Michigan’s Heroes
Finding Military Records at the State Archives of Michigan

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Main Collections
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Civil War Records
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- Bonus Records
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- Regimental Records
- Manuscripts

“Brown Book”

Civil War Continued
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Letter Requesting Service Certificate

Civil War Manuscripts
- Diaries
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Alphonse Crane Letter

Spanish-American War Records
- Descriptive Rolls for the 31st – 35th Michigan Infantry 1898-1899

Camp Eaton at Island Lake
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World War I Census

- National Guard & Naval Force
  - Guard Enlistment Papers, 1908-1919
  - Naval Enlistment Papers, 1917; 1921-1949
  - Mexican Border War Muster Rolls, 1916
  - State Militia/Troops, 1905-1916

National Guard Enlistment Papers
Michigan Naval Force

Veterans Records
- Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- United Spanish War Veterans Camps
- Grand Army of the Republic
- Spanish-American War Victory Medals
- 1890 Veterans Census

Veterans Home Register

Veterans Home Admission

United Spanish War Veterans Camp Index

Span-Am Victory Medal
Post WWI Records

- World War II & Korean War bonus records and beneficiary claims indexes

Secondary Collections

- Photographs
- “Michigan’s Early Military Forces” by LeRoy Barnett
- Executive Collection
  - Correspondence
    - Black Hawk War
    - Ohio Boundary
    - Patriot War
    - Mexican War

Future Collections

- World War II and Korean War bonus files
- Current Projects include: Civil War
  - Principle/Substitute database; database of all deceased from Civil War through WWII.

Access

- Online Records: http://haldigitalcollections.cdm.oclc.org
- Web: http://www.michigan.gov/statearchives
- E-Mail: archives@mi.gov
- Phone: 517.373.1414
- Reading Room: 10am-4pm Monday-Friday

Access Michigan Catalog

- Keyword search is the best
- Limit the search to the State Archives
- Reading the Screen

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