 - Military Discharges (Various by State and County)
<https://goo.gl/qxQCBC>
 - Military Service Cards
- Internet Archive, State & County Websites
 - City/County/State World War Honor Books
- World War I Monument and Museum & National Archives

Newspapers

- Stars and Stripes: The American Soldiers' Newspaper
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/stars-and-stripes/about-this-collection/>
- BGSU Historical U.S. Newspapers Online
<http://libguides.bgsu.edu/USNewspapersInternet>
- Library of Congress - Chronicling America
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Elephind - <http://www.elephind.com/>
- Google News Archive - <https://news.google.ca/newspapers>
- Old Fulton NY Post Cards <http://www.fultonhistory.com/fulton.html>
- Genealogy Bank (\$) - <http://www.genealogybank.com/>
- Newspapers.com (\$) - <https://www.newspapers.com/>
- Newspaper Archive (\$) - <http://newspaperarchive.com/us/>

Federal Records Research

National Archives National Personnel Records Center

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

Army, Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard

- Nurses - Army, Marines, and Navy
- Army – “Civilian Employees” working as clerks, telephone operators, and drivers
- Navy – “Naval Reserve” Yeomen
- Marines – “Reservists” acting as clerks and telephone operators on the home front
- Coast Guard – “Naval Coastal Defense Reserve”

With the exception of Army “civilian employees”, records for nurses and other military women are kept at the same levels as their male counterparts

- ✓ Military Service File
- ✓ Discharge Papers
- ✓ County Discharge Files
- ✓ Headstone Applications

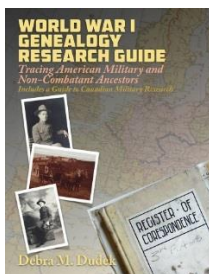
Additional Records Available

- *World War I Officers and Nurses Pay Cards, 1917 - 1921*
- *World War I Officers and Nurses Final Pay Vouchers, 1917 - 1921*
- *Returns of the Army Nurse Corps, 1917 - 1921*
- *Army Student Nurse Individual Academic Records, 1918 - 1951*

Women’s World War I Non-Combatant Records Checklist

- ✓ **Family Stories and/or Family Documents**
- ✓ **National, State, and Local Service Organizations**
 - Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Federation of Women’s Clubs
 - Check local chapter records
 - Consult City/County/State World War Honor Books
- ✓ **YWCA/YMCA Records**
 - FamilySearch – YMCA World War I Service Cards
 - University of Minnesota - Kautz Family YMCA Archives
 - Smith College YWCA Microfilm Collection

- ✓ **American Red Cross**
 - Ancestry - U.S., American Red Cross Nurse Files, 1916-1959
 - Internet Archive – ARC chapter histories
 - HathiTrust – ARC magazines and chapter histories
 - North Carolina State Archives American Red Cross chapter histories - <https://goo.gl/2pu8WA>
- ✓ **War Committees and Patriotic Projects**
 - Liberty Loan Officers, War Savings Stamps, Food Administration, Fuel Administration, Fatherless Children of France, American Fund for French Wounded, Community Bands, Draft Boards, United War Work, YMCA/YWCA
 - Ancestry - American Protective League Records
 - Fold3 – FBI Files
- ✓ **Historic Commissions**
- ✓ **Labor Unions**
 - Consult WorldCat for Archive Collections
- ✓ **Family Military Organizations**
 - Gold Star Mothers
 - American War Mothers
- ✓ **Enemy Alien Registrations**
 - National Archives
- ✓ **Protest and Suffrage Groups**
 - Universal Peace Union
 - National American Woman Suffrage Association
 - Alpha Suffrage Club



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