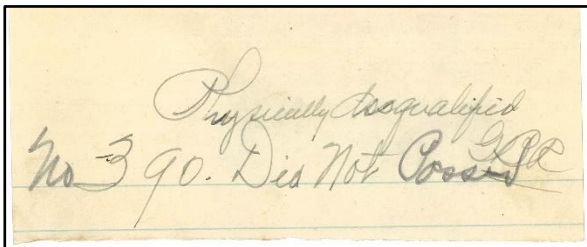




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April 6, 1917 marks the centennial of the U.S. entering World War I. In this month's edition of *Found in the Archives*, we look at military service register "chits" which were recently discovered in papers left by a previous Circuit Court Clerk named F. W. Richardson. F.W. also served as clerk for the Local Board of Fairfax County for the Selective Service System Draft, which explains why the chits appear in his papers. On these chits, the men were identified solely by their serial numbers. However, in conjunction with the Local Board record book, *Muster Roll in the War with Germany* ledger, and other records, these chits reveal personal information about the young men from Fairfax County who were selected to register in America's first draft. These simple slips of paper tell us who was exempted from serving in the U.S. Army, and who, ultimately, went to war.



Chit 390, Unknown "Did Not Pass"

The first nationwide draft, or registration, for men to enter military service began on June 5, 1917. There were about 4,700 Local Selective Service Boards, who were charged with registering and classifying each young man. When the potential draftee appeared, a card with a unique serial number assigned to him was

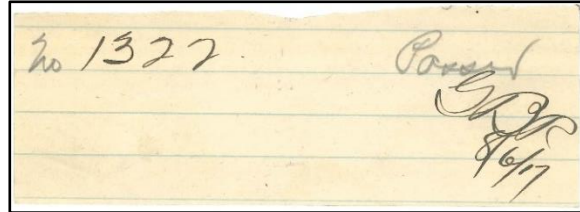
logged. Our Local Record minutes for July 6, 1917, state that 1,468 'persons' had registered with the Local Board for Fairfax County. According to the Local Board minutes, men who registered late (after July 10) were not initially given serial numbers.

Each individual earned a classification: "fit for service" (class 1), or "temporarily exempt or discharged" (classes II – V). The Local Board assessed men using various criteria, including physical fitness. A local doctor gave medical examinations to determine any physical disabilities or illnesses rendering the registrant unfit to serve. Initial exemptions for service were often made based on the doctor's examination. Chits for serial numbers 182, 390 (pictured above) and 786 all state that the draftees were physically disqualified from service. We have no record of their names.

Even if the draftee was qualified or “passed,” his family situation might entitle him to an exemption. A draftee who was the sole provider for his family could be exempted. One such Fairfax County draftee was Solomon Marshall, serial number 721, who claimed sole providership for his wife and five children. Grant Leigh Trickett, serial number 1322, was exempted because his ‘Aged and infirm’ parents were dependent on him.



Chit 721, Solomon Marshall



Chit 1322, Grant Leigh Trickett

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.
OCCUPATIONAL CODE.

<p>A. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.</p> <p>1. Agriculture (Farming; Truck Gardening; Fruit Raising, etc.).</p> <p>2. Forestry (Lumbering, etc.).</p> <p>3. Animal Husbandry (Fishing; Cattle Raising; Sheep Raising, etc.).</p> <p>B. MINES, QUARRIES, AND WELLS.</p> <p>4. Coal Mines.</p> <p>5. Other Mines (Copper Mines; Gold and Silver Mines; Iron Mines; Lead and Zinc Mines); Quarries; Salt Mines; Salt Wells and Salt Factories.</p> <p>6. Oil Wells and Gas Wells.</p> <p>C. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>(I) BUILDING INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>7. House Contractors; Carpenters; Blacksmiths; Machinists; Electricians; Painters; Plasterers; Plumbers, etc.</p> <p>(II) CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>8. Powder, Cartridge, Dynamite, Fuse, and Fireworks Factories.</p> <p>9. Fertilizer Factories; Paint Factories; Soap Factories; Other Chemical Factories.</p> <p>(III) CLAY, GLASS, AND STONE INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>10. Brick, Tile, and Terra Cotta Factories; Glass Factories; Lime, Cement, and Gypsum Factories; Marble and Stone Yards; Potteries.</p> <p>(IV) CLOTHING INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>11. Clothing Factories; Glove Factories; Hat Factories; Shirt, Collar, and Cuff Factories.</p> <p>(V) FOOD INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>12. Bakeries; Butter and Cheese Factories; Candy Factories; Fish Curing and Packing; Flour and Grain Mills; Fruit and Vegetable Canning; Slaughter and Packing Houses; Sugar Factories and Refineries; Other Food Factories.</p> <p>(VI) IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>13. Blast Furnaces; Steel Rolling Mills; Iron Foundries; Military Weapons Factories.</p>	<p>14. Ship Building and Boat Building.</p> <p>15. Agricultural Implement Factories; Automobile Factories; Wagon and Carriage Factories; Car and Railroad Shops; Other Iron and Steel Factories.</p> <p>(VII) LEATHER INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>16. Harness and Saddle Factories; Shoe Factories; Tanneries; Trunk Factories.</p> <p>(VIII) LIQUOR AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>17. Breweries; Other Liquor and Beverage Factories.</p> <p>(IX) LUMBER AND FURNITURE INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>18. Box Factories (wood); Furniture Factories; Piano and Organ Factories; Saw and Planing Mills; Other Woodworking Factories.</p> <p>(X) METAL INDUSTRIES (EXCEPT IRON AND STEEL).</p> <p>19. Brass Mills; Clock and Watch Factories; Copper Factories; Gold and Silver Factories; Jewelry Factories; Lead and Zinc Factories; Tin-plate Factories; Tinware and Enamelware Factories; Other Metal Factories.</p> <p>(XI) PAPER AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>20. Blank Book, Envelope, Tag, Paper Bag, and Paper Box Factories; Paper and Pulp Mills; Printing and Publishing Houses.</p> <p>(XII) TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>21. Carpet Mills; Cotton Mills; Hemp and Jute Mills; Knitting Mills; Lace and Embroidery Mills; Linen Mills; Rope and Cordage Factories; Sail, Awning, and Tent Factories; Silk Mills; Woolen and Worsted Mills; Sundry Textile Mills.</p> <p>(XIII) MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES.</p> <p>22. Broom and Brush Factories; Button Factories; Charcoal and Coke Works; Cigar and Tobacco Factories; Electric Light and Power Plants; Electrical Supply Factories; Gas Works; Oil Refineries; Rubber Factories; Straw Factories; Other Miscellaneous Industries.</p>	<p>D. TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>23. Steam Railroads.</p> <p>24. Telegraph and Telephone Companies.</p> <p>25. Water Transportation; Construction and Maintenance of Streets, Roads, Sewers, and Bridges; Electric and Street Railways; Livery Stables; Truck, Transfer, Cab, and Hack Companies; Express Companies; Postal Service.</p> <p>E. TRADE AND MERCHANDISE IN GENERAL.</p> <p>26. Banking and Brokerage; Insurance; Real Estate; Sundry Wholesale and Retail Trades; Buying and Selling of all sorts of Articles; Any kind of Store or Shop; Grain Elevators; Stock Yards; Warehouses and Cold-storage Plants.</p> <p>F. PUBLIC SERVICE (NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED).</p> <p>27. Public Administration (United States, State, County, City, and Township Employees); National Defense (Army and Navy); Marshals, Sheriffs; Policemen; Watchmen.</p> <p>G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE.</p> <p>28. Actors, Professional Showmen, etc.; Artists, Sculptors, and Teachers of Art; Clergymen; Officials of Lodges; Religious and Charity Workers; Legal Profession; Literary Professions (Journalists, etc.); Dentists; Physicians and Surgeons; Veterinary Surgeons; Musicians and Teachers of Music; Scientific Professions; Teachers, Professors in Colleges, etc.; Other Professional Pursuits; Students.</p> <p>H. DOMESTIC AND MANUAL SERVICE IN GENERAL.</p> <p>29. Barbers and Hairdressers; Bartenders; Cooks; Hotel Keepers and Managers; Janitors; Porters; Restaurant, Cafe, and Lunch-room Keepers; Saloon Keepers; Servants; Waiters; Clerks; Laundries; Other Occupations.</p> <p>30. Laborers (in General).</p>
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Occupational Code sheet

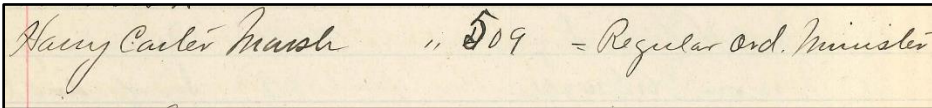
Another classification category was occupation. Certain occupations were regarded as necessary for the war effort, and exemptions might be given. Agriculture and food production, mining, working in oil and gas production and general manufacturing, especially manufacturing of weapons and other military equipment, were considered very important occupations. Soldiers needed food, weapons and uniforms; and citizens needed their necessary supplies, too.

The Occupation Code sheet issued by the federal government sheds light on what the country viewed as priority occupations. Clergymen were listed on the Occupational Code reference

sheet (above) as Occupation No. 28; agricultural work was listed as Occupation No. 1, which means it was regarded as the most important work to maintain during the war. Harry Carter Marsh, serial number 509, was exempted because he was a 'Regular ordained minister.'



Chit 509, Harry Carter Marsh



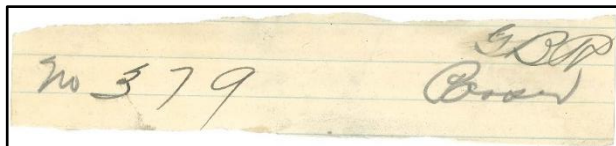
Local Board record book entry, Harry Carter Marsh

A summary sheet for the number of men in each occupational category shows that roughly 1 in 7 clergymen registered in Fairfax County was sent to war; by contrast, only 1 in every 14 agricultural workers registered was accepted for service.

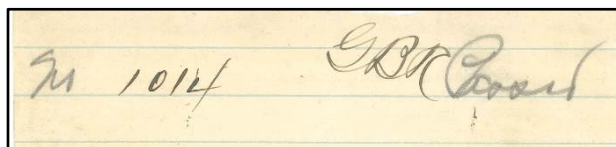
Draftees not immediately exempted from service could appeal the decision to their Local Board. Most of the chits we have are from those very exemption appeals. The Local Board Record Book tells us why certain men's exemptions were allowed, but it does not tell us why

other men's exemptions were *disallowed*. Draftee Malachi Jasper from Alexandria, serial number 379, was not exempted, and he was inducted into the U.S. Army as 10/26/1917. Robert R. Cross, serial number 1014, was also not exempted. Albert H. Lester from Falls Church, serial number 652, was inducted on 9/4/1917, which makes him one of the first men from Fairfax County to begin service in the Great War.

Chit 379, Malachi Jasper



Chit 1014, Robert R. Cross



MUSTER ROLL <i>Fairfax</i>		COUNTY, VIRGINIA		
NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	COLOR	Service Service (Date of Induction)
<i>Lloyd, Joseph Jerome</i>	<i>Alex. Va. P. O.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-4-17</i>
<i>Lacey, Albert</i>	<i>Wright Sta. Va.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-18-17</i>
<i>Lester, Albert H.</i>	<i>Falls Church, Va.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-4-17</i>

Muster Roll entry for Albert H. Lester of Falls Church

Local Board

Local Board for the County of

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Fairfax, Virginia.

Address

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Fairfax, Virginia.

the (Insert designation by stamp according to sec. 3 of Regulations.)

hereby certifies to District Board for Eastern District of Virginia

(Insert designation by stamp according to sec. 33 of Regulations.)

the following list of the names and addresses of persons who have been duly and legally called for the military service of the United States, and who have not been exempted or discharged.

SERIAL No.	NAME.	ADDRESS GIVEN ON REGISTRATION CARD.	ORDER No.
275	William Grimsley,	Accotink, Virginia,	12
596	Joseph J. Lloyd,	Alexandria, Va. R.F.D. 3.	17
126	Clayton Arnold Dindlebeck,	Fairfax, Va. R.F.D. 1.	21
692	Mason Ware,	Falls Church, Va.	32
600	George W. McClanahan,	Alexandria, Va. R.F.D. 3.	33
507	Tolbert Lacy,	Clifton Station, Va. R.F.D. c/o Mrs. M.A. Harrison.	35
1324	Alfred Bruce Trickett,	Vianna, Va. R.F.D. No. 1.	38
1044	John C. Starrett,	McLean, Virginia.	42
1045	Henry Thomas Magarity,	McLean, Virginia.	51
✓ 1323	Clarence Alexander Trammell,	Herndon, Va. R.F.D. 2.	56
140	Ira Sutphin,	Fairfax, Va. R. F. D.	58
18	Robert N. Kendall,	Fairfax, Virginia.	61
652	Albert H. Lester,	Falls Church, Va.	62
601	Walter Thos. McClanahan,	Alexandria, Va.	65
1103	Carl Johnson,	McLean, Virginia.	68
606	George Marion Sheads,	Fairfax, Va. R.F.D. 2.	70
513	Aubrey Wm. Radgett,	Theological Seminary, Va.	72
1020	Jack R. Darne,	McLean, Virginia,	74
1441	John L. Wilson,	Herndon, Va. R.F.D. 2.	77

List of draftees from Fairfax County

After the classification cards were summarized and a list sent to the Provost Marshall General in Washington, D.C., the cards themselves were sent to the state capital. Fairfax's were sent to Richmond. Each Local Board kept a copy of the list; part of the first page of the list for the first draft in Fairfax County is shown at left. Two men from our chits can be seen on this list: Carl Johnson, serial number 1103, and Jack R. Darne, serial number 1020. Carl Johnson is listed on our Muster Roll, Jack R. Darne is not. This may indicate either that Darne was not eventually inducted into the army, or that Darne was inducted but accidentally missed off our Muster Roll.



The final act of the Local Boards was to place draftees on trains to take them to their training camps. This photograph, courtesy of local historian Lee Hubbard, shows the first group of draftees waiting for their train at Fairfax Station. Draftees from Virginia were taken to several training camps depending on the kind of service they would perform and the division they would join. Officers and engineers would generally attend Camp Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir), engineers and artillery regiments attended Camp Myer near Arlington, while members of the 29th Division went to Camp Dix in New Jersey, and members of the 80th Division

Photograph of first draftees embarking for training camp, courtesy of Lee Hubbard

went to Camp Lee, south of Richmond. We know that some of our draftees went to Camp Lee, because our Muster Roll lists two men dying from disease there, Clarence Dawson of Lorton and Corliss Montgomery Fox from Vienna.

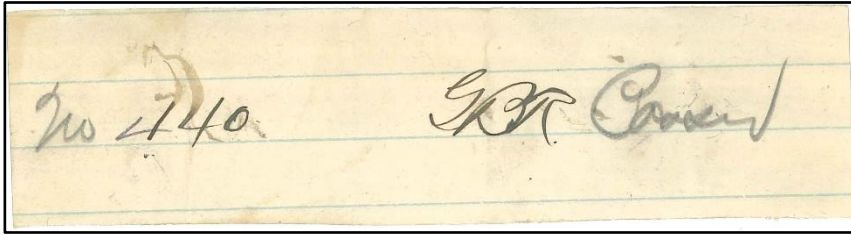
MUSTER ROLL <i>Fairfax</i> COUNTY, VIRGINIA				
NAME	ADDRESS	Age	COLOR	SELECTIVE SERVICE (Date, location) <i>Induction to</i>
<i>Fellie, Maurice Aubrey</i>	<i>Great Falls, Va.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-18-17</i>
<i>Finch, Elwood</i>	<i>Alex. Va. Pk. 13</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-18-17</i>
<i>Finnacom, George</i>	<i>Barrogh. Va.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-18-17</i>
<i>France, Lawrence Lee</i>	<i>Fairfax. Va.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>9-4-17</i>
<i>Fox, Corliss Montgomery</i>	<i>Vienna, Va. P.O.</i>		<i>Wh.</i>	<i>8-6-18</i>

REMARKS
<i>Wounded in action.</i>
<i>Died in camp Lee</i> <i>4034998</i>

Muster Roll entry for Corliss Montgomery Fox

Thankfully, none of the men whose chits we have in the collection (and whose Muster Roll entries indicate they went to training camps) are found on the War Memorial on the historic courthouse green, which means they were not killed during active service. But, one of our men did die: John Elmore Gaines, serial number 440. Gaines is not listed as having been killed in

action. His Muster Roll entry lists him as being inducted into service on 10/26/1917 and his home address as Alexandria Route 4; a final note reads 'Died of disease'.



Chit 440, John Elmore Gaines

As with all our military members, living and dead, we thank these men for their service.

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