

# Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database

## Introduction

The completion of the Civil War Muster Roll Card Database represents nearly a century's effort in identifying the veterans who served in Indiana volunteer units raised in the American Civil War (1861-1865). With the completion of the project, researchers will be able to find information on the approximately 200,000 soldiers who served in Indiana volunteer infantry, cavalry, and artillery units. Genealogists, scholars, local historians, and others will locate useful information quickly and easily.

Ever since the end of the Civil War, the State of Indiana has fielded requests for information about the service of men who rallied to the nation's flag during the rebellion. As a result, the original muster rolls and descriptive rolls preserved by the Adjutant General of Indiana's office had become badly tattered and worn from heavy use. Fifty years after the Civil War the Indiana General Assembly wisely passed a law appropriating a sum to fund the recording of the data for individual soldiers onto 3 x 5 cards. When completed around 1920, these cards, alphabetically arranged, made searching for soldiers easier and faster.

Now, with information from the [muster roll cards](#) entered into a database and available in the [Indiana State Digital Archives](#), researchers can look up names of soldiers and collect information freely and quickly. Each entry has the name, company and regiment, rank, the place and date of enrollment, information on muster out or discharge from service, and whether the soldier died, was wounded or sick from disease, or deserted. Any special order detailing or transferring the soldier to another unit is provided as well.

Contact the [Indiana State Archives](#) for additional information, such as place of birth (nativity), occupation, and a physical description.

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