

Indexes to VETERANS DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS at Hamilton Co. Ohio Recorder's Office

VETERANS' Discharge Documents 1794 to 1988 (see also Graver, p. 18)

When	Index Books	Recorded	CHL	Comments
1794 to 1859	Deed Indexes #1 to 8	Deed Books A to W2,21-257	yes	
1859 to 1865	Misc. Index # 1, p.252-317	Miscellaneous book # 1	yes	Army
1865 to 1917	Misc. Index # 1, p.252-317	Miscellaneous books # 1, 2	yes	Navy, Marines (some Army)
1865 to 1917	Soldiers Discharge Index (Misc. Index # 1, p.318-47)	Veterans (Soldiers only) Discharge Books # 1 & 2	yes	Civil War U.S. Army std. form
1917 to 1944	Soldiers & Sailors Index #1	Vet. Disc. Books # 3 - 12	yes	
1944 to 1946	Soldiers & Sailors Index #2	Vet. Disc. Books # 12 - 85	yes	
1946 to 1988	Veterans Disc. Index #3	Vet. Disc. Books # 85 - 224	to 1980	
1988 to present	on web page	Recorder's Office website	no	recordersoffice. hamilton-co.org

Content description:

1794 to 1859: Typical discharge contains name, rank, regiment, commanding officer, enlistment and service information, age, description, birth place, record date, officer issuing the order.

1859 to 1865: Indexes contain surname, first name, book #, page #. They are arranged by first letter of surname, then in the order they appear in the Miscellaneous record book # 1. Typical discharge contains service no., name, ship name, commanding officer, enlistment and age, description, birth place, record date, officer issuing the order.

1865 to 1917: Indexes contain surname, first name, book #, page #. They are arranged by first letter of surname, then in the order they appear in the Miscellaneous record books # 1 & 2 or Veterans Discharge Books record books # 1 & 2. Discharge standard form has blanks for name, rank, captain, company, regiment, enlistment date, service length, discharge date, location, reason. Birthplace, age, height, complexion, eyes, hair, occupation. Issued at, on date, by who and rank. Sometimes additional detail along page or at bottom.

1917 to 1944: Indexes contain surname, first name, book #, page #, discharge number. They are arranged by groups of first letter of surname (such as EFGH), then in the order they appear in the Veterans Discharge Books 3 through 12. Books 4 through 7 and 9 have no pages numbers. Information is on a pre-printed form for copying data from WW1 discharges. Books 10, 11, 12 have photostats of original document, each has book, page and discharge number.

1944 to 1946: Indexes contain surname, first name, book #, page #, discharge number. They are arranged by groups of first letter of surname (such as EFGH), then in the order they appear in the Veterans Discharge Books 12 through 85.

1946 to 1988: Indexes contain year, discharge #, surname, first name, book #, page #. They are arranged by first letter of surname, then first letter of first name, then in the order they appear in the Veterans Discharge Books 85 to 224.

All Veterans records & indexes from 1794 to 1917 can be seen at the Records Office and Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center. This is based upon the work of William Graver and his years of research into the documents at the Hamilton County Recorder's Office, with his kind permission. For even more detail, see his book at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Hamilton County, Ohio, Guide to Recorder's Indexes and Documents 1794-1988, by William H. Graver (2003) available from Little Miami Publishing, Milford Ohio, www.littlemiamibooks.com

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