

CIVIL WAR RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET

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Research into the American Civil War continues to benefit, as does all other subjects, from the extensive amount of material on the Internet. The constant addition of still more relevant sites makes any list or book outdated but the list below can make a good beginning for finding your soldier, sailor, regiment, battle, campaign etc. Many state archives have public online access to at least some of their records holdings. The web sites of the archives of Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia, for example, have digital copies of their respective state Confederate pensions. For other sites, the researcher should consult Alice E. Carter and Richard J. Jensen, *The Civil War on the Web: a Guide to the Very Best Sites—Completely Revised and Updated* (Wilmington: SR Books, 2003).

GENERAL WEB SITES

The American Civil War Homepage (free)
<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war>

Ancestry.com (subscription)
<http://ancestry.com>

The Civil War Home Page (free)
<http://www.civil-war.net>

Civil War (free)
<http://www.civilwar.com>

Civil War Forum (free, part of the Genforum genealogical web sites)
<http://genforum.genealogy.com/civilwar>

Civil War Potpourri (free)
<http://www.civilwarhome.com/potpourr.htm>

Civil War Resources
http://www.lacriminaldefensepartners.com/civil-war-resources-from-a-soldier-to-a-veteran/#.VH93eDHF_To

FamilySearch.org Civil War (free)
<https://www.familysearch.org/civil-war>

Genweb (several of its state sites have Civil War projects)

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

ROSTERS AND LISTS

Ancestry.com (subscription required; includes indexes to Confederate and Union soldiers; index to Federal Civil War pensions; service records of African-American soldiers in the Union Army; many records from prisons that held Confederate soldiers; some Civil War claims, and more)

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (free, operated by the National Park Service)

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>

Free Genealogy Search Engines

<http://surnamesupersearch.com/index.html>

Genealogy Today

<http://www.genealogytoday.com>

Veterans Administration National Grave Site Locator (free but incomplete)

http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

PENSIONS

An index to federal Civil War pensions is on Ancestry.com. For Confederate pensions see:

Confederate Pension Records Available Online

| State Name | State Archives/ Library Site | FamilySearch | Ancestry |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Alabama | | | X |
| Arkansas | | X | |
| Florida | X | X | |
| Georgia | X | | |
| Kentucky | X | X | |
| Louisiana | | X | |
| Mississippi | | X | |
| Missouri | | X | |
| North Carolina | | X | |
| Oklahoma | X | | |
| South Carolina | X | | |
| Tennessee | X | | |
| Texas | X | | |
| Virginia | X | | |

NAVY

Information on sailors and marines (free, Library of Virginia)
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil/connavy/search.asp>

National Civil War Naval Museum (free, Columbus, Georgia)
<http://civilwarnavalmuseum.com>

Naval Historical Foundation
<http://www.navyhistory.org/photographs>

BOOKS INCLUDING THOSE SEARCHED BY “[PHRASE]” AND/OR WORD

The best source for finding the nearest library with a specific volume is World Cat
<http://www.worldcat.org> although Internet Archive leads to books and manuscripts free on the Internet: <http://www.archive.org> . Aside from searching for books on your subject in such online sales catalogs as Abebooks, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.com, as well as large online library book catalogs as those for the Library of Congress and the Birmingham Public Library, you should also check for information on new books at <http://history-sites.com/authors.htm>

Books word searched and actual pages read on the screen:

Internet Archive (free)
lists books on the Internet including electronic books available through the Library of Congress
<http://www.archive.org/http://www.archive.org/>

Making of America (MOA) Cornell (free; includes the original *War of the Rebellion* and the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies* series; the supplement to the *War of the Rebellion* is not yet on the Internet)
<http://digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moa>

Making of America (MOA) University of Michigan (free)
<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp>

Google books (free; go to Google.com and click on “more” then “books”)

Questia (free searches but a subscription is required to see the actual pages of the books)
<http://www.questia.com/popularSearches>

MANUSCRIPT CATALOGS

Some libraries have spectacular Civil War holdings that can be searched from their individual library web sites including Tulane, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Southern Historical Collection), Emory University, and the William L. Clements

Library. Almost all National Park Service battlefields and other Civil War sites have libraries with manuscript materials.

The Hargrett Library of the University of Georgia, Georgia Historical Society, and the Atlanta History Center are going to put their Civil War records online as indexed digitalized images. A: It has already begun as "America's Turning Point Documenting the Civil War Experience in Georgia," part of the free Digital Library of Georgia: http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/CollectionsA-Z/turningpoint_search.html

Catalogs searched in major research libraries that are subscribers:

Archives Grid (free identification of collections but to learn libraries that have specific collections requires a subscription)

<http://www.archivegrid.org/web/index.jsp>

FirstSearch (OCLC)

<http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch>

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC; free, does not include entries from its published edition, 1953-1986):

<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc>

NEWSPAPERS THAT CAN BE SEARCHED AND ARTICLES READ

Many large research libraries subscribe to data bases of the past issues of such newspapers as the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Incomplete international bibliographies of digitized newspaper sites include International Coalition on Newspapers: <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>; by the web site Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives; and by the Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/oltitles.html>. The Library of Congress web site's *Chronicling America* includes many, but not all, of the issues of the Civil War veteran's newspaper *The National Tribune* with its many tales and reminiscences of the war <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Augusta (Georgia) *Chronicle* (subscription web site)

<http://www.augustaarchives.com>

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 1842-1902 (free)

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle>

California Digital Newspaper Collection (you must turn on the phrase search control):

<http://cbsr.tabbec.com>

Colorado Digitization Project, Newspapers (free)

<http://www.cdpheritage.org/collection/chnc.cfm>

Digital Library of Georgia (free), which so far includes newspapers for Atlanta, Athens, Columbus, Macon, Milledgeville, southwest Georgia, and Savannah:

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?Welcome>

Genealogybank (subscription web site, includes some Columbus and Macon newspapers; taken from Readex's American Historical Newspapers data base which has a better search engine; the Woodruff library of Emory University and the Gorgas Library of the University of Alabama has the Readex version):

<http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/keyword.html>

Memphis Appeal, 1843-1859, 186-1893 (index only; free)

<https://umdrive.memphis.edu/mckibben/www/appeal.html>

Newspaper Abstracts

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com>

NewspaperArchive.com (subscription required but includes more than seventy million pages): <http://www.newspaperarchive.com/>

Thomson Gale's 19th Century Newspapers (available only at major research libraries such as the Gorgas Library of the University of Alabama, Woodruff Library of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia State University in Atlanta, and at the Tennessee State Library and Archives); you have to turn on the feature for full text searches, otherwise it only searches the headlines.

Richmond Daily Dispatch, 1860-1865 (free)

<http://dlxs.richmond.edu/d/ddr/>

MAPS (all free)

Bibliographies of web sites for historic and modern maps include the Air University: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/au/maps/general.htm> and the Perry-Castaneda Map Collection of the University of Texas: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps>

Library of Congress American Memory (includes Civil War era maps from the Library of Congress, National Archives, and Virginia Historical Society)

http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps

Alabama's historical maps

<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/index.html>

Georgia's historical maps

<http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/gamaps.htm>

ILLUSTRATIONS

Aside from going to Google and searching through “Images,” the following sites are good for pictures and other illustrations:

Civil War Photos, Library of Congress (high quality copies can be downloaded for free)
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/cwp>

CivilWarPhotos.Net
<http://www.civilwarphotos.net>

Digital History
<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/timeline/timelineN.cfm>

Picture History
<http://www.picturehistory.com>

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil War Richmond (free; newspaper articles, photographs, and more on Richmond)
<http://www.mdgorman.com>

Vicki Bett’s site on newspaper articles from throughout the country (1861-1865) on social history (particularly women) during the Civil War (free)
<http://www.utt Tyler.edu/vbetts>

Civil War monuments:
www.civilwarmonumentsofthesouth.com