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On the 22 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers belonging to units from the Territory of Mississippi who served in the War of 1812. The compiled service records consist of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, his rank, and the unit in which he served and typically containing (1) card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls and payrolls; and (2) originals of any papers relating solely to the particular soldier. There are cross-references for soldiers' names that appeared in the records under more than one spelling.

The compilation of service records of volunteer soldiers of the War of 1812 was begun in 1895 under the direction of Col. Fred C. Ainsworth, head of the Record and Pension Office of the War Department. The abstracts made from the original records were verified by a separate operation of comparison, and great care was taken to ensure that the abstracts were accurate.

The compiled service records of soldiers belonging to units from the Territory of Mississippi are arranged according to an organizational breakdown and thereunder alphabetically by soldiers' surnames.

Preceding the jacket-envelopes for the individual soldiers in each organizational unit there are envelopes containing caption cards for muster rolls and payrolls, showing the exact caption of the rolls that were copied and the certificate of the officer verifying the accuracy of the rolls. Frequently the cards also include information as to when the units were mustered into service and the period of time for which they were to serve.

Two separate alphabetical card indexes may be used to locate the compiled service record of a soldier from Mississippi. One is a Territory index to the service records of soldiers who served in organizations from the Territory of Mississippi. The index contains the names of Mississippi soldiers for whom there are compiled service records, their rank, and the unit in which they served. The other, which duplicates the information contained in the Territory index, is a master card index (reproduced as Microcopy 602) that contains the names of all volunteer soldiers found in compiling the service records for the War of 1812, regardless of the State or Territory in which the unit was raised.

The compiled service records reproduced in this microcopy and the indexes referred to above are part of Record Group 94, Records of The Adjutant General's Office.

The compiled service record of a War of 1812 soldier from Mississippi may not appear in this microcopy for several reasons. First, he may have served in a unit from another State or Territory or in the Regular Army. Second, he may have served under a different name or used a different spelling of his name. Third, proper records of his service may not have been made; or, if made, they may have been lost or destroyed in the confusion that often attended the initial mobilization, subsequent military operations, and disbandment of troops. Fourth, the references to the soldier in the original records may be so vague that it is not practicable to determine his correct name or the unit in which he served.

The National Archives has other records that contain information about soldiers who served in the War of 1812. Information relating to soldiers who served in the Regular Army is recorded in Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914 (reproduced as Microcopy 233), and in other records of The Adjutant General's Office. If an application for a pension or a bounty-land warrant was made, additional information about the soldier may be among the pension and bounty-land-warrant application files of the Veterans Administration in Record Group 15.

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