

# FIND THEM IN WORLD WAR II

## Tips for finding answers in World War II military records on Ancestry.com

Start your search for World War II-related records by visiting [www.ancestry.com/military](http://www.ancestry.com/military), where you'll find all of the collections in one place. Having problems? Refine your search with the following tips.

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First & Middle Name(s)   Last Name  
     
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**Birth**  
Day   Month   Year   +/-  
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 Exact Only  
Location  
  
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**Death**  
Day   Month   Year   +/-  
         +/-  
 Exact Only  
Location

**U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942**   Charles Valackas

Name:	Charles Valackas
Birth Date:	4 Mar 1895
Birth Place:	Valainikas, Lithuania
Residence:	East Hartford, Connecticut
Race:	White
Age:	
Nearest Relative:	<a href="#">View Image</a>
Height/Build:	
Color of Eyes/Hair:	

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**Save** Save this record about Charles Valackas to your family tree, your shoebox, or your computer.

**1. Check birth years.** Draft ages during World War II extended from ages 18 to 45. Search for people born between approximately 1897 and 1926 (give or take a few years) in both draft cards and enlistment records. You'll also find men born between the ages of 45 and 64 in the fourth registration, a.k.a. the "old man's draft"; note, however, that this group was never drafted.

**2. Use the right name.** Your relative may have gone by a nickname – but family members living today may know the given name, which is also likely to be the name used in military documents.

**3. Look for clues to help you determine if you've found the right person.** Military records may include hometown or place of enlistment, birth year and even the name of another family member (select "View Image" to see all details). Compare this to information you know about your family member already. If it fits, be sure to save it to your family tree. Don't have enough information yet to continue your search? Save the record to your computer or Ancestry.com shoebox and try the next tip.

**4. Jump backwards.** Remember, people you find in WWII military records at Ancestry.com will have left other trails at Ancestry.com. If the WWII military record is the first record you discover for this person on Ancestry.com, use its details to help you search for a 1930 census record (remember, he'll be 12-15 years younger), or a passenger list if the person is a recent immigrant. Also look for yearbooks, birth and marriage records, city directories and family trees.

# Five Clues in a World War II Draft Card

Draft cards can point you to your next step. See how we used a card from the U.S. WWII Draft Cards collection to discover more answers and more records.

DSS Form 166  
**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)**

SERIAL NUMBER | I. NAME (Print) | ORDER NUMBER  
 N | 486 | JAMES FRANKLIN FRADY | 11966

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)  
 BLACK MOUNTAIN AVE. BLACK MOUNTAIN BUNCOMBE N.C.

3. MAILING ADDRESS  
 BLACK MOUNTAIN NORTH CAROLINA

4. TELEPHONE | 5. AGE IN YEARS | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH  
 | | 18 | GREENSBORO

DATE OF BIRTH  
 FEB 14 1924 NORTH CAROLINA

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS  
 MRS. W. B. SCOTT

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS  
 BEACON MFG CO.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS  
 SWANNANOA BUNCOMBE N.C.

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) e16-21630-3 James Franklin Frady

## 1. Birth date

Use birth date plus James's name to locate his gravestone in Honolulu, Hawaii, Punchbowl National Cemetery, 1941-2011. Details on the tombstone reveal he was a staff sergeant in the 417th Bombardment Group, U.S. Army Air Force, when he died.



## 2. Birthplace and residence

Birthplace and residence will narrow down search results for James in the 1930 U.S. Federal Census. Two James Fradys born in the 1920s live in Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1930. Only one of them, though, has a middle initial "F." The birth year isn't identical to the one listed on the draft card but it is close, making it worth checking into further.

## 3. Birth details

Birthplace points to the North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000, where James F. Frady is listed with a birthdate exactly two years later than the draft card shows. His father's name is William Howard Frady, matching the 1930 census. But why the birth year discrepancy? James may have lied about his age because he was eager to serve — plus to register for this draft, James had to be born on or before June 30, 1924 (you'll find the date range at the top of the draft card).

State	County	City	Street	House No.	Apartment No.	Block No.	Lot No.	Map	Index
NC	Buncombe	Black Mountain	Black Mountain Ave.	486					James F. Frady
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—U.S. FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE POPULATION 1930

State: North Carolina Incorporated place: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward of city: \_\_\_\_\_ Block No.: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Buncombe Unincorporated place: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH	RELATION	NAME	HOME DATA		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER	FATHER	MOTHER
			Age	Sex						
North Carolina	Wife	Frady, Ella M.	42	F	White	8	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina
North Carolina	Daughter	Frady, William H. Jr.	10	M	White	8	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina
North Carolina	Son	Frady, James F.	8	M	White	8	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina
North Carolina	Daughter	Frady, Frances J.	5	F	White	8	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina
North Carolina	Daughter	Frady, Fannie M.	3	F	White	8	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina

General Index to VITAL STATISTICS—General County, N. C.—BIRTHS

DATE	NAME	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF MOTHER	NAME OF FATHER	AGE	SEX
FEB 14 1924	FRADY	M	8	WILLIAM HOWARD FRADY	JAMES F. FRADY	WILLIAM HOWARD FRADY	38	M

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**  
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5'10"	140	Sallow	
	EYES		HAIR	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	✓
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar for Local Board: Mary Jones  
Swannanoa NC

Date of registration: June 30, 1942

LOCAL BOARD NUMBER  
305 CITY HALL  
ASHEVILLE, BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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**DSS Form 166**

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)**

SERIAL NUMBER 486 1. NAME (Print) JAMES FRANKLIN FRADY ORDER NUMBER 11906

N 486 (First) JAMES (Middle) FRADY (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) BLACK MOUNTAIN AVE. BLACK MOUNTAIN BUNCOMBE N.C.

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS BLACK MOUNTAIN NORTH CAROLINA

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ 5. AGE IN YEARS 18 6. PLACE OF BIRTH GREENSBORO

(Exchange) (Number) (Town or county)

DATE OF BIRTH FEB 21 1924 NORTH CAROLINA

(Mo.) (Da.) (Yr.) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS. W.B. SCOTT

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS BEACON MFG CO.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS SWANNOA BUNCOMBE N.C.

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I ASSEVERATE THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 616-21630-3

James Franklin Frady  
(Registrant's Signature)

#### 4. Enlistment date

Draft cards don't mean someone was drafted — just that the person registered. (The World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942, is a great example. It registered men between the ages of 45 and 64, but none were drafted as a result.) Such is the case with James. Searching the military collections at Ancestry.com shows that James F. Frady enlisted in the Army Air Corps just few months after he filled out this card, before he was ever drafted.

U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 James F Frady

Name:	James F Frady
Birth Year:	1924
Race:	White, Citizen (White)
Nativity State or Country:	North Carolina
State of Residence:	North Carolina
County or City:	Buncombe
Enlistment Date:	7 Oct 1942
Enlistment State:	South Carolina
Enlistment City:	Camp Croft
Branch:	Air Corps
Branch Code:	Air Corps
Grade:	Private
Grade Code:	Private
Term of Enlistment:	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise

#### 5. Name of someone who will always know your address

Typically a spouse, parent or sibling is listed as the contact — so who is Mrs. W.B. Scott? Working under the assumption that James's mother remarried after the 1930 census also assumes something happened to James's father. Sure enough it had: a search of the birth, marriage and death collection on Ancestry.com for William H. Frady using info from the 1930 census (born in North Carolina in 1893) surfaces a death certificate from 1932. The wife's name, Ella, matches. And the death certificate adds a new generation to search — William's parents' names and other details are included.

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**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County: Buncombe Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate No. 96  
Township: \_\_\_\_\_ at Village \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
City: Asheville N.C. (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name, location of street and number.)

2. FULL NAME: William Howard Frady in Work \_\_\_\_\_  
and Residence: Koon Development (If occupation give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: Male 4. COLOR OR RACE: White 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (circle the word): Married

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year): May 21st 1892 21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year): Feb. 3rd 1932

7. AGE: 39 Years 6 Months 12 Days 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
I had one \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_  
The proximate cause of death and related causes of importance in order of \_\_\_\_\_  
and were as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of onset \_\_\_\_\_

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR LINE OF WORK (with occupation, avocation, occupation, etc.): Carpenter

9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS WELL AS THE MILL, BANK, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Date deceased last worked at his occupation (month and year): \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation \_\_\_\_\_

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town): Broad River (State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

13. NAME: A. D. Frady (State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town): Flat Creek (State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

15. MOTHER NAME: Maddy Ombay (State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town): Flat Creek (State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

17. INFORMANT: A. D. Frady (Address): Black Mountain N.C.

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Interred (Date): Feb. 4 1932

19. EMPLOYER: Herrnstein Underwriting Co. (Address): Asheville N.C.

20. FILED: 33 (Address): McDowell Co. N.C.

21. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Name of operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
What the condition diagnosed? \_\_\_\_\_  
If death was due to external causes (injuries) list the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cause and manner of death: \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify whether injury occurred in military, in ship, or in public street \_\_\_\_\_  
Manner of injury: Automobile accident  
Specify if airplane crash \_\_\_\_\_  
If an accident, specify in any way related to occupation of deceased? \_\_\_\_\_  
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