

Slatington in World War I

Here is a quick overview of the process that I used to study the impact of World War I on Slatington, PA.

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Overview

To get some idea of the impact of World War I (WW1) on Slatington, I started by creating a database of any man who filled out a draft registration card, or who had enlisted, or who had a WW1 pension request or a veteran's service card that mentioned Slatington. This gave me an initial database of almost six hundred names.

To make analysis easier, I then broke that initial database up a bit to make sure that no man (or woman) was included in more than one database at a time (no duplications).

1. All mentions of Slatington in any WW1 database. Data Master All.xlsx (**597 entries**)
2. All draft registration cards for 1917 and 1918 that specifically mention a man either born in or living in Slatington. Subsequently, that man was not drafted or enlisted. Data Slatington Only Draft Registrations.xlsx (**54 men**)
3. All of those men who were drafted and who actually served overseas. Data Slatington Only Drafted and Served Overseas.xlsx (**110 men**)
4. All of those men who were drafted and who served in the US. Data Slatington Only Drafted and Served US.xlsx (**91 men**)
5. All of those men who enlisted and who served overseas. Data Slatington Only Enlisted and Served Overseas.xlsx (**52 men**)
6. All of those men who enlisted and served in the US. Data Slatington Only Enlisted and Served US.xlsx (**32 men**)
7. Those men who served in SATC (Student Army Training Corps), a forerunner of the ROTC, in college. Data Slatington Only Drafted ROTC.xlsx (**21 men**)
8. Those women who served. Data Slatington Only Women.xlsx (**4 women**)
9. The men from the wider Slatington area who died while in military service. Data KIA.xlsx (**19 men**)

So, working with sets 2-9 yields a database of 383 individuals. To simplify my analysis, I will treat separately the men who died in military service and the women who served during the war. That will leave a data pool of 360 men.

Let me just recap here my data sets.

1. Men who completed draft registration cards for 1917 and 1918 that specifically mention either born in or living in Slatington, but these men did not enlist or were not drafted. The file is called "Draft Regs Only" and consists of 54 men.
2. Men who were "Drafted and Served Overseas" (110 men)
3. Men who were "Drafted and Served in the US" (91 men)
4. Men who "Enlisted and Served Overseas" (52 men)
5. Men who "Enlisted and Served in the US" (32 men)
6. Men who served in the Student Army Training Corps, "SATC" (21 men)

In general numbers, there were a lot of men (360) with ties to Slatington that served in WW1. That's a high number given that the town's population was only 4,400 in 1910.

Furthermore, a lot of those men (162) saw overseas service.

And quite a few men died in military service, 19.