Researching Your Military Ancestors

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Agenda

Case study: Maurice Rose, the highest-ranking Jewish person in the U.S. Army (WWII) and the highest-ranking American killed by enemy fire during WWII in the European Theater of Operations

Eleven tools to help you learn more about your ancestors in the military

- Fold3
- Ancestry
- FamilySearch
- Battle Monuments Commission
- VA National Cemetery Administration
- Find A Grave
- JewishGen
- Chronicling America
- National Archives
- National Archives at St. Louis (DD-214)
- Google search engine



















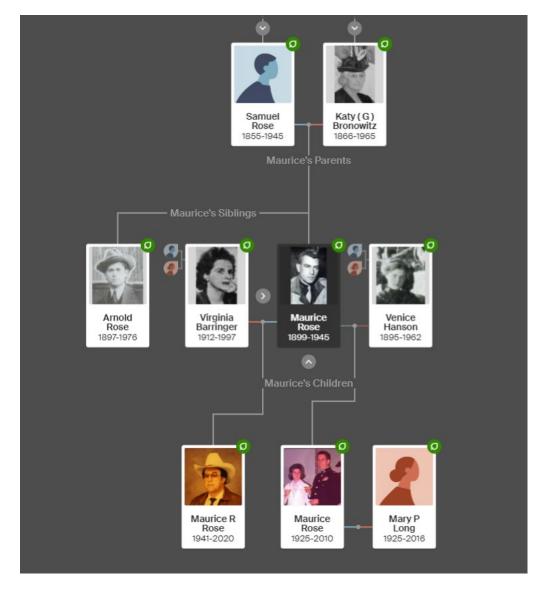


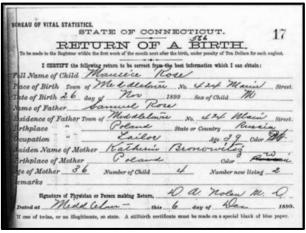






Who was Maurice Rose?







Sam, Maurice, Katy, Arnold

- Born in Connecticut on November 26, 1899, to Rabbi Samuel Rose and Katherin (Katy) née Bronowitz
- Parents emigrated to America from Poland
- Relocated to Denver, Colorado in 1902
- Younger brother to Arnold (b. 1897)
- Lied about his age, enlisted in the National Guard in 1916 in hopes of joining the Pancho Villa Expedition. His age was discovered, and he was discharged.
- Enlisted again in 1917. Selected for officer training.
- 2nd Lieutenant Rose wounded in France. Left hospital w/o permission to rejoin his unit.

More life milestones

DENVER BOY GAINS HIS CAPTAINCY.

Maurice Rose Received Promotion This Month.

Captain Maurice Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hose, received his latest promotion September 11, 1919. He is now captain in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States.

Captain Rose was wounded at St. Mihiel, and, also, in the Argonne. He left Denver as a private and entered the Officers Training school. He is the only one of Denver's Jewish boys who has attained this distinction in the infantry.

Denver Jewish News article announcing promotion – 01 Oct 1919

- Promoted to Captain 11 Sep 1919
- Marriage to Venice Hanson 12 Jun 1920
- Birth of son Maurice (Mike) Rose 29 Dec 1925
 Mike Rose career office in U.S. Marine Corps attained rank of colonel and was a veteran of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War
- Divorce from Venice Hanson Rose 1931
- Marriage to Virginia Barringer 12 Sep 1934, while stationed in the Panama Canal Zone
- Birth of son Maurice Roderick (Reece) Rose 30 Jan 1941



Venice Hanson



Col. Mike Rose w/wife Mary Patricia Long



Virginia Barringer



"Reece" Rose

World War II highlights

Promoted to Major in 1941, Lieutenant Colonel in 1942





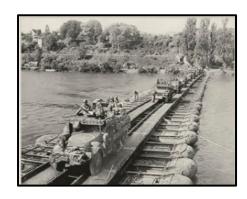
• 1943 – North African Invasion and led Allied Forces to Palermo, Sicily

 June 7, 1944 – Crossed English Channel to Omaha Beach as a Brigadier General

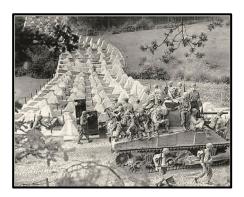




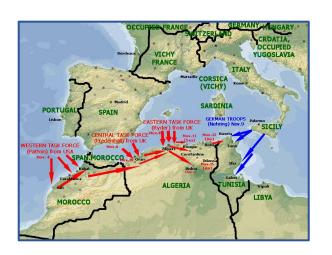
Notice welded "teeth" used to break through the hedgerows of France.



Tanks cross pontoon bridge built by unit under Gen Rose command.



German West Wall = dragon's teeth





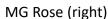


Gen. Rose Normandy 1944

MG Maurice Rose Led from the Front

- Promoted to Major General and command of 3rd Armored Division which distinguished itself in many way. The division was the first to:
 - Cross the German border (12 Sep 1944)
 - Capture a German town (Rötgen 12 Sep 1944)
 - Breach the Siegfried Line (13 Sep 1944)
 - Advance across the Siegfried Line in force (15 Sep 1944)
 - Down a German plane with guns on German soil (18 Sep 1944)
 - Capture a major German city (Cologne 5 Mar 1945)
 - Invade Germany in force since Napoléon's armies
 - Record the longest one-day advance: 101 miles (29 Mar 1945)





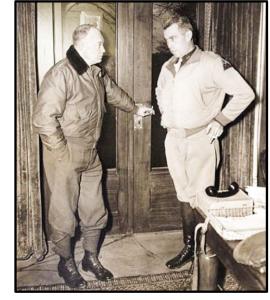


Awarding Bronze Star



Cologne Cathedral





Eisenhower & Rose conferring



Sherman tank – Belgium – 08 Sep 1944

From Normandy to Paderborn, Germany







"One Of Our Bravest" "A Great Leader"









- The highest-ranking officer killed by the enemy in WWII
- The highest-ranking Jewish officer in WWII
- "Maurice Rose was all business."
- "A ramrod of a man"
- "The toughest looking officer I have ever seen"
- "There was not a man in division headquarters who did not fear Rose".
- "I saw staff officers, "full colonels, standing at attention before Rose, sweat pouring off their faces, visibly shaking in their tankers' boots."

Eleven tools to help you learn more about your military ancestors























What is Fold3?

Fold3 provides convenient access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

The records at **Fold3** help you discover and share stories about these everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them.

Ancestry.com owns Fold3 and is included in the institutional version and in the All Access subscription







Over 545M records

Why the name Fold3?

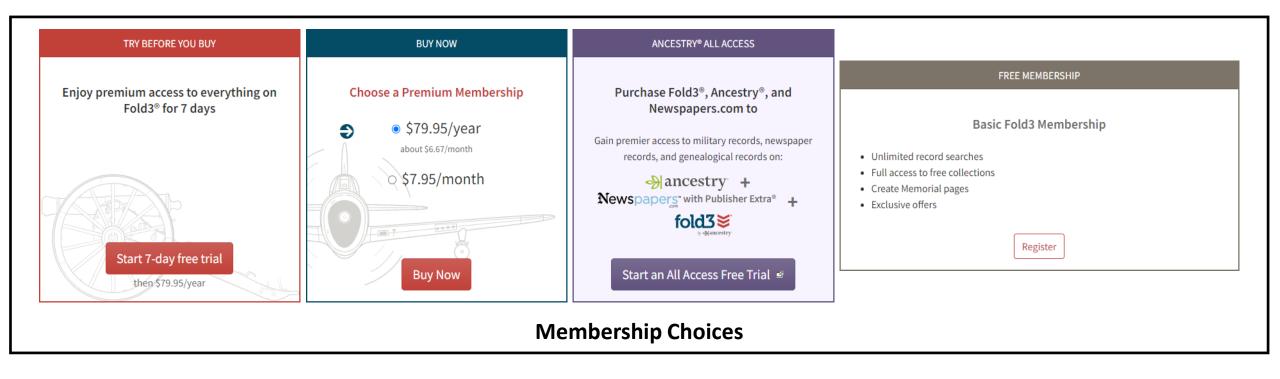
The **Fold3** name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.



How do Laccess Fold3?

• With a paid Ancestry.com All Access subscription - \$\$\$ - access to all 590M+ records in Fold3

• With a specific Fold3 subscription (w/o Ancestry) - \$\$\$

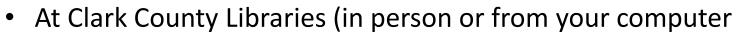


How do Laccess Fold3 for free?

- Register for Free Basic Fold3 Membership access to 110M+ of the 590M records
 - The Holocaust collection is **free** at <u>www.fold3.com/holocaust</u>

- At the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
 - Free access to all 590M records

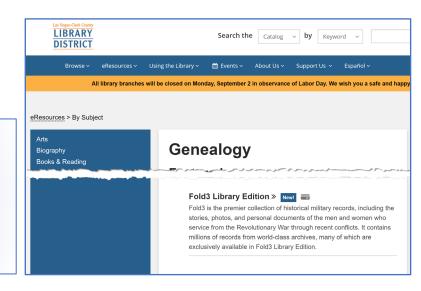




- with your username and pin)
 - Access to all 590M records

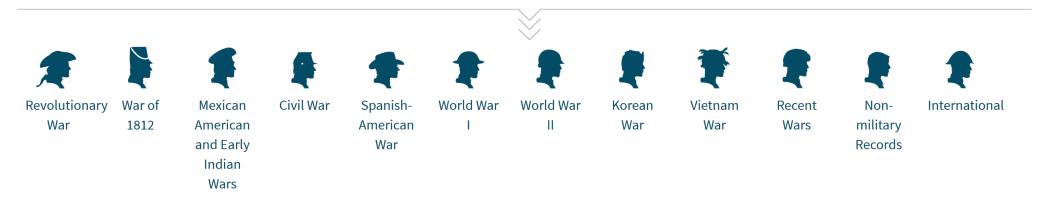
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- 2. Go to Online Resources, then A-Z Resources
- 3. Click on "F" and "Fold3"
- 4. Enter your Library Card Number and PIN





What records are available in Fold3?

Browse Military Records by War



Examples of Non-military Records

- African American Collection
- City Directories
- Homestead Records
- Native American Collection
- Naturalizations (NY)
- Newspapers
- Passport Applications (1795-1905)

Examples of International Records

- Australia WWI & WWII Service Records
- British Army Lists
- Canada, Widows' Pension Applications
- Distinguished Conduct Medals (UK)
- Military Books from 50+ countries including Czech Republic, Israel, Romania, Russia, Ukraine
- UK, Allied POWs

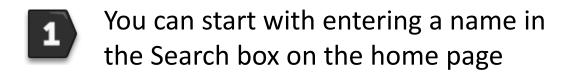


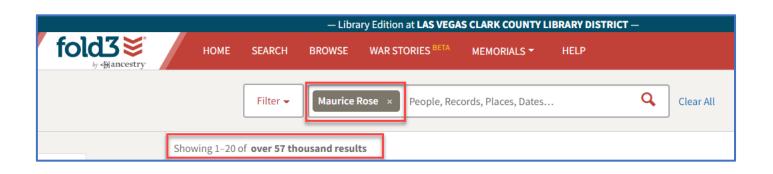


Fold3 Search Techniques



- Search on names, dates, places, publication names, conflict periods, document types, etc.
- Start with a simple, broad search such as a name or keyword, then narrow results using filters on the left side of the page





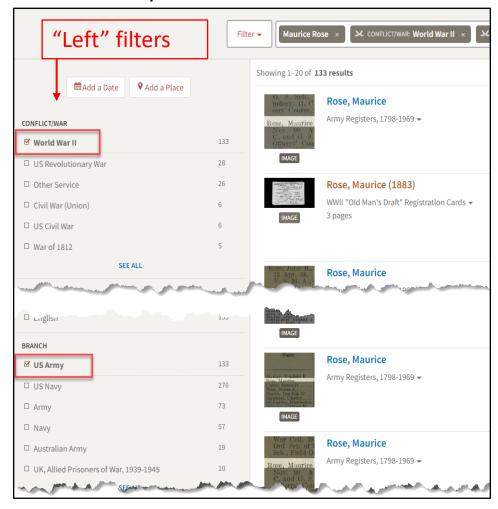


That search results in 57K+ records. Add filters to narrow down.

- A. Use the filters on left, and/or
- B. Add filters in the Search box

Adding filters to narrow down the search results

- A. Using the filters on the left:
 - World War II
 - US Army



- B. Adding filters in the Search box:
 - Date = 1945



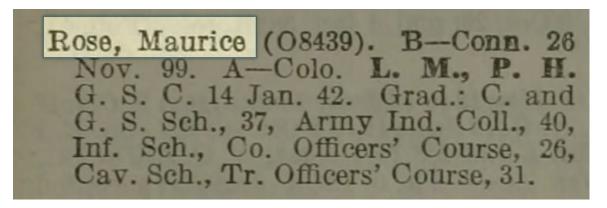
"Search Box" filters

Search results



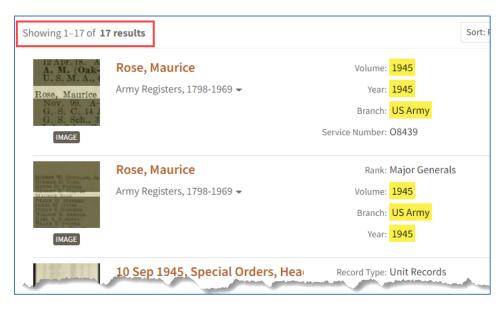
We narrowed the results from 57K to 17

Let's take a look at the Army Registers



Lists:

- Birth state
- Date of birth
- Awards (L.M. = Legion of Merit, P.H. = Purple Heart)
- Military schools
- Promotion dates



Save your results

Save to Ancestry (if you have account)

Download the document



Other genealogical facts about Maurice Rose found in Fold3

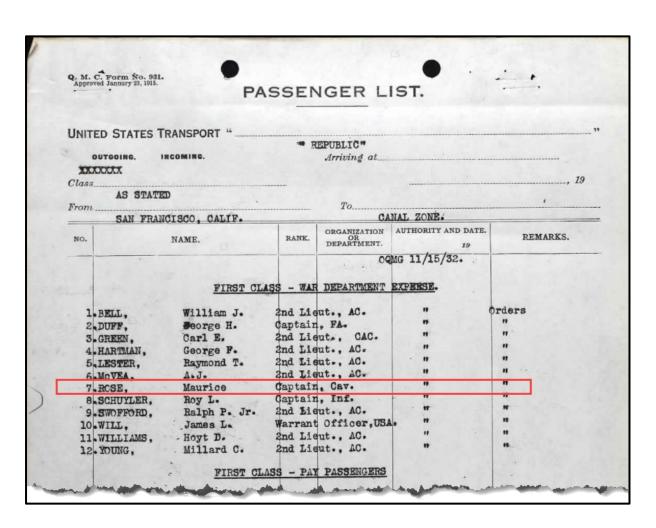


Maurice Rose included in transport lists from 1919 & 1932



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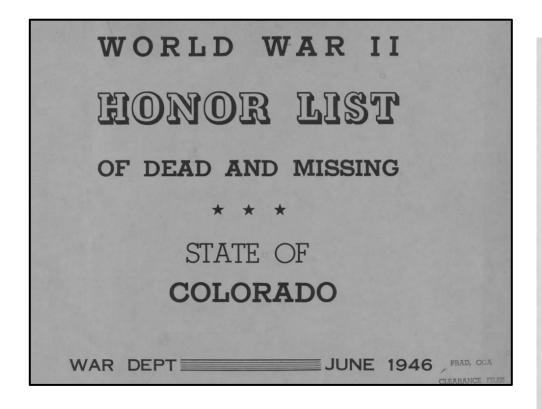
First Lieutenant Rose returning home from WWI, arriving in Hoboken, NJ on 22 May 1919

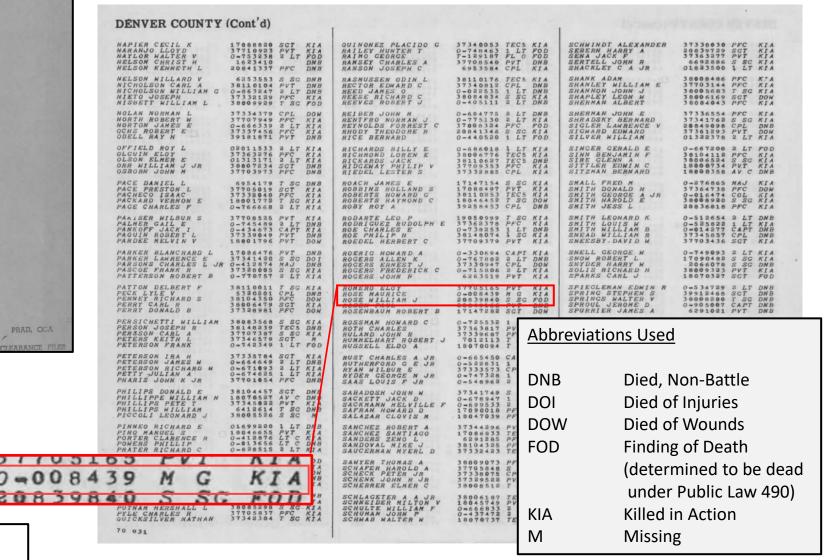


Captain Rose traveling to the Panama Canal Zone for duty on 15 Nov 1932

Maurice Rose KIA







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Using Ancestry.com to research your military ancestors

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Where can I access Ancestry.com for free?

- At the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library
- Las Vegas residents: via Clark County Libraries (in person or from your computer with your username and pin)
- Henderson residents: in-person at the Paseo Verde Library
- North Las Vegas residents: not available

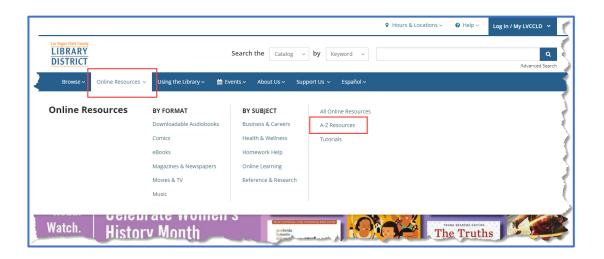






How to access Ancestry.com for Las Vegas residents

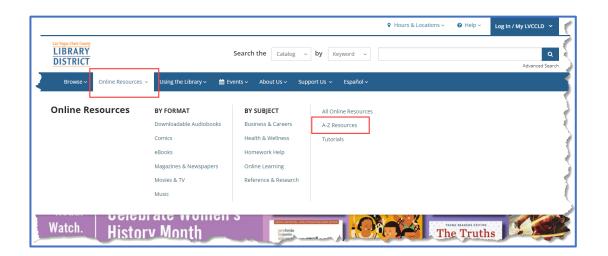
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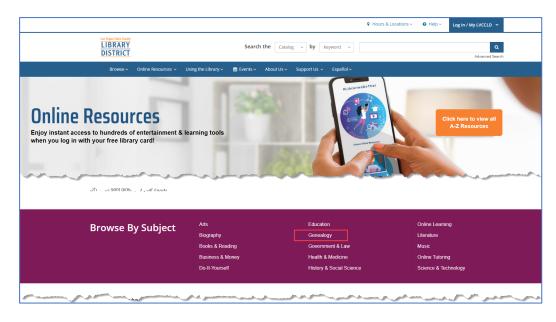




To see all the genealogy sites available through the Clark County Libraries:

- 1. Go to https://lvccld.org/
- Go to Online Resources and then click on "All Online Resources". Then scroll to "Browse By Subject" and click on "Genealogy"
- Available resources:
 - African American Heritage
 - America's Obituaries & Death Notices
 - Ancestry Library Edition
 - Chronicling America
 - Fold3 Library Edition
 - HeritageQuest Online
 - Las Vegas Review-Journal (historical)
 - MyHeritage Library Edition
 - NewspaperARCHIVE





How to access Ancestry.com for Henderson residents

- 1. Go to the Paseo Verde Library
- At a library computer, go to <u>https://hendersonlibraries.com/Henderson-Libraries</u>
- From the Home Page → Explore → Learning & Research → All Resources → Ancestry (In-Library Use Only)

Note: other genealogy sites are also available at Paseo Verde

- American Ancestors (In-Library Use Only)
- Chronicling America
- FamilySearch
- Find a Grave
- Heritage Quest
- National Archives and Records Administration





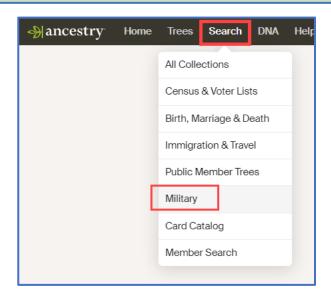
Searching with Ancestry.com



What kinds of military records are available in Ancestry?

Military records are just one category of records in Ancestry. There may be many other types of records available for your ancestor: census, voter, BMD, immigration, travel, etc. **Check them all.**

Note the types of records in the Search "Dropdown" menu.



Narrow by Category

Draft, Enlistment and Service

Casualties

Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists

Pension Records

Histories

Awards & Decorations of Honor

News

Disciplinary Actions

Photos

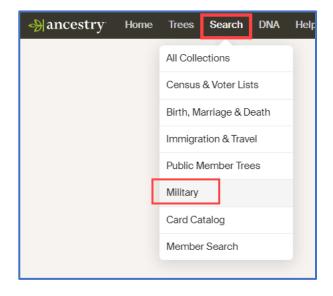




There are many kinds of Military records. If you get lots of search results, you can narrow the search by category.

Let's search for Maurice Rose

Let's start with Military records for Maurice Rose





From the Home Page, click on "Search" and then on "Military" in the drop-down menu.



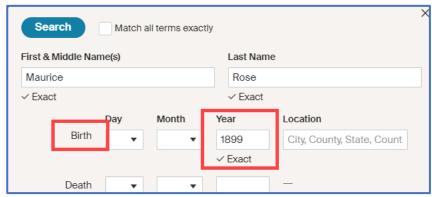
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Start with a very general search – i.e. just the person's name. If you get too many results, start adding filters.

Adding filters to make your search results more manageable

We received 808 search results. Most are not for our Maurice Rose. Start adding filters.







Click on the pencil to add and/or refine your search criteria

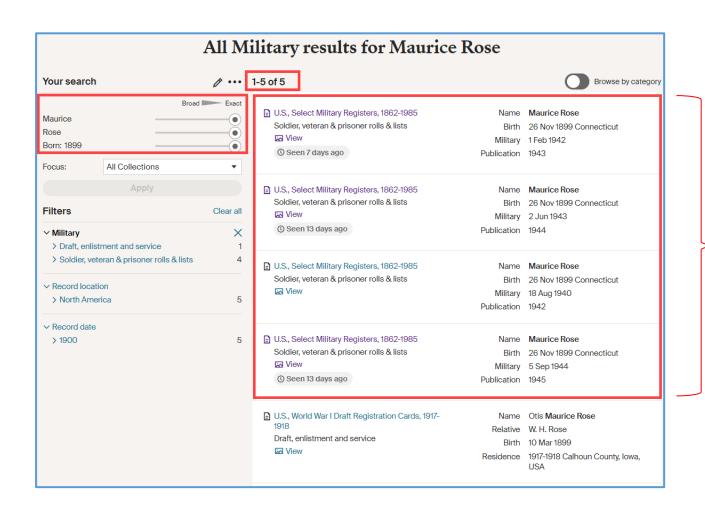


In this example, we simply added the birth year and made it "exact". You may not be sure of the year. Instead, you can specify a range of years.

It's generally best to start with a <u>general</u> search query. Then add filters. Don't start with too many search criteria as you may eliminate results that are relevant to your person. Example, if you put in death year as a requirement and the record was created before death, that record might not appear in your search results.

What kinds of military records are available in Ancestry?

By adding the exact year of birth (1899), we reduced to search results from 808 to 5 (and 4 are for our guy)



Note: all 4 military search results are "U.S. Select Military Registers, 1862-1985", each from a different year. (Also, in Fold3)

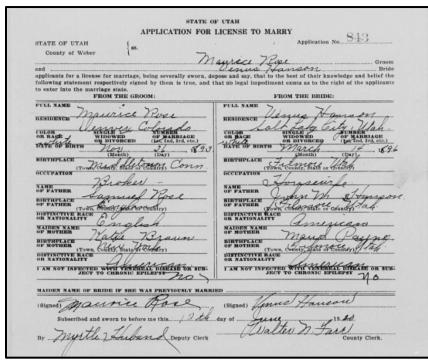


What are the U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985?

The majority of this collection covers U.S. Army and Navy personnel. Information includes:

- rank
- unit
- service history
- · birth date
- birthplace (home address)
- education level
- promotion dates
- awards
- retirement date

What other information about Maurice Rose was found in Ancestry?



Marriage License (Venice Hanson) Salt Lake City, UT 12 Jun 1920

- Census and BMD records
- Member's photos
- Stories posted to other Ancestry Member trees



Mother, Katy Rose, breaking ground on the General Rose Hospital in Denver





MG Maurice Rose



MG Rose receives Croix de Guerre from French general



Liberating Cologne

Story posted in someone's Ancestry Family Tree

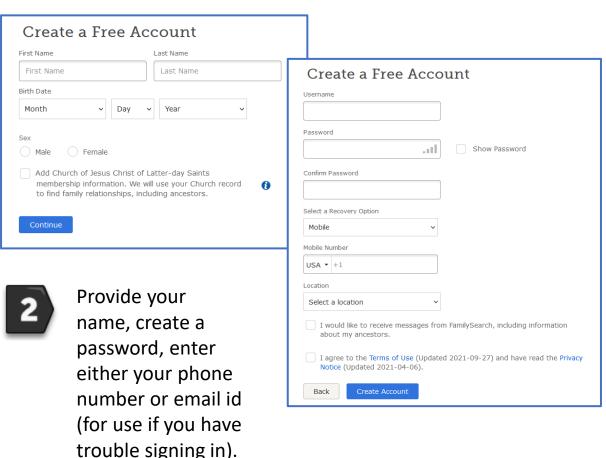


Using FamilySearch.org is FREE and accessible wherever you can connect

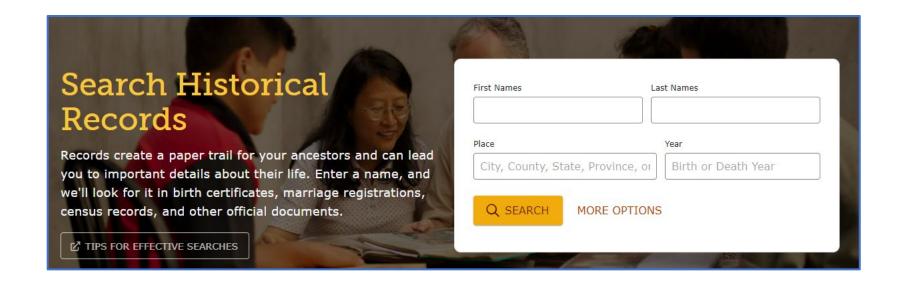




If you don't have an account, go to www.familysearch.org and click on CREATE ACCOUNT



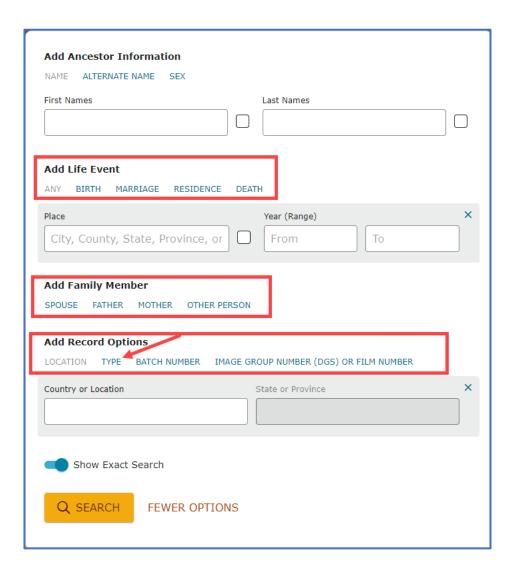
From the homepage, click on "Search", then "Records"



Do a simple search or refine your search by clicking on "MORE OPTIONS"

Start with a broad search. You often get better results when you leave some search fields blank.

"MORE OPTIONS"



Add some filters to narrow down your results:

- Life Event birth, marriage, residence, death
- Family Member
- Be sure to click on "TYPE" under "Add Record Options"



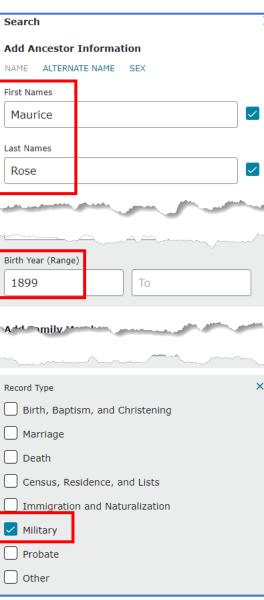
Note the different Record Types, including Military

Searching for military records for Maurice Rose in FamilySearch *

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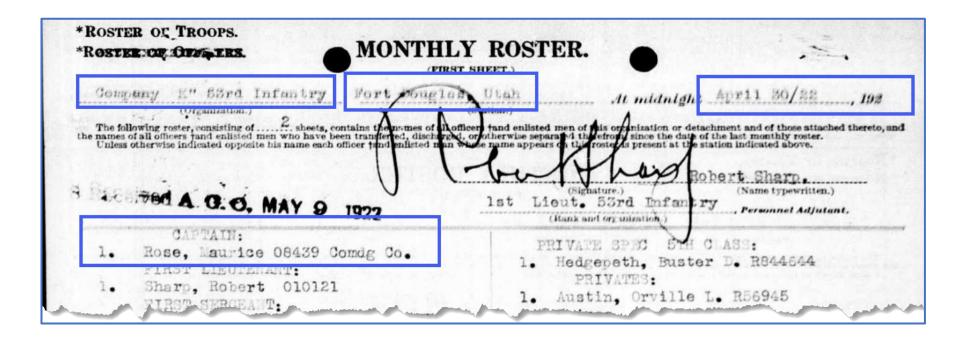
- 1. Name
- 2. Birth year
- 3. Military record

* Of course, you search for any record type to learn more about your ancestor



Sample of records found for Maurice Rose in FamilySearch

Collection: "U.S. Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939"



This Monthly Roster reveals:

- Company "K" 53rd Infantry (which you can Google for more information)
- Station = Fort Douglas, Utah
- Date = April 30, 1922
- Shows Captain Maurice Rose as commanding the company

Many records from the Muster Rolls exist for Maurice Rose, starting in 1917.

One can trace his:

- Rank
- Location
- Assignment
- Military training

Create a timeline of dates and locations for your ancestor!

What other types of military records might be available for your ancestor in FamilySearch?



- Draft Registrations
- Pension or Veteran Records
- Unit Histories
- Cemetery Records
- National homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers
- Veterans and Lineage Society Records
- Biographies
- Awards and Decorations

American Battle Monuments Commission



American Battle Monuments Commission



If your military ancestors died in combat <u>overseas</u>, you may find information in The American Battle Monuments Commission - <u>www.abmc.gov</u>

Free to search from anywhere

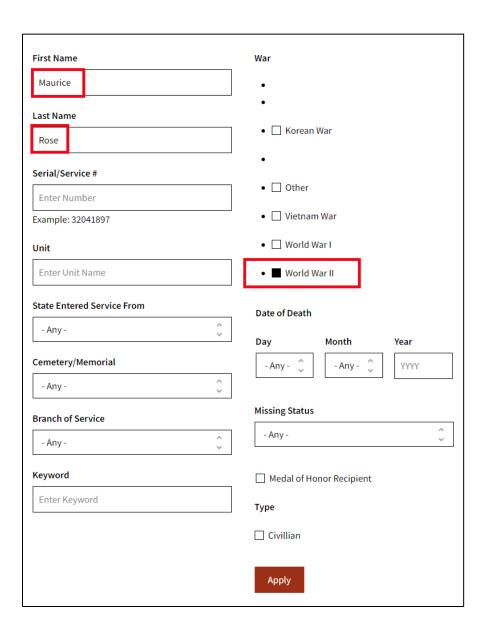


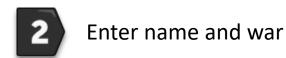


Simply go to the homepage at www.abmc.gov.

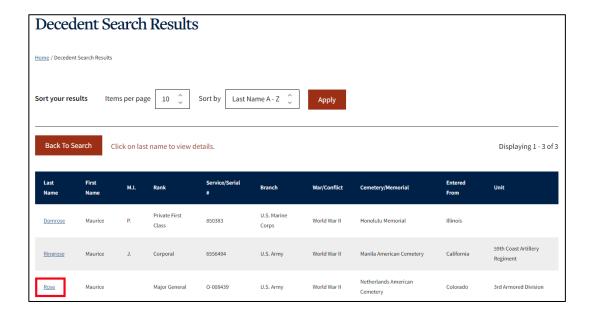
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American Battle Monuments Commission Advanced Search

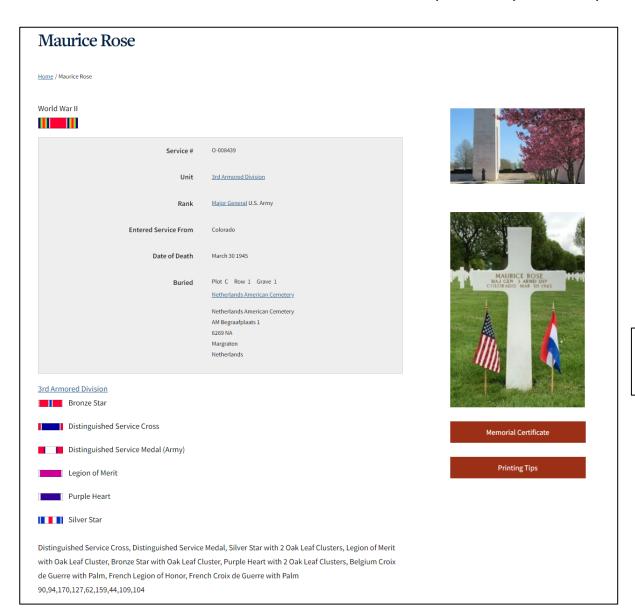




Click on the last name of your ancestor



ABMC record shows service #, unit, rank, date of death, burial location and awards





Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre with Palm

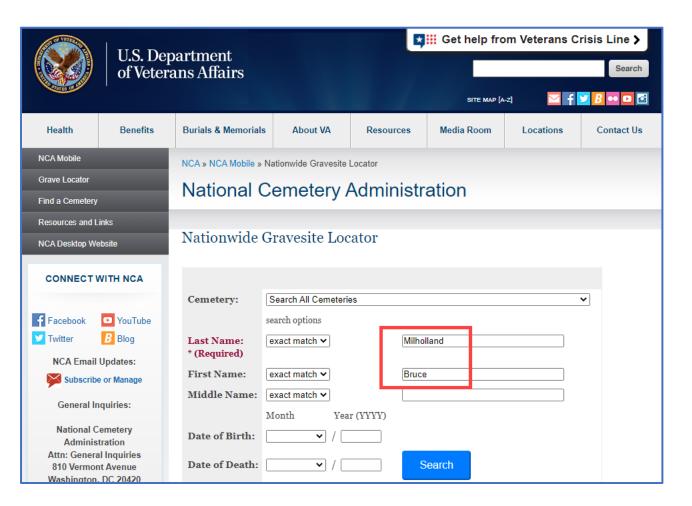
Note: at the time of MG Rose's death, the military did not know he was Jewish, hence the cross.



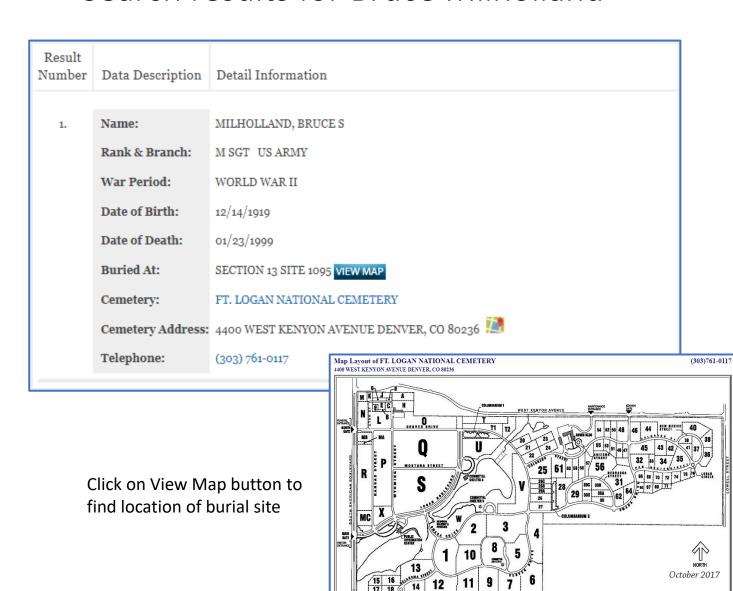
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – National Cemetery Administration

Find burial locations of American military veterans (in 155 national cemeteries in the <u>U.S.</u>)

Free to search – go to gravelocator.cem.va.gov



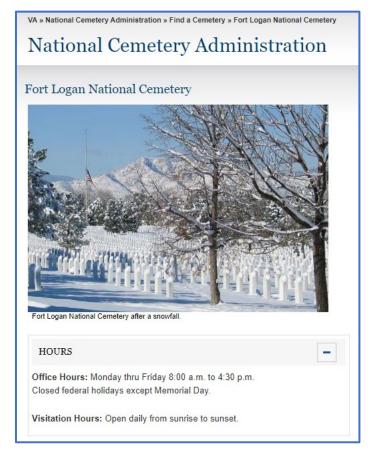
Search results for Bruce Milholland



MILHOLLAND, BRUCE S.

MAP LAYOUT OF FT. LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

Section 13 Site 1095



Click on Cemetery Name for general information, policies, historical background and more.

Find a Grave



Find A Grave Overview



What are some benefits of using Find A Grave?

- Free (register at <u>www.findagrave.com</u>)
- Search from 180M+ grave records at 533K+ cemeteries
- Research resource learn genealogical information about a person/family
- Add information about your loved one such as pictures, stories, obituaries, remembrances
- Opportunity to help others by taking headstone photos
- Find interesting memorials of famous people





What can you learn from a headstone?

- Religion
- Military history
- Fraternal organizations
- Hobbies
- Gravestone location which might help find other family members



Search for headstone - Memorials

- Can start with just a name
 - Add filters as desired
- Partial last name search
- Note the biographical data
- Can save the record to Ancestry







Maurice Rose record in Find a Grave





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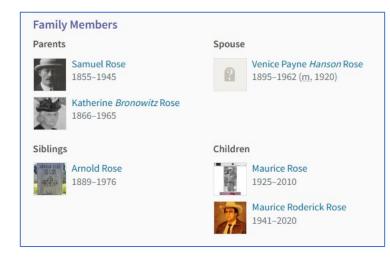
Key information – birth and death dates & locations

United States Army World War II Major General. He enlisted in the National Guard for the Pancho Villa Expedition, but was discharged soon afterwards because he had falsified his age. Rose reenlisted in 1917, completed officer training, served during World War I as a lieutenant in the 89th Division, and was wounded at St. Mihiel. After working as a salesman, Rose re-entered the Army in 1919. He advanced through the ranks, and completed the following courses: Infantry Company Officer (1926), Cavalry Officer (1931), Command and General Staff Officer (1937), and Army Industrial College (1940). During World War II Rose served in North Africa and Europe as 1st Armored Division's chief of staff, and commander of Combat Command A, 2nd Armored Division. He took command of 3rd Armored Division in August 1944, and fought in France, Belgium, and Germany. Rose died when he was shot by a German tank commander while he and members of his staff attempted to locate a unit that was cut off by Germans. His awards included: Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star (2), Legion of Merit (2), Purple Heart (2), Bronze Star Medal (2), French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, and Belgian Croix de Guerre.

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MEMORIAL ID

Find a summary of the person's life or submit your own story for your ancestor.



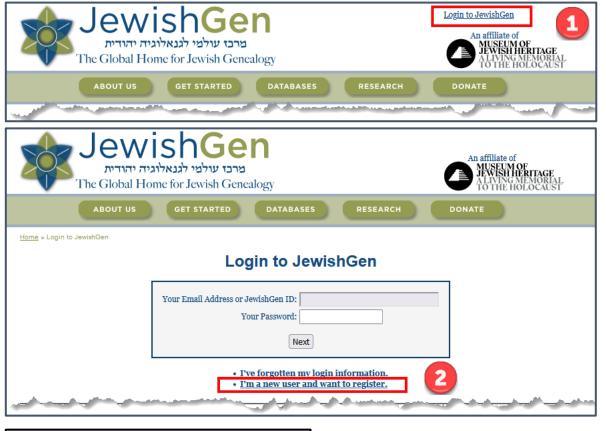


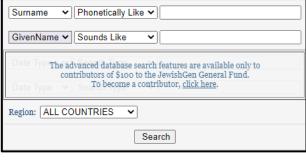
See and link to family members. You can add and/or edit your family.



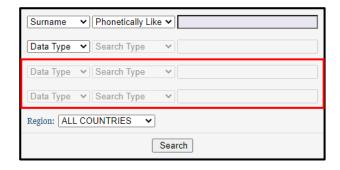
JewishGen is an international resource for Jewish genealogy







Search millions of Jewish records for free!





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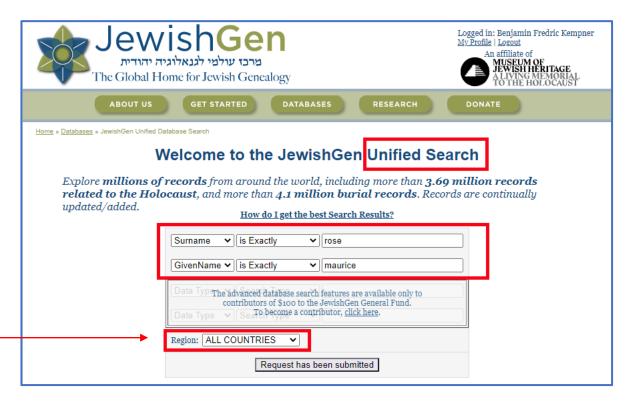
Databases:

- JewishGen Family Finder connect with users researching same surnames & towns
- Family Tree of the Jewish People database of Jewish family trees
- JewishGen Gazetteer database of locality names (54 countries)
- Communities Database info on 6,000+ Jewish communities (population, historic names, maps, links to resources
- JewishGen Online worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) 3M+ records
- Holocaust Database 2.75M entries info on victims & survivors, concentration camp lists, transport list, ghetto records, census lists

You can search one database or across all databases

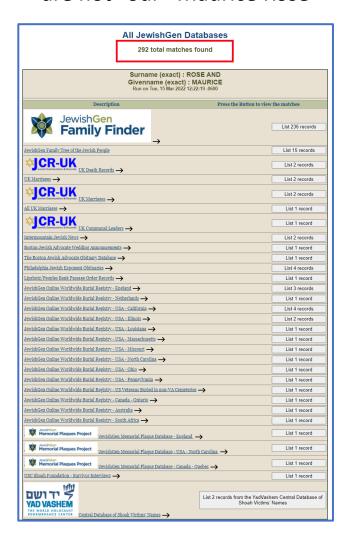


Example: search all databases (Unified Search) for Maurice Rose



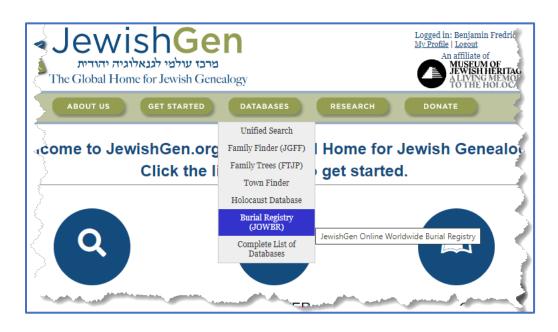
You can filter by a country or search all countries

292 Matches found – vast majority are not "our" Maurice Rose

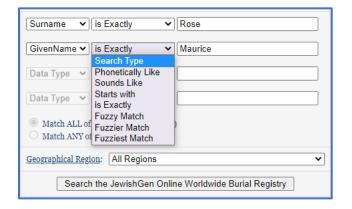


Let's try searching two specific databases #1 – Jewish Online Worldwide Burial Registry





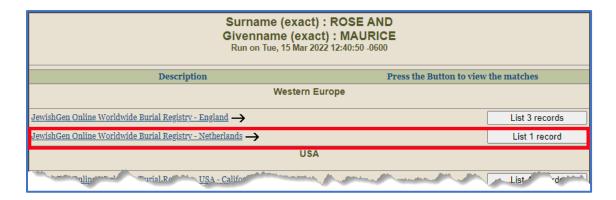
From the Home Page, hover over DATABASES and select "Burial Registry" (JOWBR)



- Enter search criteria i.e. Surname and Given Name. If you're unsure of the spelling, don't use "is Exactly".
- Click on "Search the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry"

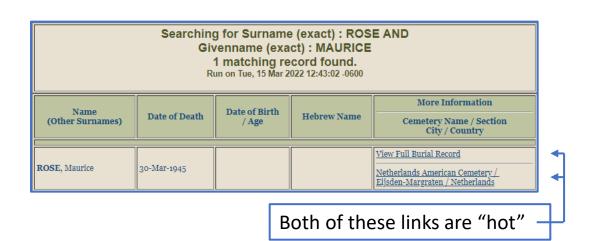
JOWBR search results







We know MG Rose was buried in Europe



| Name (Other | Place of Birth | Date of Birth | Hebrew Name | Age | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---|---|--|
| Surnames) | Place of Death | Date of Death | Hebrew Date | Burial Date | |
| ROSE, Maurice | | | | | |
| ROOL, Maarice | | 30-Mar-1945 | | | |
| No Image Available | | | | | |
| Plot | Spouse | Father | Comments | Cemetery Name | |
| | | Mother | | City / Country | |
| Plot C Row 1 | | | Major General, U.S. Army, 3rd Armored Division. | Netherlands American Cemetery / | |
| Grave 1 | | | Entered the Service from: Colorado. | <u>Eijsden-</u> <u>Margraten / Netherlands</u> | |



Burial Record (above); Cemetery Record (below)

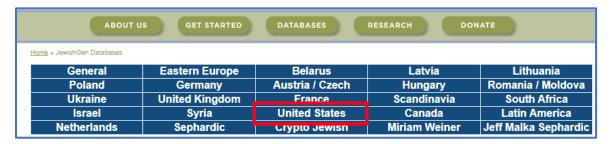
| Cemetery Identification | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Cemetery ID: | NETH-05615 | | | |
| Cemetery Name: | Netherlands American Cemetery | | | |
| Section: | | | | |
| | Cemetery Location | | | |
| Country: | Netherlands | | | |
| City: | Eijsden-Margraten 🕎 | | | |
| Street: | AM Begraafplaats 1 | | | |
| Cemetery Details | | | | |
| Number of Burials: | umber of Burials: 180 | | | |
| Number of Photographs: | mber of Photographs: 0 | | | |
| Cemetery Description: | Limburg province. Established by Congress in 1923, the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) commemorates the service, achievements, and sacrifice of U.S. armed forces. Their website for more information is www.abmc.gov. | | | |
| Data last updated: | 05/29/2015 | | | |

Let's try searching two specific databases #2 – Search Complete List of Databases





From the Home Page, hover over DATABASES and select "Complete List of Databases"

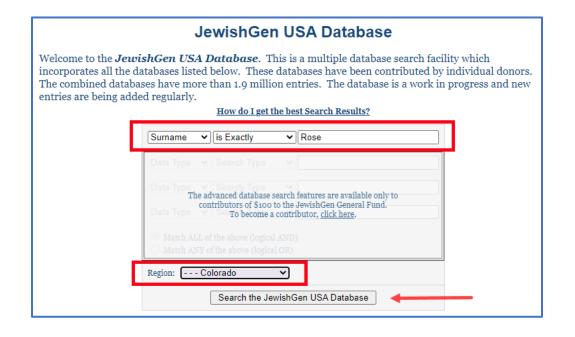


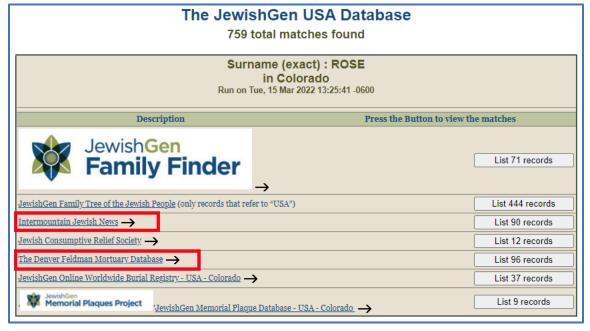
Select "United States"



Select "the JewishGen Database"

Searching the JewishGen USA Database







Do an "is Exactly" search for surname "Rose". Specify "Colorado" as we know his parents Sam & Katy lived there.



Let's try the newspaper & mortuary

We found MG Rose, his parents and his brother listed in the newspaper



MG Maurice Rose

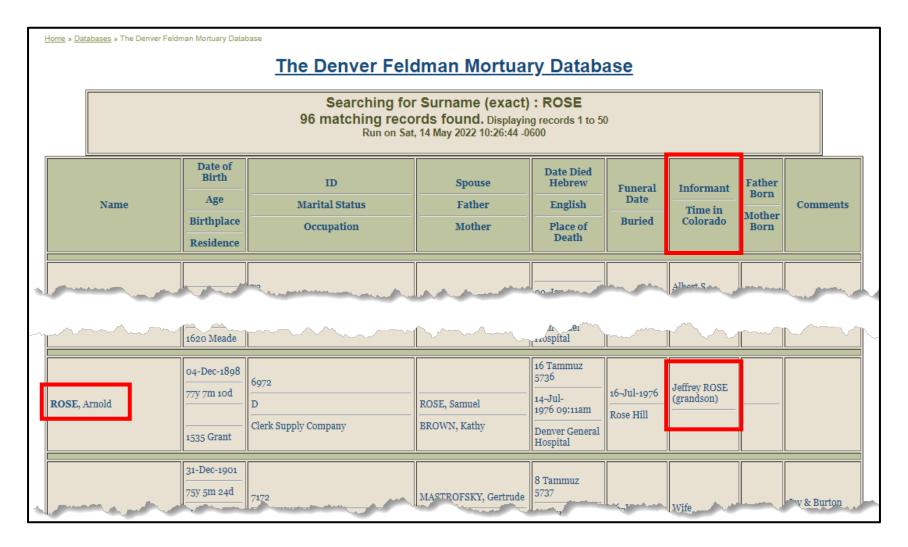
Father, Rabbi Samuel Rose

Mother, Katy Rose

Brother, Arnold Rose

Note: similar results were found in the mortuary records

The mortuary had similar information, BUT don't miss the helpful hints!



Arnold is Maurice's brother. The Informant field can be very helpful in breaking down brick walls, as you may find living or more recently deceased relatives that you can track down!





CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers

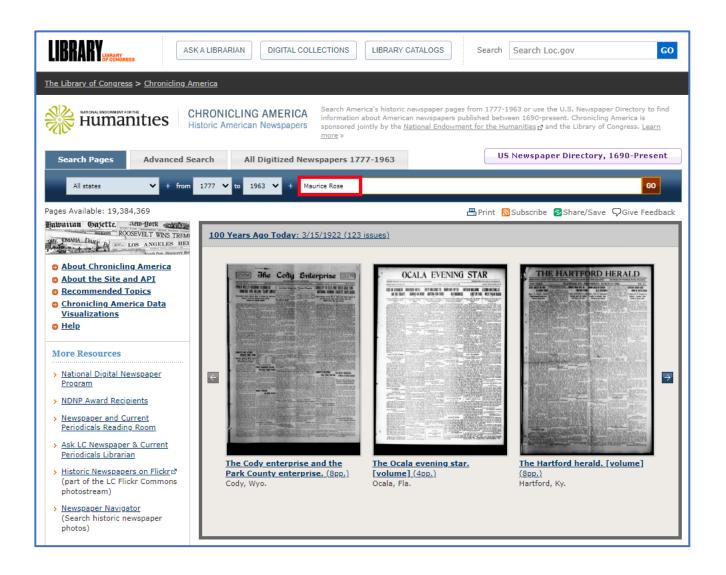
Newspapers – researching your military ancestors

| Newspaper Database | Available for free at the Las Vegas FamilySearch Library | Available for free at home |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Newspapers.com (Ancestry company) | Yes | No |
| NewspaperArchive | Yes | With a LV library card |
| Chronicling America | Yes | Yes |
| 19th Century British Newspapers | Yes | No |

Chronicling America – search historic newspapers from 1777 - 1963

- Simply search for "Chronicling America" or go directly to chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
- Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress
 - Go to chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

Enter your search criteria – i.e. "Maurice Rose"



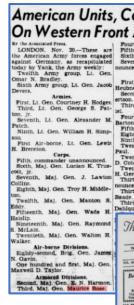
Sample of many articles found that mention Maurice Rose

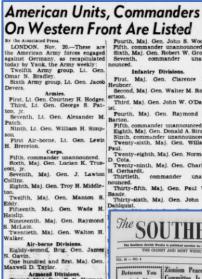


in the Ruhr, has been killed in action.



Shortages "Only Begun'







The Third Armored (Spearhead) Division liked to be out in front, and that characteristic led to tragedy in one noted instances



got out in front of his own men. was captured by a German tank and killed by the tank commander during the surrender,

From the breakthrough west of St. Lo to the final surrender of Third Armored was things. After finishclosing the Falaisetet, the Spearhead to the Seine. Clearthe division hit the just 18 days later. the Spearhead divided in such minor ting off some 40,000 capturing three gen-000 less exalted Nazi

> rdennes counter-of swung into the ouffalize-the Third on, taking Cologne helping the Second, the back door to sing the Saale, and rican units, converg-The Spearhead then be of Dessau, where

chievement: the libical prisoners of the prison at Cologne; trainload of V-2's hen; and even the of a band of Hitler

Rose's GIs Give \$30,000 For Memorial Hospital

DENVER, Aug. 30 .- Men of the late Gen. Maurice Rose's 3d Armored Division have donated \$30,000 toward construction of a milliondollar Gen. Rose Hospital in Denver. They will turn the money over to the sponsoring association at a dinner meeting in New York City October 2.

The Denver general was killed by a German tankman to whom he was surrendering.

Hits Sumatra

murder of Maj. Gen. Maurice Threatening that all Jews who enter Germany will be murdered, the broadcast said, "This is the signal. Unless Jews able casualty list will grow. enter German soil. Let any who dare do so be reminded German air is unhealthy for

tor Langer ands Censorship American Jewish Conference ifted To Be Permitted Observer

Radio Threatens

Jewish Soldiers

Nazi Underground

LONDON, (JTA) - A warn-

ing to American and British

Jewish soldiers to stay out of

Germany was broadcast today

"Werewolf" station, citing the

the Nazi underground

At San Francisco





The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is charged with the preservation and documentation of government and historical documents



Genealogical military information can be found dating from the Civil War to current day.

Researching NARA records

Go to archives.gov

2 Click "Research Our Records"



Click "Access to Archival Databases (AAD)"



Researching NARA records

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Select the category of interest, i.e. World War II



Select the "series" of interest – i.e. the 9M+ WWII Army Enlistment Records





Researching NARA records

Example: search Enlistment Records

Enter the soldier's name. BUT, it has to be entered in a specific format.

Click "Sample Values" to see that format.

Example: to search for Murray L.

Kunzman, enter:

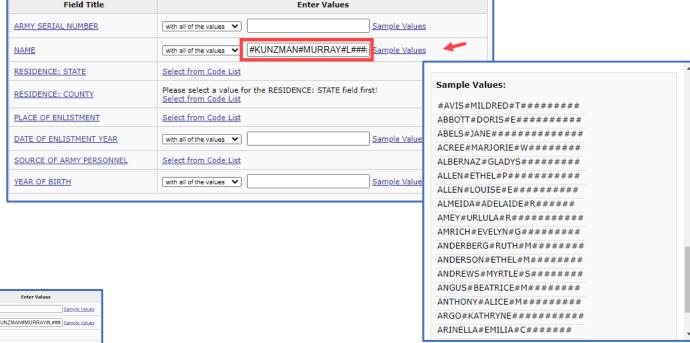
#KUNZMAN#MURRAY#L########

World War II Army Enlistment Records, created, 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002, documenting the period ca. 1938 - 1946 - Record Group 64

Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946 (Enlistment Records)

Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946 (Reserve Corps Records)

333,446



8 Click "Search"



NARA search results for Murray L Kunzman

| View Record | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER | NAME | RESIDENCE: STATE | RESIDENCE: COUNTY | PLACE OF ENLISTMENT | DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR | SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL | YEAR OF BIRTH |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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| | 32811623 | KUNZMAN#MURRAY#L######## | NEW YORK | BRONX | NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK | 43 | Civil Life | 18 |

NARA search results for Murray L Kunzman

| Field Title | Value | Meaning |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ARMY SERIAL NUMBER | 32811623 | 32811623 |
| NAME | KUNZMAN#MURRAY#L####### | KUNZMAN#MURRAY#L####### |
| RESIDENCE: STATE | 23 | NEW YORK |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY | 005 | BRONX |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT | 2364 | NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY | 20 | 20 |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH | 02 | 02 |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR | 43 | 43 |
| GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION | PVT# | Private |
| GRADE: CODE | 8 | Private |
| BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION | BI# | Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA |
| BRANCH: CODE | 00 | Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED | # | # |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT | 5 | Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law |
| LONGEVITY | ### | ### |
| SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL | 0 | Civil Life |
| NATIVITY | 23 | NEW YORK |
| YEAR OF BIRTH | 18 | 18 |
| RACE AND CITIZENSHIP | 1 | White, citizen |
| EDUCATION | 2 | 2 years of high school |
| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION | 736 | Semiskilled chauffeurs and drivers, bus, taxi, truck, and tractor |
| MARITAL STATUS | 2 | Married |
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 7 | Selectees (Enlisted Men) |
| CARD NUMBER | # | # |
| BOX NUMBER | 0568 | 0568 |
| FILM REEL NUMBER | 2.232 | 2.232 |

Lots of genealogical information:

- Date and place of enlistment
- Rank and Term of Enlistment (duration of war)
- Year and place of birth
- Education level
- Civilian occupation
- Marital status
- Army serial number



What is a DD-214 Form?

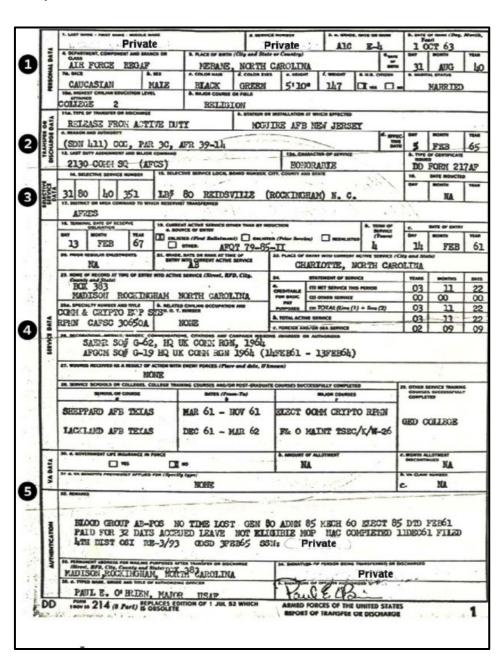
- Beginning in 1950, the Department of Defense issued DD-214 forms, aka Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- Received upon discharge from the U.S. Armed Services
- Verified record of active and reserve duty
- Replaced Military Record and Report of Separation Certificate of Service
- A valuable genealogical record



DD-214 sections – redacted (privacy) example form from 1963

- Personal Data name, service #, rank at discharge, date of birth, race, gender, marital status
- Transfer or Discharge Data discharge status (i.e. Honorable)
- Selective Service Data Selective Service Number (draft purposes), where individual registered. No date of induction = voluntary enlistment.
- Service Data Date & location for entry into service, termination date for reserve duty, home address, Specialty(ies), service statement dates, decorations, awards, wounds. Schools, colleges, training.

VA Data and Authentication — Information concerning life insurance allotment; final details for the discharge or separation

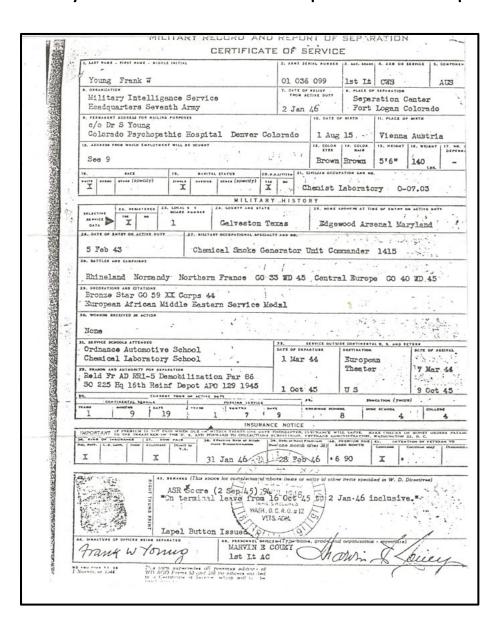


Before 1950: Military Record and Report of Separation Certificate of Service

World War II era Certificate of Separation



Frank Young, born Jungermann, 1915, in Vienna, Austria



Organization – Military Intelligence Service HQ Seventh Army

Military Specialty – Chemical Smoke Generator Unit Commander

Battles and Campaigns – Rhineland, Normandy, Northern France

Decorations and Citations – Bronze Star, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal

Schools Attended – Ordnance Automotive School, Chemical Laboratory School

How do I get a DD-214?

Go to https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/ for instructions on requesting military service records

Be aware:

- The Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) are
 NOT available online they must be ordered
- Records lost in 1973 fire*:
 - Army: 80% discharged 1912 1960
 - Air Force: 75% discharged 1947 1964



Staff working to restore & preserve





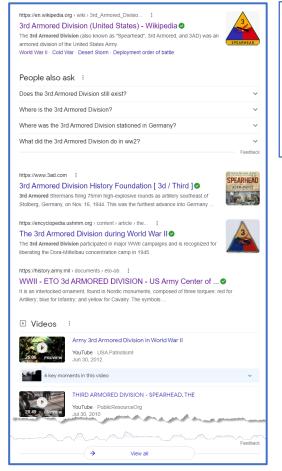
^{*} Cause of fire: unknown; investigation suggests cigarette embers in trash cans

Google

Obviously, there are "infinite" uses for search engines....

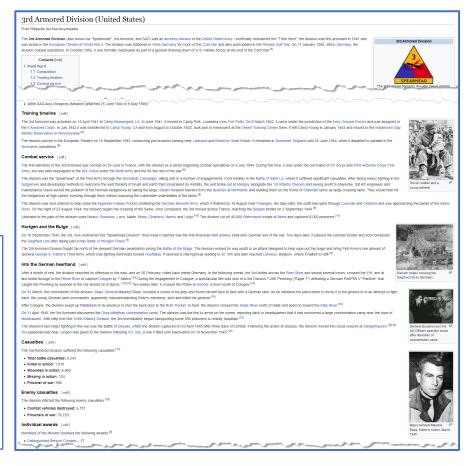
...but one suggestion is to "Google" the history of the military unit of your ancestor

Maurice Rose commanded the 3rd Armored Division. Perhaps you have an ancestor in the 3rd.



Sample of the many search results for "3rd Armored Division" that include informative sites, histories, photos, books, videos, etc.

Wikipedia page describes the composition of the division (regiments, battalions, etc.). Also covers combat service, "Hurtgen and the Bulge", "Into the German heartland" and much more.



We must never forget!





Questions