

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A SOLDIERS HOME CONNECTION?

Over the years, we've been moved by the powerful [#MySoldiersHome](#) stories we have received from both Milwaukeeans and visitors. Often these stories are memories and experiences about family members who were once residents of the Milwaukee Soldiers Home.

As a result of sharing these stories, we frequently hear from other families seeking information about a relative who may have stayed at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home. To help these families discover their own [#MySoldiersHome](#) stories, we've put together some approaches we have found helpful in tracking down this kind of information:

1. Request records from the National Archives and Records Administration.

The National Archives web page, www.archives.gov, has a lot of information for individuals researching family genealogy. You can request military, pension and some early medical records. This will provide the most in-depth information beyond just time spent at the Soldiers Home, but there may be a small fee for research assistance or photocopies.

2. Search for a copy of Soldiers Home admission records.

If your relative was a resident of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers from 1867 to the early 1930s, you can search for a copy of their admission record. These records are one page long and generally include dates of admission and reason, next of kin, and discharge or death information.

- » These admission records are available on Ancestry.com. The records group is called U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938. Individuals without a personal subscription to Ancestry.com may be able to access it at their local public library.
- » A very select group of these early paper records for the Northwest Branch (Milwaukee) are stored at the Chicago branch of the National Archives.

Unfortunately, Save the Soldiers Home does not have access to these records and cannot provide information on previous residents. However, if you have additional questions, please email SaveTheSoldiersHome@gmail.com, and we will do our best to find an answer for you!

And if you find a Soldiers Home connection, don't forget to share your story!

