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2023 Genealogy Series

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Welcome!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to conduct family research.

As one of the nation's premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about National Archives holdings that relate to family history and to make those records available to you.





About the Sessions



Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research. This year we focus on individuals who have served our nation in military or civilian service. We also have a session on how to preserve your own family collections.

National Archives presenters are broadcasting from Washington, DC; College Park, MD; Denver, CO; and St. Louis, MO. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians—all are welcome!



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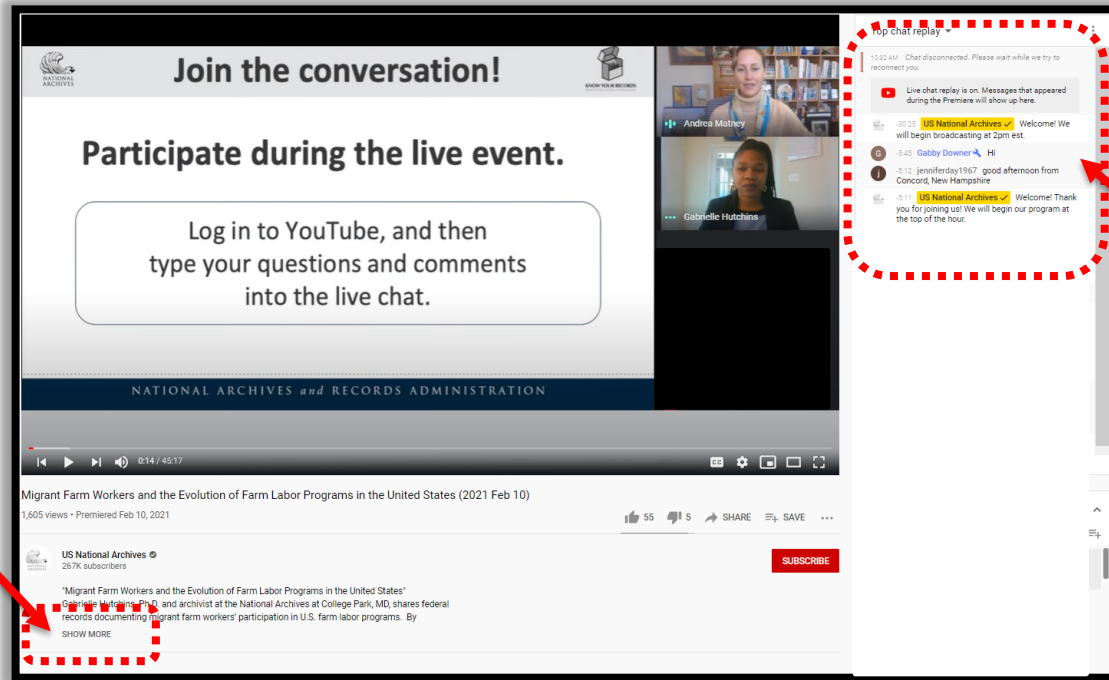
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remain available after the premiere date.**



Schedule: May 3–17



May 3
1 p.m. ET

Welcome and Introductions

May 3
1:05 p.m. ET

Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts

Claire Kluskens - Subject Matter Expert for Genealogy/Census Related Records and Digital Projects Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC

May 10
1 p.m. ET

Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917

John Deeben – Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC

May 17
1 p.m. ET

National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research

Eric Kilgore - Archives Specialist from the National Archives at St. Louis



Schedule: May 31–June 14



May 31

1 p.m. ET

Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation

Cody White - Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at Denver

June 7

1 p.m. ET

Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records

Rachael Salyer - Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD

June 14

1 p.m. ET

Creating Your Own Preservation Survey and Plan for Family Collections

Sara Holmes - Conservator in Preservation Programs from the National Archives at St. Louis

June 14

1:55 p.m. ET

Closing Remarks



Session



Civilians at War:

Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts

This presentation discusses ways in which civilians supported a war or were directly affected by it, with a focus on the American Revolution to World War I. These wars provided opportunities for employment by civilian or military agencies to provide goods, services, or loans. Other individuals sought reimbursement after suffering property loss. We'll show examples of online records that document these relationships with the federal government (ca. 1776–1918) and Confederate States government (1861–1865).



Presenter Biography



Claire Kluskens

Claire Kluskens is the Subject Matter Expert for Genealogy/Census Related Records and Digital Projects Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC. She currently works on digital and description projects for the National Archives Catalog and Archives.gov website. She lectures frequently and has written extensively for many types of genealogical publications. Claire has been a genealogical researcher since 1976 and a National Archives staff member since 1992.



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Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts

Claire Kluskens

May 2023

Overview

In this lecture, we will see examples of federal records that show

- Civilian participation in war- or defense-related activities
- Effects of war upon civilians
- Noncombatants from the Revolutionary War to World War I

Overview

Civilian participation through

- Government employment
- Providing services
- Selling goods
- Making loans
- Other nongovernment activities



Overview

Effects upon civilians

- Death of family member may lead to pension claims (not discussed today) and possibly other records
- Property losses may lead to claims for reimbursement



Revolutionary War

Record Group 93, War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records

National Archives (NARA) Microfilm Publication M847, *Special Index to Numbered Records in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775–1783 (39 rolls)*

- References to “**books**” lead to NARA Microfilm Publication M853, *Numbered Books Concerning Military Operations and Service, Pay, and Settlement of Accounts, and Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records*.
- References to “**manuscript number**” lead to NARA Microfilm Publication M859, *Miscellaneous Numbered Records (the Manuscript File) in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775–1790s*.



Revolutionary War

M847 Index Card (left) leads to M853, Roll 4, Volume 28, pages 17-18 and 30-32, complaint by citizen Caleb Brokaw for bad treatment by the American Army near Middlebrook, New Jersey. (Pages 30-31 below)

Caleb Brokaw

Revolutionary War

Citizen

REFERENCE CARD.

See Book No. 28 page 18

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SPECIAL INDEX CARD.
This card must not be taken from the files.

Head Quarters Middlebrook Wednesday July 27th 1776
Parole Florida ----- C. Signs } Fontenoy }
Junen -- }

For the day Tomorrow.
B. Senl's Muhlberg Major Genl B. N. Hitchcocks -
a Captains 2 Sub. & 2 Sergeants 400 Rank of file for
fatigue tomorrow from Senl's 8th Brigade to parade
at 9 o'clock.

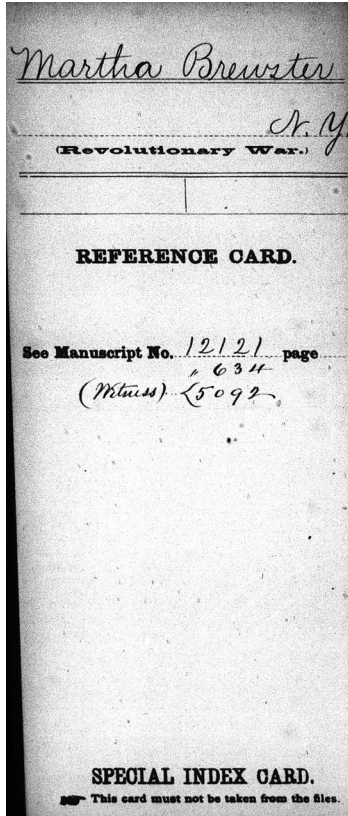
The Court of inquiry upon a complaint
exhibited by Mr Brokaw against Col. Craig Report as
follows - That they are of opinion that if the Inha-
bitants of the Country take the Liberty of dealing with
the Soldiers in an improper manner and to the prejudice
of good order & military discipline they do it at their
own risque and if they should receive any correction
which they think is a breach of the civil Law - as they

hold themselves not amenable to a Military Court
they should have recourse for Redress to the Courts of civil
Law. And that Mr Brokaw as he thinks himself
aggrieved has an undoubted right to bring an action
against Col. Craig.

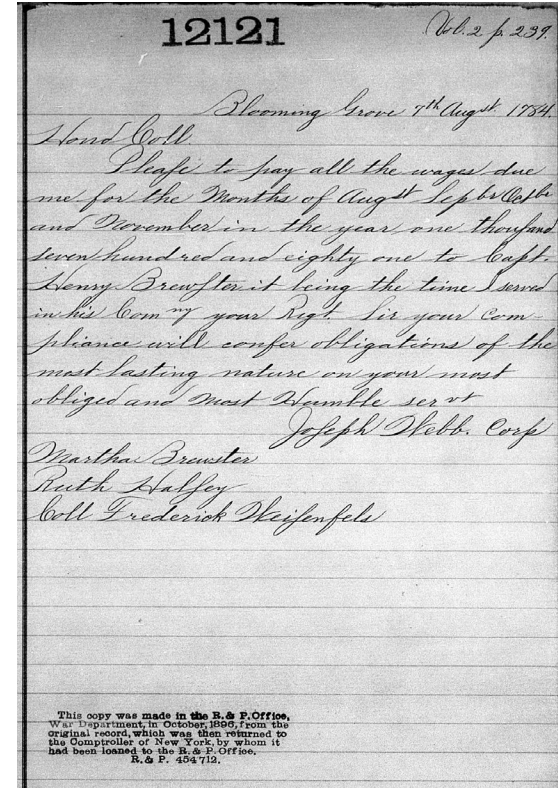
The Senl is sorry to find that the
Court seem to have mistakn his intention - He had
no doubt that an inhabitant who conceives himself ag-
grieved by an officer has a right to seek redress from the civil
Law: but he wished to have the opinion of the Court expli-
tly on the particular merits of the complaint against
Col. Craig in order to determine how far the complainant
might be intitled to redress from a military justice -
All improper treatments by an officer or soldier being de-
structive of good order and discipline as well as subver-
sive of the rights of society is as much a breach of military
as civil Law and as punishable by the one as by the
other



Revolutionary War



M847 Index Card (left) leads to M859, Roll 38, Manuscript 12121, request by Corporal Joseph Webb that his wages for four months be paid to Captain Henry Brewster. Witnessed by Martha Brewster, Ruth Halfey, and Colonel Frederick Weifenfels.





Revolutionary War

Papers of the Continental Congress

John P. Butler, et al., comps., *Index: Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774–1789* (5 vols., National Archives, 1978)

- *Search by personal name* for a quick focus on persons of interest.
- *Search by geographic location* to learn more about specific places affected by the war, even if your ancestor's name is not listed.
- *Search by military unit name* or by regimental or company commander's name.



Revolutionary War

John P. Butler, et al.,
comps., *Index: Papers of
the Continental
Congress, 1774–1789*
(5 vols., National
Archives, 1978)

EAST WHITELAND, PA.

Kennedy, Samuel. Indenture with Samuel Culbertson. Mar. 14, 1774. 2 p. *M247, r50, i41, v5, p13.*

EAST WINDSOR, CONN.

Hubbard, Nehemiah. List of boats on the Connecticut River. Aug. 31, 1779.* 1 p. *M247, r192, i173, v3, p107.*

Hubbard, Nehemiah. List of boats on the Connecticut River. Aug. 31, 1779.* 1 p. *M247, r192, i173, v3, p107.*

Connecticut General Assembly. Hartford. Act for completing the state regiments. May 11, 1780. 2 p. Broadside. *M247, r80, i66, v2, p160.*

War, Board of. To Pres. of Cong. May 26, 1781. 3 p. Signed by William Grayson. *M247, r161, i148, v1, p379.*

Huntington, Samuel. To Gen. Washington. May 28, 1781. 1 p. Copy. *M247, r24, i16, p1.*

Skinner, Daniel, Jr. Hartford. Complaint against Roger Wolcott et al. Dec. 10, 1784. 2 p. Copy. *M247, r52, i41, v10, p229.*

Benjamin, James. East Hartford and East Windsor. Certification re Roger Wolcott et al. Dec. 11, 1784. 1 p. Copy certified by Thomas Seymour. *M247, r52, i41, v10, p230.*

Connecticut Superior Court. Hartford.

EASTBURN, JOHN

Sackett, Nathaniel, et al. To Cong. Sept. 29, 1785. 20 p. Pamphlet. Includes a printed map of the Ohio Country and a list of the associates. *M247, r52, i41, v9, p347.*

EASTBURN, SAMUEL

Eastburn, Samuel. Phila. Directions for a Well Ordered Church and State. July 21, 1778. 2 p. *M247, r72, i59, v2, p93.*

EASTEN, JOHN

Kentucky, inhabitants of. To Cong. 1783.* 11 p. *M247, r50, i41, v5, p97.*

EASTER, JACOB

West Side of the Laurel Hill Mountains, inhabitants of. To Pres. of Cong. Jan. 1783.* 8 p. *M247, r62, i48, p251.*

EASTER, MARK

West Side of the Laurel Hill Mountains, inhabitants of. To Pres. of Cong. Jan. 1783.* 8 p. *M247, r62, i48, p251.*

EASTERBROOKS, ---

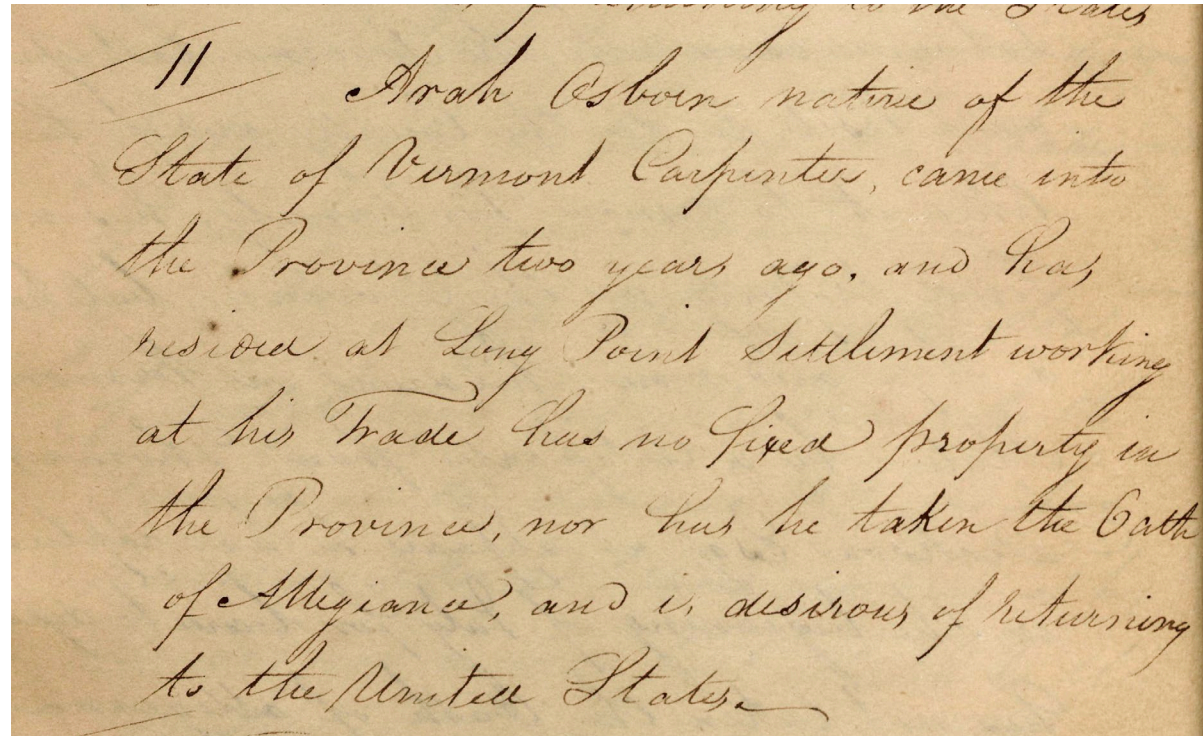
Massachusetts General Court. Resolve re Eastern Indian Dept. Nov. 24, 1780. 2 p. Copy attested by John Avery. *M247, r79, i65, v1, p489.*

EASTERBROOKS, JOSEPH

Easterbrooks, Joseph, and Daniel Wilkins. Testimony re the Cedars. June 2, 1776.* 2 p. Includes a statement by Benedict Arnold, s.d. *M247, r36, i29, p255.*

War of 1812

Record Book of Joseph Edwards,
Justice of the Peace, Niagara,
Upper Canada, December 1811–
January 1813 [and] Receipt
Book of Major William
Johnson, Inspector General's
Office Headquarters, Fort
George, Upper Canada, July–
September 1813 (NAID
[158587783](#))



11 Arah Asboen native of the
State of Vermont Carpenter, came into
the Province two years ago, and has
resided at Long Point Settlement working
at his Trade has no fixed property in
the Province, nor has he taken the Oath
of Allegiance, and is desirous of returning
to the United States.



Civil War (Union)

Civilian Inquiries

“Requests for Information Relating to Missing Soldiers Which Were Received by Quartermaster James Moore, 1863–1867” (NAID [606207](#))

Mostly relates to soldiers who had been held by the Confederates at Andersonville prison: some known to be dead, others’ fates unknown.

Civil War (Union)

Civilian Inquiries

“Requests for
Information Relating to
Missing Soldiers Which
Were Received by
Quartermaster James
Moore, 1863–1867”

(NAID [606207](#))

George W. Collins, 60
Dedham St., Boston,

May 26, 1865

(NAID [12000693](#))

60 Dedham St.
Boston May 26th 1865

Dear Sir!

I wish to enquire
of you concerning James G.
Collins. taken a prisoner of war
Nov. 3rd 1863. a member of Co A
1st B. S. Cavalry. one H. O'Reilly,
also a prisoner, had tented with
him 2 months previous to being
exchanged had left James my
brother March 25th 1865. he was
then too weak to be removed
for exchange, his disease
being D. Sorey in the feet.
also condensation of urine.
I understand there were 35 left
at Andersonville Hospital
after the general release and
thinking he may be among

the number. I wish you
would be kind enough to
enquire, as my anxiety
concerning him is intense.
he was at Andersonville Prison
March 25th 1865. since then I
have lost all trace of him.
if he be still alive and with
you please tell him a sisters
and a brother blessing attend
him always. we have no
parents there were only 3 of
us James being the young-
est. I don't think as he is if
still living, far from those
he loves, among strangers,
be kind to him and you
shall have your reward.
Please show him this if
you find him. and we will
write to him as soon as we
learn where we can address him
and if possible come to him.
I remain sir most respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.
George W. Collins
60 Dedham St. Boston
Mass.

J O Reilly
~~J O Reilly~~
C. A. 1st R. W. Cav

G W Collins
60 Dedham St
Boston
Mass

No answer

Oct 9/65
J. B. B.



Civil War (Union)

Civilian Inquiries

“Requests for Information Relating to Missing Soldiers Which Were Received by Quartermaster James Moore, 1863–1867” (NAID [606207](#))

George W. Collins, 60 Dedham St., Boston, May 26, 1865

“James H. Collins, taken a prisoner of war, November 3rd, 1863, a member of Co. A, 1st R.I. Cavalry, one T. O’Reilly, also a prisoner, had tented with him 2 months previous to being exchanged, had left James . . . March 25th 1865, he was then too weak to be removed for exchange . . . I wish you would be kind enough to enquire, as my anxiety concerning him is intense . . . I have lost all trace of him . . . Please tell him a sister’s and a brother’s blessing attend him always, we have no parents, there were only 3 of us, James being the youngest . . .” (NAID [12000693](#))



Civil War (Union)

Claims

“List of Claims Filed with the Office of U.S. Military Railroads, 1864–1866” (NAID [148959243](#))

Claims filed in Military Railroad Office, Washington, D.C.

No.	Name of claimant.	For what Service.	For what Material.	From.	To.	Amount.	By whom presented.	Date.
1 ²⁶	Matthew Sanders.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i> Carbunkal.	Ready for payment	Jan. 1, 1865.	Jan. 5, 1865	20 00	Himself.	Feb., 1865
2 ⁵	Wm. Steyer.	Car Repairer.	check sent to B. G. & Co. Md.	Oct. 1. '64.	Dec. 19, '64.	226 68	Burnside, Quantico Co. 18. "	"
3 ²⁶	W. H. Rogers.	Carpenter.	check sent to B. G. & Co. Md.	Dec. 1. "	Jan. 28, '65	167 06	"	" 18. "
4 ²⁶	Martin H. Hamant.	Laborer.	<i>Paid May 11. 65.</i>	" 1, "	" 24, "	128 75	Adams Express Co.	" 14, "
5 ²⁶	T. Conaley.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i> Shack Layer.	Ready for payment	" 1, "	" 28, "	141 25	L. Brown & Co.	" 17, "
6 ⁵	P. King.	Carpenter.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i>	Oct. 1, "	Dec. 19, '64.	250 25	Howe & May.	Jan. 25, "
7 ⁴	John Pyatian.	Repaired.	Repaired.	Sept 1 st 64	Sept 30 th 64	200 62	Wm. H. King & Co. Baltimore	
8 ⁵	G. W. Peacock.	Asst. Conductor.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i> Ready for payment	Sept. 1, "	Oct. 31, "	120 00	L. E. Shephard.	Feb. 2, "
9 ⁵	Isaac Swayne.	Carpenter.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i>	April 18, "	April 30, "	35 75	Wm. P. Higgins.	Jan. 28, "
10	Henry Grim.	<i>rel. to "C. L. Danna, "</i> <i>April 3, 1867</i>	Locomo. Distress.			207 90	Himself.	Dec. 6, '64.
11	E. S. Norris.		Locomo. Distress.			3,163 90	C. L. Danna.	Jan. 7, '65
12 ⁵	Chas. Gargas.	Shack Layer.	<i>Paid Dec 5 '65</i> Ready for payment	Sept. 1, "	Nov. 2, "	159 48	Geo. W. Ford.	Dec. 6, '64.
13 ⁵	Jesse Sexton.	Carpenter.	<i>Paid 27 March</i>	" 1, "	" 10, "	* Paid 221 42	Lewis Johnson & Co.	" 19, '64.
14 ⁵	W. Hoagerty.	"		" 1, "	" 16, "	* Paid 204 25	Bittenhouse, Powles Co. "	10, '64.



Civil War (Union)

Provost Marshal was responsible for:

- Running a fair draft
- Transporting volunteers and draftees to military officers
- Identifying and apprehending deserters

Records that exist for any particular Provost Marshal vary.



Civil War (Union)

Provost Marshal
5th Congressional District of
Maine - "Register of Accounts
Forwarded for Payment,"
October 1864 - February 1866
(NAID [74860188](#))

Date of Acct.	No.	Name	On what Account	Amount
Oct. 31	1	Geo. P. Field	For services as clerk in Oct.	50 00
" "	2	J. W. Wheeler	" " " " " "	37 50
" "	3	Geo. G. Davis	" " " " " "	37 50
Nov. 30	P. 1	William A. Atkinson	Wood. (No. for purchase)	8 00
" "	P. 2	J. B. Wadlin	Stores &c (do.)	61 00
Oct. 15	4	P. Simonton	Act. Surg. in October	10 00
Nov. 30	5	F. L. Jackson	Special in November	85 00
" "	6	B. M. Flint	Deputy " "	80 00
" "	7	Christina Morrison	Rent	27 08

Civil War (Union)

Surplus Government Property

"List of Horses Sold," February 1864, at Frederick, Maryland, and Reading, Pennsylvania" (NAID [68141923](#))

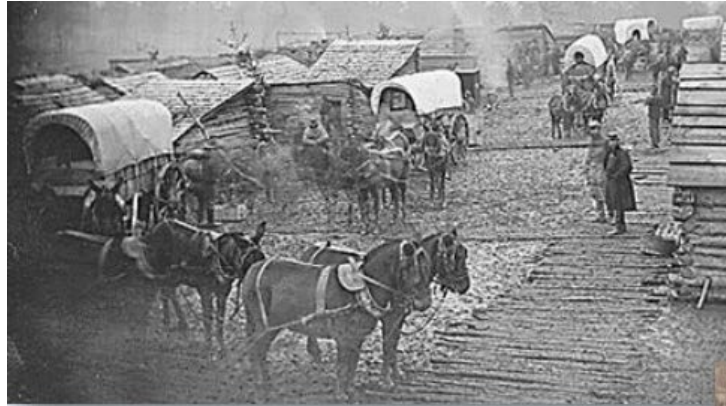
2				3		
Government Sale				Frederick, City, Md February 18/64		
No		AGE				
"	1	Bay Horse	9	19 00	Adam W Derillius	19 00
"	2	"	5	7 50	John Cagle	7 50
"	3	"	6	3 00	Jacob Knockner	2 00
"	4	"	6	34 00	Moses Andis	34 00
"	5	"	5	25 00	Thomas Tappinberger	25 00
"	6	Laurel	5	16 00	John Hutson	16 00
"	7	Brown	7	10 00	Moses Andis	18 00
"	8	Laurel	8	10 00	John Quin	18 00
"	9	Brown	9	8 00	Daniel Brengle	8 00
"	10	"	7	25 00	Adam Bealinbaugh	25 00
"	11	Laurel	8	10 00	John Fox	10 00
"	12	"	7	7 00	Hinny Kephart	9 00
"	13	"	8	9 00	Moses Andis	9 00
"	14	Brown	9	9 00	William Licaporce	9 00
"	15	"	9	11 00	Dr. Livingston	11 00
"	16	Bay	8	21 00	Moses Andis	4 00
"	17	"	8	21 00	John Quin	20 00
"	18	"	6	7 00	George Cagle	7 00
"	19	Brown	7	23 00	Moses Andis	23 00



Civil War (Union) and Later

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**Civil War Union Noncombatant
Personnel:
Teamsters, Laundresses, Nurses,
Sutlers, and More**

Claire Kluskens
June 8, 2021





Civil War (Confederate)

“Confederate Slave Payrolls” (NAID [719477](#))

Enslaved persons provided in the District of Cape Fear, North Carolina ([Payroll 1767](#))

We, the subscribers, acknowledge to have received of Cpt W H James Sr Corps of Engineers the sums set opposite our names respectively, being in full for the services of our Slaves at Cape Fear during the month of August 1863, having signed duplicate receipts.

FROM WHOM HIRED.	NAME AND OCCUPATION.	TIME EMPLOYED.	RATE OF WAGES.	AMOUNT FOR EACH SLAVE.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.		SIGNATURE.
					Dollars.	Cents.	
J S Lyon	Abel Labour	10 days	22 ⁰⁰ p Month	7 33			
	Chas "	10 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	7 33			
	Frank "	10 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	7 33	22 00		J S Lyon sub W Scott
John McCall	John "	20 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	14 66			
Alex MacRae	Alfred "	20 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	14 67	29 33		John McCall
	John "	29 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	20 34			
	Jim "	29 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	20 34			
	Henry "	29 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	20 34			
	Ben "	29 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	20 34			
	Lewis "	29 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	20 34	102 70		Alex MacRae
James Westbrooks	Gilloway "	18 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	13 20			
	Delena "	13 "	22 ⁰⁰ "	11 00	24 20		Jas P Westbrooks
D D Campbell	Hall "	3 "	22 ⁰⁰ "		3 67		D D Campbell



Civil War (Confederate)

“Record Books of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Offices of the Confederate Government” (“Confederate Chapter Books”)
(NAID [596501](#))

- Military personnel
- Loans from civilians
- Passport records (names, not much more)
- Post office mail contracts, dead letters, etc.
- More!



Civil War (Confederate)

“Record Books of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Offices of the Confederate Government”
 (“Confederate Chapter Books”) (NAID [596501](#))

CHAPTER X VOLUME 148

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

REGISTER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT
ROME, GEORGIA, TO THE LOAN
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS
FEBRUARY 28 1861

File Unit

Chapter X, Volume 148 - Treasury Department -
Registers of Subscriptions at Rome, Georgia, to the
Loan Authorized by Act of Congress, February 28,
1861 (NAID [178453696](#))



Civil War (Confederate)

LOAN FOR DEFENCE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES. 2

Authorized by Act of Congress. Approved 28th February, 1861.

THE SUBSCRIBERS severally agree to pay to the Confederate States of America, the amount set down to their respective names, in consideration of the agreement of said States, to deliver inscribed Stock or Bonds for that amount; five per cent. whereof is to be paid in cash, and the balance on or before the 1st May ensuing; interest to be allowed from the time of such payment, and Bonds or Stock to be delivered accordingly. The five per cent. payment to be forfeited in case of failure to comply with this agreement.

Subscription for Amount in Coupon Bonds.	Subscription for Amount in transferable Stock.	NAMES.
	3150	
x One hundred dollars	100 00 ✓	Alfred Shorter
x One hundred dollars	100 00 ✓	Mrs Martha B. Shorter
x One hundred dollars	100 00 ✓	Miss Martha H. Cooley
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	J. L. Dayard
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	J. M. Pepper
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	G. S. Black
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	J. M. Blount
x One hundred Dollars	100 00 ✓	W. A. Russell
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	John H. A. Woodward
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	Alice M. Smith
x Fifty Dollars	50 00 ✓	Thos. J. Price
		} By Daniel S. Brimtop

Chapter X, Volume 148 - Treasury Department - Registers of Subscriptions at Rome, Georgia, to the Loan Authorized by Act of Congress, February 28, 1861 (NAID [178453696](#))

Civil War (Confederate)

“Record Books of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Offices of the Confederate Government” (“Confederate Chapter Books”) (NAID [596501](#))

File Unit
Chapter IX, Volume 110 - Secretary of War -
Orders to Arrest Persons Applying for Passports,
Passport Office, Richmond, Virginia, 1864
(NAID [166051836](#))

Image 7 of 16

Richmond August 7th 1864
If J. W. Hayward from Western Virginia claiming to
be a sutler applies for a pass arrest him:
By order Capt. McCubbin
James A. White
Chief Clerk

Richmond August 8/1864
If a man named
J. D. Morrist, about 5 feet high, heavy black beard,
wears a yellowish cap. Hook boat of a yellowish
hue, Eyes black, age about 35 years, arrest him
and send him to Capt McCubbin. He is said to
be a spy lately lived in Nelson Co.
By order Capt McCubbin
J. A. White
Chief Clerk



Civil War (Confederate)

“Record Books of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Offices of the Confederate Government” (“Confederate Chapter Books”) (NAID [596501](#))

File Unit
Chapter XI, Volume 8 – Post Office Department – Mail Contracts, 1861-1864 (NAID [7065647](#))

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May 15, 1863, Tolbert S. Morgan, Jacob Geiger, and Archibald Davis, agree to be sureties for Tolbert S. Morgan, route carrier, Kings Ferry, Nassau County, Florida, to carry mail from July 1, 1863, to June 30, 1867, for \$1200/year. Postmaster & others named.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. *L*

*Kings Ferry
Nassau Co
Fla*

No. *1200* per annum.

This Article of Contract, made the *fifteenth* day of *May* 1863, between the Confederate States of America acting in this behalf by their Postmaster General and *Tolbert S. Morgan, Jacob Geiger, and Archibald Davis* sureties, witnesses, that, Whereas *Tolbert S. Morgan* has been accepted according to law as Contractor for transporting the Mail on Route No. *1200*

With celerity, economy, and security,
using flexibly such mode or modes as may be necessary to transport the whole of said mail, whenever any be to be sent or receipt at *Nassau* *Florida* *per year*, for and during the term commencing the *first* day of *July* in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty *three* and ending with the thirtieth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty *seven* Year, therefore, the said Contractor and his sureties the jointly and severally, undertake, covenant, and agree with the Confederate States, and do bind themselves—

1st. To carry said mail within the times fixed in the annexed schedule of departures and arrivals, except that when more than one shipment be taken for opening and closing the mails at any office, they arrange from so taking it as to conform to the schedule insofar as it is given in the schedule and to carry said mail as aforesaid in all cases; but when it is otherwise ordered by the Postmaster General in the Confederate States, as hereafter provided, and then to carry according to said orders respectively. 2d. To carry said mail in a safe and secure manner, free from wet or other injury, under a sufficient shield or protection, if carried by water, and in a safe weight and bulk, require to be taken in a cask or other vessel, and in preference of passengers, and to their entire exclusion if any on the route, and to take the mail and every part of it free, and deliver it and every part of it at each post office on the route, at that place, whether be established on the route, and into the post office at each end of the route, and into the post office at the place at which the carrier stops at night, if it is there kept; and if no office is there kept, to take it up to some secure place at that place, at the residence of the contractor.

They also undertake, covenant, and agree with the Confederate States, and do bind themselves jointly and severally as aforesaid to be answerable to the persons to whom the mail consigned shall contain the safe transportation of the mail and free from wet or injury and that the said contractor will discharge any carrier of said mail whenever required to do so by the Postmaster General; and also that he will not transmit, by himself or his agent, or be considered as transmitting, commercial letters more rapidly than by mail, and that he will not carry out of the mail, letters or newspapers which should go by post; and further, that said contractor will remove, without additional charge, Post Office boxes and bags, and the special agents of the Department, on the completion of their credentials, if it occurs or suitable emergency is required.

They further undertake, covenant, and agree with the Confederate States, that the said contractor will collect quarterly, if required by the Postmaster General of Postmasters or mail routes, the balance due from time to time to the General Post Office, and faithfully render an account thereof to the Postmaster General, in the settlement of quarterly accounts, and will pay over to the General Post Office all balances remaining in his hands.

For which services, when performed, the said *Tolbert S. Morgan, Jacob Geiger, and Archibald Davis* Contractor, is to be paid by the said Confederate States the sum of *\$1200* Dollars a year, to wit: Quarterly in the months of *May, August, November, and February* through the postmaster on the route or otherwise, at the option of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States; and pay to be subject, however, to be reduced or discontinued, by the Postmaster General, as hereinafter stipulated, up to be suspended in case of delinquency.

It is HEREBY stipulated AND AGREED, by the said contractor and his sureties, that the Postmaster General may alter the contract, and alter the schedule, by allowing a pro rata increase of compensation within the restrictions imposed by law for the additional service required; or for the increased speed, if the employment of additional stock or carriages is rendered necessary; but the contractor may, in case of increased expeditious, relinquish the contract on thirty notice if he prefers it to be so altered; also that the Postmaster General may discontinue or curtail the service in whole or in part, in order to place on the route a greater degree of service, or whenever the public interests require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing one month's notice pay on the amount of service dispensed with.

It is HEREBY ALSO stipulated AND AGREED, by the said contractor and his sureties, that in all cases there is to be a forfeiture of the pay of a trip when the trip is not run; and of not more than three times the pay of the trip when the trip is not run and no sufficient excuse for this failure is furnished; a forfeiture of at least one-fourth part of it when the remaining is so for the balance time as to lose contract, with a forfeiture of a like proportion of it when a greater degree of service is rendered inferior to the mode of conveyance above stipulated; and that these forfeitures may be increased into penalties of higher amount, according to the nature or frequency of the failure and the importance of the mail; also that there may be imposed upon the contractor, unless the delinquency be satisfactorily explained to the Postmaster General in due time, for failing to take from or deliver at a post office the mail, or any part of it; for suffering it to be wet, injured, lost or destroyed; for carrying it in a place or manner that exposes it to depredation, loss, or injury, by being wet, or otherwise; for extracting the mail to a carrier under sixteen years of age; for refusing, after demand, to convey a mail by any conveyance which the contractor regularly runs, or to concur in running, on the route, beyond the number of trips above specified; or for not arriving at the time set in the schedule; and for setting up or causing an expense to be incurred, letters or commercial intelligence in advance of the mail, or for transporting knowingly, or after being informed, any cargo in transporting letters or mail matter in violation of the laws of the Confederate States, a penalty may be exacted of the contractor equal to an equivalent pay, but in all other cases no shall exceed three times the price of the mail. And whenever it is satisfactorily shown that the contractor, his carrier or agent, have left or put aside the mail, or any portion of it, for the accommodation of passengers, he shall forfeit not exceeding a quarter's pay.

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER stipulated AND AGREED, by the said contractor and his sureties, that the Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures; for violating the Post Office Laws; for disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the Department; for assigning the contract without the consent of the Postmaster General; for setting up or running an expense as aforesaid; or for transporting persons conveying mail matter out of the mail as aforesaid; or whenever the contractor shall become a postmaster, assistant postmaster, or member of Congress; and this contract shall, in all its parts, be subject to the terms and regulations of an Act of Congress passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled—An Act concerning public contracts.

In witness whereof, the said Postmaster General has caused the seal of the Post Office Department to be hereunto affixed, and has attested the same by his signature, and the said contractor and his sureties have hereunto set their hands and seals, this day and year set opposite their names respectively.

Witness my hand and seal this *15th* day of *May* 1863, at *Washington* D.C.

Tolbert S. Morgan, Jacob Geiger, Archibald Davis

John H. Morgan
Postmaster General.

And by the other parties hereto, in the presence of—

Augustus Dallas, Robert S. Gallagher, Jacob Geiger, Archibald Davis

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I hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with *Tolbert S. Morgan, Jacob Geiger, and Archibald Davis* and the condition of their property, and that AFTER FULL INVESTIGATION AND ENQUIRY I am well satisfied that they are good and sufficient sureties for the amount in the foregoing contract.

Richard W. Genssick Postmaster at *Kings Ferry, Fla.*

THE SCHEDULE
of
Departures and Arrivals.

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LEAVE *Nassau* *Monday* *July 1* *at 10 o'clock*

ARRIVE AT *Nassau* *Monday* *July 1* *at 12 o'clock*

LEAVE *Nassau* *Wednesday* *July 3* *at 10 o'clock*

ARRIVE AT *Nassau* *Wednesday* *July 3* *at 12 o'clock*

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Civil War (Confederate)

	POST OFFICE AND STATE OF ADDRESS.	PERSON ADDRESSED.	NAME OF WRITER.	CONTENTS.	Dollars.	Cents.	Minor Letters 5 Cents Limit	TO WHAT OFFICE SENT.	WHEN SENT.	RECEIPTS.
1.	Col. Seli	Louisiana Houille St. Clara	Legrand Bratts	1 Change Note		1 00		Head Quar. Annapolis	Dec. 5, 1864	
2.	Napoleon	Arks. Bartow Jr. F.	S. Brock	1 Note Mr. Custer S. Co. \$10.00 1 " S. Dr. of City " 10.00		20 00				The receipt given in the demand was is proof to contain the of \$10.00
3.	Little Rock	Arks. Buchanan Wm.	L. J. Buchanan	4 Confed. Notes (Deposited)		50 00		Head Quar. Annapolis	Dec. 2, 1864	
4.	Little Rock	Arks. Bryant S. C.	S. W. Raf	1 Arks. Treas. Warrant		2 00		Leavesville Ark. Jan. 30, 1865 Houston, Texas Feb. 10, 1865	Letter returned.	
5.	Austin	Arks. Burns John W.	F. J. Burns	2 Confed. Notes (Deposited) \$20.00 1 Change Note " 1.00		21 00		Head Quar. Annapolis	Dec. 5, 1864	
6.	Philadelphia	Arks. Gray, James F.	John W. Davenport	1 Change Note		1 00				
7.	Greenville	Texas Burgard Herman	Gustav Ditzel, L. Hausmann	1 Tex. Treas. Warrant		1 00		Meriville Texas	Oct. 27, 1864 Filed	
8.	New Orleans	Louisiana Buchanan J. W. Mrs.	"Sign"	1 Confed. Note (Deposited)		10 00		Houston, Texas	Nov. 7, 1864 Letter returned.	
9.	Del Rio	Arks. Cross, Mark W.	L. D. Harshaw	1 Arks. Treas. Warrant		2 00				
10.	Nashville	Tenn. Bryan, Nov. A. W.	A. W. Bryan	1 Confed. Note (Deposited)		10 00		Houston, Texas	Nov. 7, 1864 Filed	

Chapter XI, Volume 52 – Post Office Department – Register of Dead Letters, 1864 (NAID [7349302](#))



Civil War (Confederate)

List of Subscribers to the Produce Loan Who Offered to Sell Cotton as Recorded by the Confederate Treasury Office in Jackson, Mississippi, September 1862

(NAID [235113675](#))

Small volume with few entries

<u>Names</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date of Offer</u>	<u>Offers to sell</u> <u>- Bales @</u>	<u>my answer under date of</u>	<u>Date of answer</u>
Wm. S. Ogilvie	Spout	Sept 11	100 bales @ 10¢ for midg - late stage the cotton is in danger		

Financial records, such as these, add contextual details about an ancestor's life.



Indian Wars (Conflicts with Indigenous Peoples)

“Register of Contracts with Civilian Surgeons, 1871–1885” (NAID [143509448](#))

No of a. a. Surg. July 1, 1878. 116.		No of a. a. Surg. Aug. 1, 1878 118	
Rex R. G. July 1 col.	Coe A. S. July 21 atl.	Rowan W. W. Aug 6 So	Wilson A. H. July 24 East
Appel, A. H. Aug 1. atl	Fowler Jos. July 16 atl	Grindley T. R. July 1 Dak	Grindley T. R. Aug 1 Dak
Minor J. J. June 10 col	La Harde L. A. June 19 atl	Bingham J. E. " 3 col	Sewis A. H. July 31 Texas
Todd D. B. June 22 Cal	Saubach A. J. July 10 Dak	Finley S. M. Aug 13 Tex	Tilden Geo Aug 1 Platte
Miller C. C. July 10 Dak	Piart W. June 21 Mo	Abbot E. J. " 9 Dak	Painter W. P. July 24 Ariz
Henderson W. C. July 11 Tex	Gray W. W. June 20 Special	Tilden Geo Aug 1. Platte	Skinner A. H. Aug 6. East
Carroll J. J. July 19 Ariz	Brecheim L. July 9 Dak	Manzey H. J. July 1 col	Turner S. S. " 6 Dakota
Gunning J. H. July 9 atl	Powell J. E. July 31 atl	Wolff A. J. Texas	Syon O. J. " 13 East
Kearney Jas W. July 10 Cal	Starkloff H. M. July 31 Special	Strom J. H. Aug 5 Ariz	Green H. S. " 19 Platte
Heinmann Jas M. June 10 Cal		Wolff A. J. July 6. Texas	Tallon J. E. " 19 Cal
Griffith E. M. June 22 Cal		Lott Jno H. Aug 24 East	



World War I

Chronology

June 28, 1914 – Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated

July–August 1914 – major European powers declared war;
U.S. remained neutral

1914–1917 – American civilians assisted foreign war efforts overseas

April 6, 1917 – U.S. declared war on Germany



World War I

Examples of American civilian participation overseas, 1914–1917,
can be found in applications for U.S. passports.

Passport Applications information page – [archives.gov/research/passport](https://www.archives.gov/research/passport)

World War I

William Victor Prechtel Passport Application

Pages 1 and 2

Identifying information; countries
he intended to visit; purpose in
going abroad

From Passport Applications,
Passport Applications, January 6,
1906–March 31, 1925 (NAID
583830) images online at
[Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and
[FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)

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The application must be in duplicate and accompanied by three unmounted photographs of the applicant, not larger than three by five inches in size, one of which is to be affixed to the passport by the Department; the other two must be attached in this application and its duplicate, respectively. The photograph must be on this paper and should have a light background. The one not attached to the application should be signed by the applicant across its face, so as not to obscure the features.

FOR THE STATE OF OHIO
I do hereby certify that the above named applicant is a citizen of the United States and is a native born citizen of the United States and is entitled to a passport under the laws of the United States.

6 AUG 17 1917

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF Ohio COUNTY OF Cuyahoga

I, William Victor Prechtel, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Cleveland in the State of Ohio on or about the 24 day of August, 1927; that my (father) Charles Prechtel was born in Cleveland, Ohio; that I was admitted to the United States from the port of London, England in 1906; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the 1st day of August, 1917; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Norwalk in the State of Ohio, where I follow the occupation of student; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States after the month of with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and that I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

France To enter American Field and England Amalgam Co. Service

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York sailing on board the French line on September 1, 1917.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; So help me God.

Sworn to before me this third day of August, 1917.

C. B. Blaisdell
Clerk of the Court

BIRTH CERTIFICATE SEEN
4-26-17

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 20 years. Mouth: normal
Stature: 6 feet 2 inches, Eng. Chin: normal
Forehead: normal Hair: brown
Eyes: blue Hair: fair
Nose: normal Face: O.K.

IDENTIFICATION.

August 24 17

I, Leon A. Hiltz, a native born citizen of the United States; that I reside at Norwalk, Ohio; that I have known the above-named William Victor Prechtel personally for ten years and know him to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon A. Hiltz
Norwalk, Ohio
(Citizen of U.S.)

Sworn to before me this third day of August, 1917.

[SEAL] of C. B. Blaisdell
Clerk of the Court

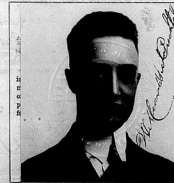
Applicant may be communicated with at the following address:
William Victor Prechtel
6 Mill St.,
Norwalk, Ohio

Applicant respectfully requests passport to be sent to Mr. Beverly Kyle, 14 Wall St., New York City.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.

William Victor Prechtel

Enlarged Photo





World War I

William Victor Prechtel Passport Application

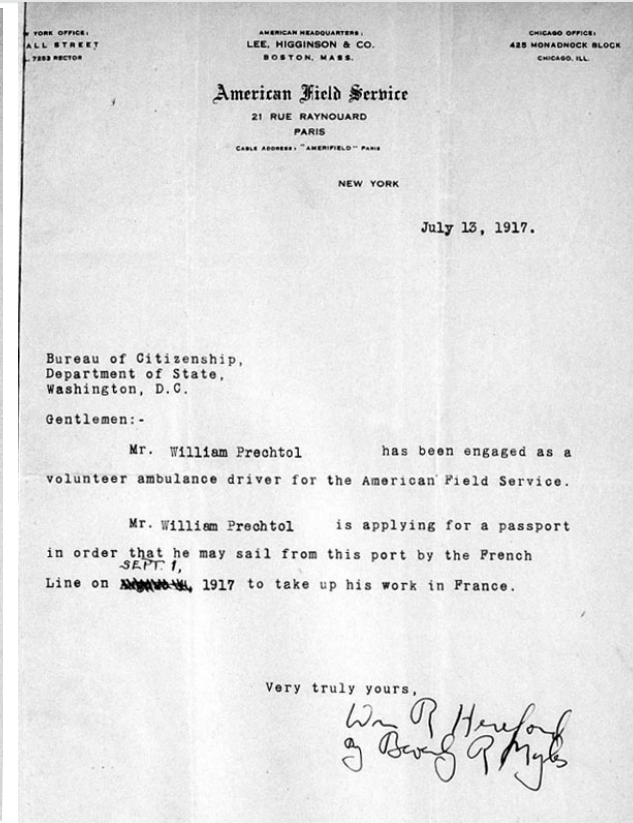
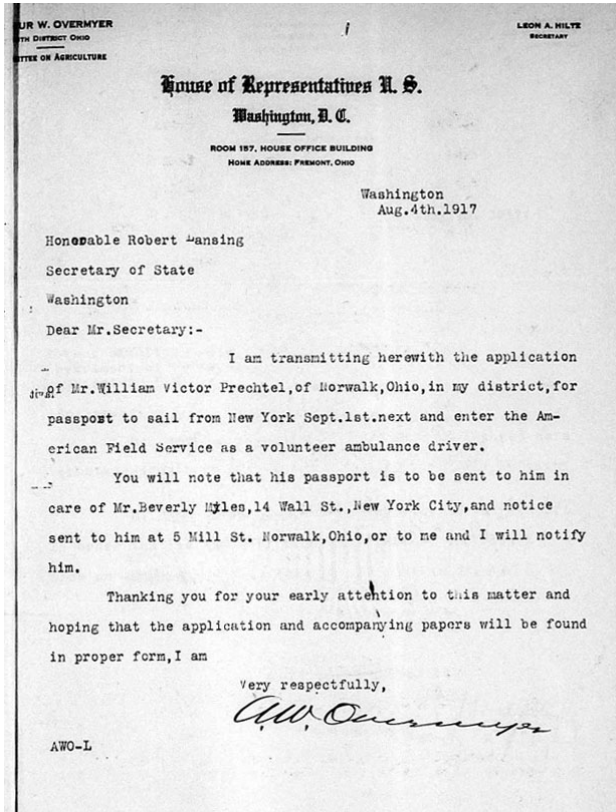
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Letter from Congressman

Letter from American Field Service

From Passport Applications,
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Conclusion

- Examined some ways in which civilians participated in war efforts or were affected by war
- Viewed examples of the types of records that exist
- NO comprehensive index
- When was your person of interest alive?
- What were their life circumstances that might have enabled them to “do something” or be affected as a civilian during wartime?
- What government agencies might have created records for that activity at that time and place?



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The Records of the Provost Marshal General and Enemy Prisoners of War Held in the United States during World War II

Rachael Salyer - Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD



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