

## **Telling Your Ancestor's War Story from Beginning to End**

You may have collected a few military records for some of your ancestors. But do you know their story? What about the people at home? Do you know how their lives were impacted? We will show you how to quickly identify who might have served and when. Next we will show you records to look on Fold3 and beyond and how to extract the most information. Then, we look at weaving the information you have into a story and where you can save it so it is easily shared. You may find that your family is asking you questions about your family history research instead of the other way around!

Outline

### **How Do You Identify Who Might Have Served?**

Quick discussion of who might have served and in what war. Then we look at who might have served with them and how to organize the data.

### **What Records Existed and How to Find Your Ancestor in Them**

Starting with Fold3 we look at how to find records that are available for most major US conflicts and appropriate search techniques. We will also look at Ancestry, Newspapers.com, and Find a Grave as well as Library of Congress, and multiple other sites on the internet.

### **What Kind of Information Should You Be Looking For?**

We will discuss the details that should be looked for in the records depending on the conflict and how to organize the data in a meaningful way.

### **Writing the War Story**

How do you create a narrative that covers the conflict and the person and where do you put the story? We will discuss the Fold3 honor wall and Ancestry LifeStory tools. We will also take a brief look at blogs and other social media.

### **People at Home**

We will discuss records that will help researchers understand what life was like for those left at home.