Fold3

Library Edition Available On-Site at the Camarillo Public Library

What is Fold3?

- Military records subscription database operated by Ancestry.com
- Partnership with NARA to digitize and publish military records online
- Small selection of non-military records
- Currently 506 databases and over 85 million images

How to Access Fold3 at the Library:

Sign up to use library computer on-site, or bring your own laptop:

- 1. From the library's home page, click on "Explore"
- 2. Then click on "Digital Resources"
- 3. Scroll down to click on "Fold3"
- 4. To see description of database, from home page click on name of war then hyperlinked title.

Searching Records

Use Keyword field if you are getting limited hits with surname field.

Don't enter too much information. You can filter your results by date and location, if desired, in the central frame of the results page.

Browsing Records

On "Browse" page, click on name of war to see titles of databases, then click on title and view how records are organized. Search box on browse page allows you to switch to search at any point.

Database Highlights

- Revolutionary War Pensions
- War of 1812 Pensions (69% complete)
- Civil War Pensions Index; Carded files of service records; Confederate and Union Citizens' Files
- WWI / Great War, includes: WWI Draft Registration Cards, Airmen Died in the Great War, Connecticut
 WWI Service Rosters, Naturalization Index--WWI Soldiers, Navy and Marine Corps Officer Registers, New
 York 74th Regiment Service Cards, Returns from Regular Army Coast Artillery Corps, WWI New York
 Army Cards, WWI Officer Experience Reports (AEF), WWI Panoramic Unit Photos
- WWII, includes Missing Air Crew Reports
- War Photos
- The Honor Wall / Create a Memorial

<u>Civilian Records</u> (eclectic; limited; won't grow): city directories, homestead (NE only), naturalizations, newspapers; some citizen records relating to specific wars are included under the name of the war.

<u>Downloading & Saving Records</u>: Look for crossed tools icon upper right in image view.

Other pages to explore:

- Fold3 Blog [homepage, upper right frame]
- Sign up for email alerts: "This Month in History," "Fold3 Find: Real History Might Surprise You," "This month in featured content," "Fold3 tips, hints, and helps," and, focus on collections.

Fold3 Webinars: www.proguest.libguides.com, https://www.ancestrv.com/academy/courses/recommended,

Note: "To add something to Fold3 you'll need a free member account so that other site visitors will know where the information came from and so that you can come back later and update, remove or manage the things you've added. You can sign in with an existing account or create a new one." (ProQuest library guide for Fold3 Library Edition)