

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, where you'll find all of the collections in one place. Having problems? Refine your search with the following tips.

All Military Collections Revolutionary War Civil War World War I World War II

Search World War II (1941-1945) Military Records

Match all terms exactly

Name
First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

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Birth
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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:	View Image
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.

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
S. WANNANOA NC.
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration: June 30, 1942

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

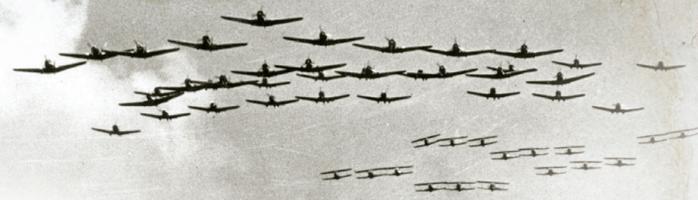
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4. Enlistment date

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, 1,438-1946 Source: 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



DSS Form 166

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

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
N 486 JAMES FRANKLIN FRADY 11906
(First) (Middle) (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 6. PLACE OF BIRTH
18 GREENSBORO
(Exchange) (Number) (Town or county)

DATE OF BIRTH FEB 21 1924 NORTH CAROLINA
(Mo.) (Day) (Year) (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
S. WANNANOA 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 (Registered's Signature)

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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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County: Buncombe Registration District No. 11-243 Certificate No. 96
Township: Mission Hospital
City: ASHEVILLE N.C.

2. FULL NAME: William Howard Frady
3. RESIDENCE: Koon Development

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX: Male 2. COLOR OR RACE: White 3. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (circle the word): Married

4. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year): May 21st 1892

7. AGE: 39 Years 6 Months 12 Days

8. TRADE, OCCUPATION, OR PROFESSION: Carpenter

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

10. DATE DECEASED LAST NOTIFIED OF HIS OCCUPATION (month and year):

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

12. NAME: A. D. Frady
13. BIRTHPLACE (city or town): Flat Creek
(State or country): McDowell Co. N.C.

14. MARRIAGE NAME: Maddy Ombay

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

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

17. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE: McDowell Co. N.C. Date: Feb. 4 1932

18. OCCUPATION: Reynolds Underwriting Co.

19. PLACE OF DEATH: Asheville N.C.

20. FILED: 33 M. M. C. E. N. C.

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year): Feb. 3rd 1932

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