

Using Fold3

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What's Fold3

Fold3 is a database of historical documents, images, and military collections covering America, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. This database is available as a private subscription with discounts through Ancestry.com or can be accessed through some public and university libraries

Significant Collections

- African-American history
- Native American history
- American Revolutionary War
- American War of 1812
- American Civil War
- World War I
- World War II
- Vietnam War
- US Federal Bureau of Investigation

Significant Genealogy Collections

- Military Pension Files
- Military Muster and Enlistment Rolls
- Military Service Indexes
- Naturalizations
- Passport Applications
- City Directories
- Specific Vital Records
- Newspapers
- Very unusual and rare employment, orphan, and correspondence collections

Browsing the Collection

Try browsing the Fold3 collection first to become accustomed to the way the site is organized

1. View the full Title List at the upper right side of the screen
2. Searching inside each collection or record set is available any time
3. Modify or narrow search within the search results
4. Download the files you want to keep or save them to your Ancestry.com account

Searching the Collection

To maximize search results, do not begin your search on the main page. This will search the entire site, and can be very frustrating if you are not an experienced user. Instead, try selecting a specific collection, and using the grey search box at the top of the page to narrow your results. You can always fine tune your results after your initial search.

The screenshot displays the search interface for Homestead Records (NE) on Ancestry.com. At the top, a search box is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the search box, there are three columns of filters: PUBLICATION (20), STATE (1), and LAND OFFICE (15). The PUBLICATION column is expanded, showing a list of records, with 'Homestead Records (NE)' selected. The STATE column shows 'Nebraska' selected. The LAND OFFICE column shows a list of locations, including Alliance, Broken Bow, Brownville; Beatrice, Chadron, Dakota City; Niobrara; O'Neill, Grand Island, Lowell; Bloomington, McCook, and Nebraska City; Lincoln.

City Directories (selected)

- Los Angeles
- San Francisco

- Chicago
- Ft Wayne
- Indianapolis
- Detroit Brooklyn
- Buffalo
- New York City

Newspapers (selected)

- Atlanta Constitution (1868-1923)
- Chicago Tribune (1849-1923)
- Fort Wayne Daily Gazette (1864-1899)
- London Times (1785-1921)
- San Francisco Chronicle (1865-1923)
- Washington Post (1904-1921)

Milestone Documents

- American Milestone Documents
- Anti-Slavery Manuscripts Collection
- FBI Case Files
- Lincoln Assassination Papers
- Southern Claims Commission
- Holocaust-Era Assets
- Eastern Cherokee Applications

Honor Wall

The Honor Wall is a place to commemorate men and women who served in the US military. Whether they fought in the Revolution or served in the Gulf War, Fold3 members can upload stories and photos to the Honor Wall to share the military service of their ancestors.

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