Great Resources from the Great War
Usefulness of Military Records from World War I

Companion to William T. Lampe’s book, with additional photos and history of Tulsa organizations.

GOOGLE everything! Use internet search for individuals’ names, for the WW I units sent from the area where the person lived; for journals or articles about the experience, the place, the battle where your person served; look for “Honor Roll” lists from the home area. See if a county history exists for the era. WW I was highly commemorated as the “War to end all Wars!”

Many first-hand accounts and pictures of military and Red Cross women. Description of significant civilian participation in community support of the troops. List of women who were honored by awards, and/or who died during the War.

By State and by rank during enlistment, indexes of names of WW I deceased, with photos of many. No black enlisted men or officers noted in the pictures.

Emphasis is for WW II and later, but resources are useful for all U.S. military searches.

Thorough history with pictures of Tulsa County soldiers and civilians who contributed to the War Effort and to the development of the City and County during national need. Excellent example of what to look for in other communities. In TCCL library and on-line at http://www.archive.org/details/tulsacountyinwor00lamp.

If a soldier, Red Cross Nurse or other volunteer has been involved in certain experiences, these first-hand accounts could assist descriptive elaboration.

Illustrated guide to finding significant information for individual cards, and for Civil Registration Districts and Cities, etc. Relevant history sources. Good resource for Special Populations registration and community details.

Outline record of events, places of the War in a few pages; NARA and State-based Records. Look for same titles on-line or in microfilm format from Family History Library, Salt Lake.


Williams, Charles H. Negro Soldiers in WW I, the Human Side; New York, AMS Press Inc. 1922. A contemporary investigation and report with many insights about changes brought by significant changes in social order.

New York Public Library essays and photographs from the era. Outline of significant steps in Blacks’ military experience, including discussion of the World War I limitations of service for soldiers and for black physicians and nurses as guided by policy of the U. S. Government and the Red Cross. Website includes a well-documented bibliography.