Discovering Local & State Militia Records

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The strategy of finding Militia Records depends on the availability of the records and determining the name and location today. Work towards reviewing the following:

County Muster Books/ Muster Lists

County Court Order/Minute Books

Tax Lists / Militia Assessment Books

Adjutant General Records- Registers are extant for these states: CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MA, MS, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, and VA.

Militia Officer Appointments

Legislative Petitions

Legislative Acts (Militia Laws, Funding & Supplies)

Governors' Letters

Newspaper Accounts

Online Examples & Resources

1. Name index to Pay Rolls of Militia Entitled to Land Bounty Under the Act of Congress of Sept. 28, 1850 and its supplement, Muster Rolls of the Virginia Militia in the War of 1812. Approximately 40,000 names are indexed.

http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas12&local_base=CLAS12

2. National Archives, United States Army 39th Infantry Muster Roll A compilation of original muster rolls, dated May, 1814 from the listing soldiers who fought at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Colonel John Williams' Regiment.

http://www.nps.gov/hobe/upload/39infantry.pdf

3. Index of Awards on Claims of the Soldiers of the War of 1812, compiled by the New York Adjutant General's Office. The following list is an index of claims presented by members of Indian tribes mustered into the service of the United States in the War of 1812. Information is presented as follows: Claim number, name of warrior, claimant and amount awarded.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyrensse/indians.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978

4. The "Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army..." by Francis B. Heitman lists Regular Army and volunteer officers from 1789 to 1903 in two volumes giving a brief history of the officers service and awards received. Casualties (including prisoners of war) from 1789 to 1902 are also listed as well as a chronological list of battles, actions, etc., in which troops of the Regular Army have participated.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Historical_Register_and_Dictionary_of_the_US_Army

5. War of 1812 Discharge Certificates

http://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812/1812-discharge-certificates/discharge-certificates.html

6. Andrew Jackson and the Court Martial of Tennessee Militiamen (begins Image 801)

http://books.google.com/books?id=hUgZAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA801&dq=%22tennessee+militia%22+court+martial&hl=en&sa=X&ei=PL1uUd3FF4r29gTovYCwDg&ved=0CE0Q6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=%22tennessee%20militia%22%20court%20martial&f=false

7. Congressional Record – Image 529 (Page 1031)
http://books.google.com/books?id=G7AFAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA529&dq=%22tennessee+militia%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=OLtuUZTZEJPq8gS9w4GYAQ&ved=0CDQQ6AEwATgU#v=onepage&q=%22tennessee%20militia%22&f=false

8. Muster rolls of the soldiers of the war of 1812: detached from the militia of North Carolina, in 1812 and 1814. Adjutant General, Raleigh, 1851.

http://archive.org/stream/musterrollsofsol00nort#page/n3/mode/2up

9. Indiana Muster, pay and receipt rolls of Indiana territory volunteers or militia of the period of the War of 1812, deposited in the Office of the U.S. Adjutant General. Digitized copy of Photostats made from originals. Digital Scholarship, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis.

http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/ref/collection/War1812/id/1930