

Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783

The Revolutionary War Rolls were filmed by the National Archives in 1957. They consist of two rolls of microfilm, an index roll that includes all the colonies/ states and their military organizations during the Revolution, and a second roll of actual records, which only includes the information for South Carolina units. These records have not been transcribed and are sometimes hard to read, as the film is comprised of duplicates of the original records.

Roll 1C: This roll of film contains the index for the second roll of material. It is indexed by the name of the organization or unit, which are then given a corresponding number, 1-12. The index also lists the commanding officers for each organization. The second roll of film is organized by military organization, 1-12, and then is broken down further by commanding officer and his regiment/ unit. To find an individual on Roll 2C, a researcher must know what unit/organization the soldier would have served in, since there is no index for individual troops (please see example sheets.) The twelve organizations for South Carolina are on pages 103-104.

* If the researcher doesn't already know what unit the troop was in, they can refer to Moss, Bobby Gilmer. Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution, which is cataloged as 973.3457 MOSS. The book lists all known SC patriots in alphabetical order and also lists what organization they served in. With this information, patrons can check the index on Roll 1C to see if that unit is included on the film.

Roll 2C: This roll is also not transcribed and does not have page numbers; it is organized by military organization, 1-12. It includes muster rolls, which are organized alphabetically and usually appear at the start of each organization's section. Roll 2C also has an assortment of pay rolls, 'strength returns', casualty listings, and other miscellaneous information on the personnel. *Please read carefully; some of the writing is faded.

Patrons may also be interested in the Revolutionary War Service Records and Accounts Audited Records on microfilm.