

## Quick Review: What do you need to do with every record you find?

It isn't enough to have a record and attach it. You need to examine it, understand it and report on it. Five things you need to do with every record, starting with the census records.

## What wars did they fight and what can you expect to find?

**Examine your family tree.** Figure out who might have fought.

**Organize your family data.** Tools you can use to organize your family data.

**Gather the likely suspects.** Start with your direct ancestors and then collect the brothers and the cousins as well.

**What war did they fight and who did they fight for.** Location usually, not always, tells you everything.

**Start searching for records.** Ancestry and Fold3 have many military records. We discuss the best techniques to search in those data collections so you can find who and what you are looking for. We will focus on major U.S. conflicts and what records you should expect to find.

**Summarize and update your story.** Don't stop when you find the record. Learn everything you can.

## What about the people at home?

**Family and local histories.** People have been writing about themselves and their world for centuries. If you can locate a family or local history about the area your family lived in, you will have new insight into what was going on..

**Historical Context and Newspapers.** How was the war viewed at home? What was the gossip of the day? Our ancestors didn't get up every day and create records for us to find – what were they doing?

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## References and Useful Links

- Ancestry Military Page: <http://www.ancestry.com/military>
- Fold3 Training Center: <http://www.fold3.com/tour/>
- Ancestry.com Blog: <http://blogs.ancestry.com>
- Fold3 Blog: <http://blog.fold3.com>

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