

War of 1812

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The War of 1812 is considered the forgotten war, which may be because of the fact that there was no clear victor. In the end the struggle between the British and the United States was a test of wills that further defined their roles in the future. What began as a Gentleman's War, soon escalated to become a very brutal battle. The involvement of the American Indian tribes, on both sides, also had a profound impact on the future of the United States. We can gain some insight to the connections The War of 1812 had to our ancestors.

Seaman's Protection Certificate

Cause of War #1- Seaman's Impressment

Cause of War #2 - The Embargos and Blockades

Naval Action Timeline

1. Constitution-Guerriere (19 August 1812)
 2. United States-Macedonian (28 October 1812)
 3. Constitution-Java (29 December 1812)
 4. Chesapeake-Shannon (1 June 1813)
 5. Essex-Phoebe and Cherub (28 March 1814)
 6. Constitution-Cyane and Levant (20 February 1815)
 7. Sloop-of-war and brig single ship actions
 8. Commerce raiding in the Atlantic
 9. Operations against whaling fleets in the Pacific
 10. Battle of Lake Erie (10 September 1813)
 11. Battle of Lake Champlain (11 September 1814)
 12. Defense of Washington (July-August 1814)
 13. Defense of Baltimore (September 1814)
 14. Battle of New Orleans (December 1814-January 1815)
- <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/stream/faq45-5.htm>**

John Jacob Astor – Astoria, Oregon

Battle of Plattsburg, New York

Perry's Victory on Lake Erie

Burning of the White House

Battle of Bladensburg

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Battle of New Orleans

Peace of Ghent 1814

Politics – A War President

NARA Resources for War of 1812:

Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files

Compiled Military Service Records

Regular Army Enlistment Registers and Papers

Discharge Certificates

Certificate of Death

Other Military Records:

Certificates of Disability

Miscellaneous Manuscripts – grouped by state and federal units with name index

Records of Adjutant General's office

Judge Advocate General Records for Army

Naval and Marine Corps Records

Article explaining these sources more fully.

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812/>

War of 1812 Discharge Certificates

List of Units and Subunits

List of Company/Detachment Commanders

List of Soldiers by Name

List of Soldiers by Unit

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

Ardil Gates - War of 1812 Soldier and POW Case Study

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War of 1812 Online Databases and Resources

DonsList of Finding Aids - Index to War of 1812 Volunteer Soldier's Service Records
<http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/GuidesM.htm>

Missouri State Archives – Soldier's Records: War of 1812
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/>
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/ordb.asp>

Allen County Public Library – Connection to archives.org War of 1812 records.
http://archive.org/details/allen_county
<http://archive.org/details/warof1812records>

Archive.org Articles – 1751 Results

Bicentennial of the War of 1812
<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/about-us/bicentennial1812/>

USS Constitution Museum Research Library
<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/>
Links to other Websites
<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/about-us/bicentennial/resources/>

Ancestry.com Databases - Subscription

War of 1812 Papers, of the Department of State, 1789-1815; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M588, 7 rolls); General Records of the Department of State, Record Group 59; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815, Washington D.C.: National Archives. NARA Microfilm Publication M313, 102 rolls. Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group Number 15.

War of 1812 Service Records, National Archives and Records Administration. Index to the Compiled Military Service Records for the Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M602, 234 rolls.

Index to Records Relating to War of 1812, Prisoners of War, 1812; National Archives Microfilm Publication M1747, 3 rolls and M2019, 1 roll; Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917, Record Group 94; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

War of 1812: Miscellaneous Canadian Records. This is a collection of databases providing information on many Canadians and British in the War of 1812, with some American names. U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914
Registers of enlistments in the U.S. Regular Army compiled from a variety of other records, including enlistment papers, muster rolls and unit records.

U.S. Marine Corp Muster Rolls, 1798-1940
An index of U.S. Marine Corps muster rolls containing name, rank, enlistment date, muster date and station.

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Fold3.com Databases – Subscription and Some Free

War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. The first applications were based on disability or death of a soldier. Beginning in 1871, they were based on service. Surname Letters A and B currently available, National Archives, 2% complete.

War of 1812 Prize Cases, Southern District Court, New York, Prize and Related Records for the War of 1812 of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1812-16, The National Archives, 100% complete.

War of 1812 Service Records. Military service records for the War of 1812 are comprised of cards created from muster, pay, receipt and other rolls for soldiers and sailors who served in the war. The information includes name, service dates, terms of service, monthly pay, where they served, and notes of interest. Lake Erie & Mississippi currently available and are 100% complete.

Letters Received By The Office Of The Adjutant General, 1805-1821 Source: The National Archives, 99% complete.

Passport Applications, the records shown here are scanned from the National Archives Microfilm Publication, M1372, Passport Applications, 1795-1905. The original records are located in Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State in the National Archives, 100% complete.

Ratified Indian Treaties; War of 1812. Indian treaties were made by the Continental Congress, by the Congress of the Confederation, and were continued under the U.S. Constitution, 100% complete.

Familysearch.org Databases - Free

United States, War of 1812 Index to Pension Application Files, 1812-1910, 6 Sep 2011, 91,259 records.

United States, War of 1812 Index to Service Records, 1812-1815, 9 Sep 2011, browse images.

United States, Registers of Enlistments in the U. S. Army, 1798 – 1914, 9 May 2011, browse images.

United States, Old War Pension Index, 1815-1926, *6 Feb 2012, browse images.

Societies Online Resources

<http://www.societyofthearof1812.org> (National and state groups.)

<http://www.usdaughters1812.org> (National and state groups.)

<http://www.1812privateers.org> (Listings of many names and records.)

<http://glengarrylightinfantry.ca/> (Canadian perspective.)

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