

# Sources to Research Confederate Soldiers Online

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Circa December 1861-May 1862  
Members of the original staff of the 14th Alabama Infantry regiment. Used  
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# Class Syllabus Online

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## Sources to Research Confederate Soldiers Online

### RootsTech 2018 Syllabus and Additional Research Links

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It may seem difficult to research Confederate soldiers when compared with the wealth of information available for Union soldiers. You may also be curious about why your relatives decided to fight for the Confederate States of America. There are many sources online that reveal genealogical information and historical perspective about Confederate soldiers.

Between my own and my husband's family tree, I have researched over 25 men who served in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War. First, I'll share a step-by-step process for discovering if your relative was a Confederate soldier. Then I'll share how to research about his day-to-day experience during the war using online regimental histories and other sources. Because so many Americans are interested in Civil War history – from the battlefield reenactor to the local historian – many websites exist with information to help us understand what life was like for individuals during this period of history.

### Identify Service and Regiment

*The following clues, when followed in this order, will help you determine if your relative was a Confederate soldier and determine his regiment or other battle unit.*

- 1. Birth year range:** Most soldiers in the Civil War were ages 18-45, so look at ancestors born between about

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# My Interest in Confederate Soldiers

- Memorial Day observance
- List of relatives who died in war
- Should I honor Confederate Veterans?
- Learn more



# Confederate Relatives Research Project

- In preparation to teach this class
- List of all Confederate relatives in my family tree
- Included husband's family tree
- Total number researched: 24



# Confederate Records for Ancestors in Civil War



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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
		Name and Family Search Profile Link	Unit	Lifespan	Headstone mentions Confederate service	Compiled Service Record	State Pension	1890 Veterans Schedule	1910 Census	Confederate Citizens Papers	Probate Records	Other
1		<a href="#">Robert Cisnie Royston</a>	Alabama Sharpshooters	1848-1915	No	None found	<a href="#">Oklahoma Widow's Pension: Royston, Isabell D.</a>	no	CA			
2						<a href="#">Royston - Co K, 8 (Wade's) Confederate Cavalry (2 Regt Mississippi and Alabama Cavalry)</a>						
3						<a href="#">Ulysses Royster - Co K, 8 (Wade's) Confederate Cavalry (2 Regt Mississippi and Alabama Cavalry)</a>						
4		<a href="#">Ulysses Franklin Royston</a>	Co K 8 Alabama Cav	1837-1863	None found			n/a	n/a		Mentions death in April 1862, but doesn't mention service	<a href="#">Ulysses Royston - Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records</a>
5		<a href="#">Charles Baldwin Royston</a>	Co D 14 Alabama Inf	1839-1864	<a href="#">Inscription: C.B. Royston ALA CSA</a>	<a href="#">Co. D. 14 Alabama Infantry</a>	n/a - never married	n/a	n/a		none found	
6		<a href="#">Benjamin Royston</a>	Co F 61 Alabama Inf	1845-1864	<a href="https://findagrave.com/memorial/88511785">https://findagrave.com/memorial/88511785</a>		n/a - never married	n/a	n/a		none found	
7		<a href="#">Joseph Royston</a>	Co F 61 Alabama Inf	1845-1905	<a href="#">Inscription: Joseph Royston CO E 61 AL INF CSA</a>	<a href="#">Co. F. 61 Alabama Infantry</a>	<a href="#">Alabama Pension for Joseph Royston and wife Beatrice Royston</a>	no	n/a		none found	
8		<a href="#">William Riley Welch</a>	Co I 21 Texas Cav	1830-1862	None found	<a href="#">Co. I. 21 Texas Cavalry</a>	none found	n/a	n/a			



# Royston Family

- 14 total children by 1863
- Benjamin and Joseph were twins
- Lived in Alabama
- **Ulysses F, Charles B, and Benjamin** died
- Joseph and Robert survived
- The family moved to Texas after the war

	<b>Thomas Beverly Royston</b> 1806-1868 • KFR2-8KY Marriage: 19 March 1834 Chambers, Alabama, United States	
	<b>Cynthia Dillard</b> 1814-1882 • KZ5B-X3X	
^ Children (14)		
	<b>Mary Elizabeth Royston</b> 1834-1915 • K2M5-TN2	
	<b>Ulysses Franklin Royston</b> 1837-1863 • 28Q4-YHY	
	<b>Charles Baldwin Royston</b> 1839-1864 • K2M5-TPF	
	<b>Adeline R. Royston</b> 1841-1920 • K2M5-TRL	
	<b>Sarah Royston</b> 1843-1925 • 27SF-1ZB	
	<b>Benjamin Royston</b> 1845-1864 • K2M5-TBV	
	<b>Joseph Royston</b> 1845-1905 • K2M5-TYN	
	<b>Robert Cisnie Royston</b> 1848-1915 • K2FC-H5K	
	<b>Thomas Beverly Royston</b> 1850-1922 • LL95-YN2	

# Dyer Family

- 11 total children by 1867
- Lived in Hawkins, Tennessee
- **Confederate**
  - Augustus Washington Dyer
  - William Thomas Dyer (went mad)
  - Lewis Tharp Dyer
  - Mary's husband Caswell Tate (died)
- **Union**
  - Richard Fain Dyer
  - Elizabeth's fiancée John Beals
- Half the family moved to Utah/Colorado after war

**John Robert Dyer Jr.**

1811-1879 • LZKV-1TV

Marriage: about 1830  
Hawkins, Tennessee, United States

**Barsheba Tharp**

1813-1889 • LZKK-MM7

^ Children



**Augustus Washington D...**

1831-1907 • KGCL-L6H



**William Thomas Dyer**

1833-1870 • 81V6-N8X



**Sarah Ann Dyer**

1835-1880 • K2XT-9Q7



**Mary Dyer**

1837-1903 • K2SV-835



**Richard Fain Dyer**

1839-1921 • LHVX-XSR



**Lewis Tharp Dyer**

1841-1916 • KND9-Y8L



**Louisa Jane Dyer**

1844-1897 • K8LL-L5W



**Elizabeth Frances Dyer**

1847-1928 • KWNK-4V2



**Charles McKinney Dyer**

1849-1914 • LHG7-7PH



**John James Dyer**

1851-1895 • KWJ6-469



**Nancy Malissa Dyer**

1853-1867 • KHHM-TJ4



# Challenges of Confederate Research



# 1890 Veterans Schedule

- Most not in the 1890 Veterans Schedule
- Official title: “United States Census of **Union** Veterans...”
- Only 1 of 14 of my living Confederate veteran relatives listed

House No.	Family No.	NAME OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS.	Rank.	Company.	Name of Regiment or Vessel.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
								Yrs. Mos. Days.
(41)	2	2	Winkel William	Private	M. 10 Ky Cav.	1 Dec. 1862	25 Nov. 1863	0 3 24
(42)	6	4	William B. Burns	Private	B. 3 Tenn Cav.	30 Jan. 1864	30 Nov. 1864	0 5 0
(43)	13	13	Alford W. Johnson.	Private	C. 2 h. Cal. 16	16 Sept. 1863	19 Aug. 1865	2 1 2
Conf	23	23	Augustus Dyer	Private	B. x x x	7 Oct. 1862	1 Nov. 1863	0 4 24
(45)	25	25	Richard F. Dyer.	Private	K. 1 Penn Cav.	4 Oct. 1862	4 Oct. 1865	3 0 0
Conf	26	26	Calaway H. Lawson.	Private	C. 61 Tenn Inf.	6 Oct. 1862	12 Aug. 1864	0 9 6
(47)	27	27	James H. Sumrell.	Private	B. 3 Tenn Cav.	30 Jan. 1864	30 Nov. 1864	0 6 0
(48)	31	31	Brook L. Thomas	Private	B. 3. " 68	30 Jan. 1864	30 Nov. 1864	0 5 0
(49)			(43) Alford W. Johnson					
(50)			Conf 23 23 Augustus Dyer					
			95 95					

# Pension differences

	<b>Union</b>	<b>Confederate</b>
Availability	National Archives	State by state
Dates	Beginning in 1861	Varies
Eligibility	Veterans, widows, parents, and minor dependents under certain conditions	Varies: mostly disabled or indigent veterans

Identify Service  
and Regiment

Gather clues to determine  
if your relative was a  
Confederate soldier and  
his battle unit.

Easy



Hard

# 1. Birth Year Range

- Look in your family tree
- Most Civil War soldiers were ages 18-45 (born between 1816 - 1847)
- All of my Confederate relatives were born between the years 1823-1848.
- Outliers
  - Some boys younger than 18 joined
  - Many officers were older - over 45

## 2. Family Memories

- Interview relatives
- Clues in family histories
- Oral history
- i.e. “Your great grandfather Robert C. Royston was a confederate soldier”





### 3. Headstones, obituaries, memorials

- Headstones: battle unit descriptions
- Obituaries: stories about military service
- Memorials: FindAGrave.com memorials with biographical information

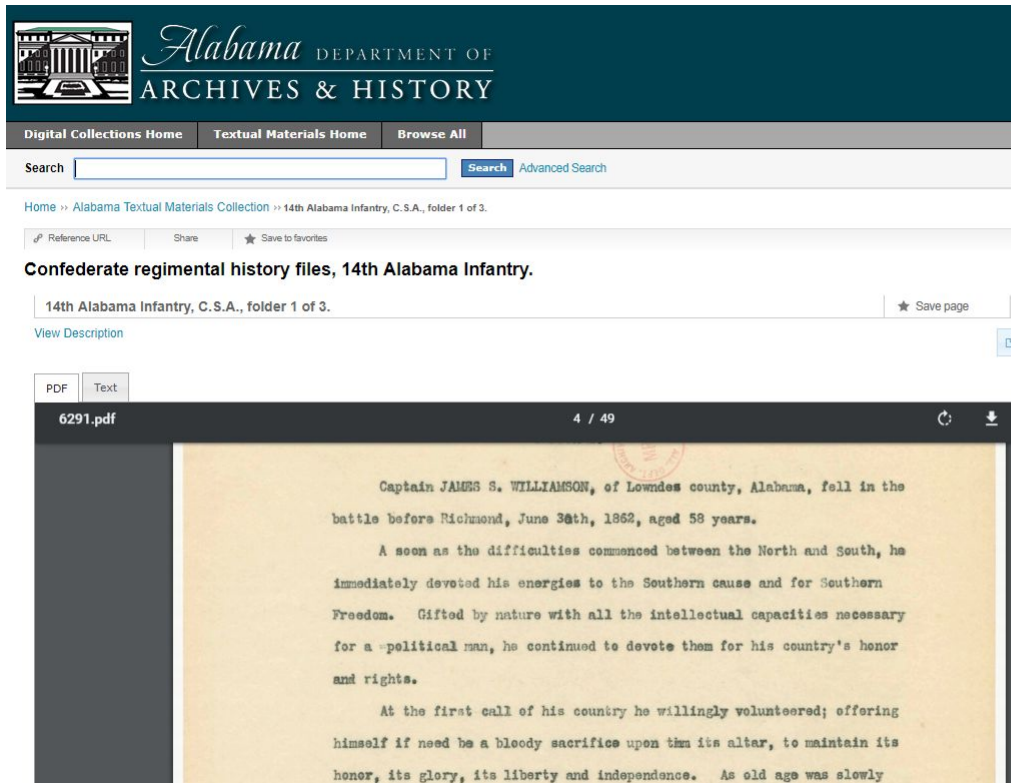
# Headstone


- 5 of my 24 had battle units inscribed on their headstones
- Southern Cross of Honor
- “Joseph Royston Co F  
61 ALA INF CSA”



# Obituary

Captain James S. Williamson, of Lowndes county, Alabama, fell in the battle before Richmond, June 30th, 1862, aged 58 years.



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Captain JAMES S. WILLIAMSON, of Lowndes county, Alabama, fell in the battle before Richmond, June 30th, 1862, aged 58 years.

As soon as the difficulties commenced between the North and South, he immediately devoted his energies to the Southern cause and for Southern Freedom. Gifted by nature with all the intellectual capacities necessary for a political man, he continued to devote them for his country's honor and rights.

At the first call of his country he willingly volunteered; offering himself if need be a bloody sacrifice upon the altar, to maintain its honor, its glory, its liberty and independence. As old age was slowly

# FindaGrave Memorial

2 of my 24 had  
a memorial  
mentioning Civil  
War Service but  
no inscription  
on headstone

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## Wade Hampton Shults

BIRTH	25 Dec 1837 Stoddard, Stoddard County, Missouri, USA
DEATH	26 Nov 1919 (aged 81) Bearden, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma, USA
BURIAL	<a href="#">Bearden Cemetery</a> Okfuskee County, Oklahoma, USA
MEMORIAL ID	26187772 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

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Wade Hampton SHULTS

His family moved to Arkansas when he was three, in Texas by 1847, when he was ten. They originally lived in a settlement called Rhea, later moved to Navarro County (present Corsicana). They later moved farther west, settling in Parker County and then Palo Pinto Co, TX (west of Ft. Worth).

Wade told his children and grandchildren of the time in 1860 when he joined a group of Rangers, under the command of the famous Sul Ross, riding against the Comanches. On this trip Cynthia Ann Parker was taken back from the Indians. Wade said he stood guard over her at one time.

He served the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, working as a courier, stationed at Galveston Island, Texas, again serving Sul Ross. He married Rebecca just after the Civil War. She was the daughter of Andrew B. and Mary Ann (Rutledge) Howell, who had been born in North Carolina, migrated through Tennessee (where Rebecca was born), and on to Texas in the 1850's.

## 4. 1910 and 1930 Censuses

- If they lived long enough
- Only as reliable as the informant
- Only 4 of my 24 were alive for the 1910 census
  - 3 of the 4 had the marking for CA, 1 was blank
- 0 of 24 were alive for the 1930 census



# 1910 Census

- Column 30 - “whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy”
- UA = Union Army, UN = Union Navy, CA = Confederate Army, CN = Confederate Navy

# 1910 Census

Whether a survivor of  
the Union or Confed-  
erate Army or Navy.

Rayston Robert G  
Eggle  
Eugene

25-1-12

# 1930 Censuses

- Column 30 - veterans
- Column 31 - “what war or expedition”
  - WW - World War
  - SP - Spanish-American War
  - Civ - Civil War
- 0 of my 24 were alive in 1930

# 1930 Censuses

VETERANS	
Whether a veteran of U. S. military or naval forces	
Yes or No	What war or expedition?
30	31

Daniels Samuel W

W 44 wd  
W 22

Sp. Civ

## 5. State Confederate Pension Records

- Laws passed to aid Confederate veterans
  - Indigent
  - Lost a limb
  - Widows
- Beginning as early as 1865
- May contain personal correspondence
- 8 of my 24 veterans or their dependents received pensions

# Application of Indigent Widow of Confederate Soldier or Sailor, for a Pension Under the Laws of the State of Oklahoma

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE FULLY ANSWERED. WRITE THE ANSWERS CAREFULLY, USING INK. APPLICATION MUST BE SWORN TO BEFORE SOME OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS, AND FILED WITH AND DULY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE APPLICANT LIVES. READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION BEFORE BEGINNING. OBSERVE THE INSTRUCTIONS IN FINE PRINT UNDER THE LINES. MAKE YOUR ANSWERS EXPLICIT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF STEPHENS ss:

I, the undersigned, the widow of a Confederate Soldier (or Sailor), do hereby make application for a pension, to be granted me according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and under oath I make answer to the following questions:

1. What is your FULL NAME? ISABELL X. ROYSTON  
Give your first name, your middle initial and your surname.
2. What is your post office address? DUNCAN OKLAHOMA
3. What is your street, route or box number? 409 SOUTH 9TH STREET
4. Are you an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma? YES Of what county? STEPHENS
5. How long have you lived in the State of Oklahoma continuously? FORTY EIGHT YEARS
6. Where were you born? SPRINGFIELD MO. What is your age? 72
7. Have you ever applied for a pension anywhere? NO Where? NIL When? NIL
8. If so, were you granted a pension? NIL If not, why not? NIL
9. Do you receive any income, annuity, pension, salary, wages, fees, money or other means of support, from any source whatever? NO If so, state in detail the source and amount thereof.



12. What is your physical condition? NOT GOOD Are you able to work? NO
13. What occupation are you engaged in? HOUSEWIFE
14. Are you an inmate of any public home or institution, charitable or otherwise? NO
15. Do you apply for a pension because you are indigent and unable to earn a livelihood by manual labor? YES
- 
16. What is your husband's FULL NAME? ROBERT C. ROYSTON
17. Is the man named in answer to question 16 above, the one upon whose military service you base this claim for a pension? YES
18. HAVE YOU REMARRIED SINCE HIS DEATH? NO Did you abandon your husband and live separate from him until his death? NO
19. When were you married to him? JANUARY 16. 1877 Where? DECATER TEX
20. When did he die? MAY 2. 1925 Where? DUNCAN OKLA
21. Did he ever draw a pension? NO State fully when and where NIL
22. Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? SHARPSHOOT
23. In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? ALABAMA
24. When did he enlist? DONT KNOW Where MONTGOMERY ALA. How long did he serve? 2. YEARS
25. What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship? DONT KNOW
26. State the name and number of his regiment or battalion. DONT KNOW
27. To what other commands if any was he ever transferred? DONT KNOW
28. If possible, state the names and rank of his officers. DONT KNOW

Dear Mr Stewart  
I want to thank you  
for what you have  
done for me i  
surely need a little  
help for i am getting  
old & i can hardly  
realize it to be so  
Mrs & Mrs Carpenter  
thanks you all  
may god bless  
I save you a  
better word when  
we will all meet  
around the white  
throne isabel  
D Royston  
P-5893

Dear Mr. Stewart,

I want to thank you for  
what you have done for  
me. I surely need a little  
help for i am getting  
old...may God bless and  
save you...

-Isabell D. Royston

# How to Find Confederate Pensions

- Look in state of residence, not service
- Trace them in census records (1870, 1880, etc.)
- Each state varies
  - Remarried widows not eligible
  - Unmarried or widowed daughters of veterans eligible in Virginia

# Confederate Pension Availability

<b>Alabama</b>	1865: disabled soldiers 1900: veterans/widows
<b>Arkansas</b>	1891: veterans 1915: widows and mothers
<b>Florida</b>	1885: veterans 1889: widows
<b>Georgia</b>	1877: soldiers who lost a limb; indigent 1890: indigent widows
<b>Kentucky</b>	1912: indigent and disabled soldiers and widows
<b>Louisiana</b>	1898: veterans or widows
<b>Mississippi</b>	1888: veterans who lost a limb 1890: indigent veterans/widows

# Confederate Pension Availability

<b>Missouri</b>	1911: infirm soldiers or dependants
<b>North Carolina</b>	1885: incapacitated veterans, widows
<b>Oklahoma</b>	1915: Disabled, indigent veterans and widows
<b>South Carolina</b>	1887: needy veterans/widows (few extant) 1919: poor/older veterans and widows
<b>Tennessee</b>	1891: indigent veterans 1905: widows
<b>Texas</b>	1899: indigent veterans and widows
<b>Virginia</b>	1888: disabled veterans Later: all veterans, widows, unmarried/ widowed daughters

# List of collections at Online Syllabus

## Online Confederate Collections by State

### Alabama

- [Alabama Department of Archives and History](#)
- [Alabama Civil War Service Cards File](#) (Alabama Department of Archives and History)
- [Brief Historical Sketches of Military Organizations Raised In Alabama During the Civil War](#) (Alabama Department of Archives and History)
- [Alabama Confederate Pension and Service Records, 1862-1947](#) (at Ancestry.com)
- [Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958](#) (at Ancestry.com)
- [Alabama, Census of Confederate Soldiers, 1907, 1921](#) (at Ancestry.com)
- [Alabama, Questionnaires of Widows of Confederate Soldiers, 1927](#) (at Ancestry.com)

### Arkansas

- [Arkansas History Commission](#)
- [Index to Arkansas Confederate Home Records](#) (at FamilySearch.org)



# Tennessee Pensions Online Index



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## Tennessee State Library and Archives

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# Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications : Soldiers & Widows > D

Pensions: **S** = Soldier's pension    **W** = Widow's pension    **C** = Colored pension

Soldier Name	County	Pension #	Unit or Widow
Dabbs, James Polk	Davidson	<b>W</b> 577	Dabbs, Annie R.
Dabbs, Joseph	Wayne	<b>S</b> 15940	48th (Voorhies') Inf.
Dabbs, Richard I.	Lawrence	<b>W</b> 4695	Dabbs, Eliza J.
Dabbs, Stephen V.	Wayne	<b>S</b> 455	9th Cav.
Dabbs, Steven V.	Lewis	<b>W</b> 10227	Dabbs, Mary Elizabeth
Dabney, George Washington	Gibson	<b>W</b> 3543	Dabney, Mary Frances

Dyer, Angus Washington	Hawkins	<b>S</b> 5600	61st Inf.
Dyer, Benjamin A.	Blount	<b>S</b> 1542	19th Inf.
Dyer, Ephriam	Warren	<b>S</b> 13610	Thomas' Legion N.C.
Dyer, Isiah W.	Rutherford	<b>W</b> 1997	Dyer, Martha Ann Francis
Dyer, J. H.	Houston	<b>S</b> 5895	49th Inf.
Dyer, James	Obion	<b>S</b> 3384	9th Bn. (Gantt's) Cav.
Dyer, James P.	Putnam	<b>S</b> 13874	17th Inf.
Dyer, James P.	Putnam	<b>W</b> 10074	Dyer, Elizabeth
Dyer, John	Blount	<b>W</b> 5033	Dyer, Amanda
Dyer, John A.	Union	<b>W</b> 3715	Dyer, Sarah
Dyer, John Alexander	Washington	<b>S</b> 3166	60th Inf.
Dyer, John W.	Giles	<b>S</b> 399	3rd Inf.
Dyer, John W.	Madison	<b>W</b> 5037 & <b>W</b> 9546	Dyer, Bettie Ross
Dyer, Logan R.	Jackson	<b>S</b> 12960	28th Inf.
Dyer, Logan Robinson	Putnam	<b>W</b> 8645	Dyer, America
Dyer, Louis	Hawkins	<b>S</b> 1283	61st Inf.



## SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

I, August Washington Ayer, a native of the State of Tennessee,  
and now a citizen of Tennessee, resident at or near Strahl, in the County of Hawkins

in said State of Tennessee, and who was a soldier from the State of Tennessee, in the war between the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby apply for aid under the Act of the General Assembly of Tennessee, entitled "An Act for the benefit of the indigent and disabled soldiers of the late war between the States, and to fix the fees of attorneys or agents for procuring such pensions, and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same." And I do solemnly swear that, while in the discharge of my duty in the service of the Confederate or ~~United~~ States, as a member of

Co. B. 61st Tenn Inftry

I was wounded in the battle or battles of

Whitish in Camp at Moccasin Creek, Tennessee. Soon after my  
enlistment, I was detailed and from the effects of such wound or wounds I was disabled as follows:

to carry some flour from the depot  
to camp and in crossing a plank bridge, the plank or bridge broke  
through and from the fall I sustained, internal injuries that produced Rupture,  
and that by reason of such wound and disability I am now entitled to receive the benefits of this Act. I further swear that I do not hold any National, State, or County office, nor do I receive aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, and that I am not an inmate of any soldiers' home, and that I am unable to earn a reasonable support for myself and family. I do further solemnly swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

In what County, State, and year were you born?

## 6. Search Google

- Name (including aliases and abbreviations)
- “Confederate” or “Civil War”
- Regiment

# Google Search Results

- You may find their headstone, a roster, photo, letter, diary, regimental history, or more
- Civil War History is of interest to many people - thousands of websites have been created



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## Southern Genealogy-Confederate Veterans Named: Royston

[www.confederatevets.com/getName.cgi?last=Royston](http://www.confederatevets.com/getName.cgi?last=Royston) ▼

Using Civil War documents from Southern Genealogy: Last Name: **Royston**.

## The Confederate Republic: A Revolution Against Politics

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0807821446>

George C. Rable - 1994 - History

For fervent **Confederate** nationalists, striking just the right note before a confused, often disheartened, and occasionally angry electorate was a tricky business. Although by 1863 ... His opponent, Augustus H. Garland, dismissed **Royston's** pleas for unity as a crude effort to stifle discussion and destroy liberty. Viewing ...

## C. B. Royston, Confederate States of America Army

[arlingtoncemetery.net/cbroyston.htm](http://arlingtoncemetery.net/cbroyston.htm) ▼

Jun 29, 2006 - C. B. **Royston Confederate** States of America Army, Alabama State Flag. **ROYSTON**, C B. 14TH ALA CW BURIED AT: SECTION CONFE SITE 162. CB **Royston** Gravesite PHOTO Photo Courtesy of Roxsanne Wells-Layton, June 2006 ...



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## C. B. Royston

Confederate States of America Army

ROYSTON, C B  
14TH ALA CW  
BURIED AT: SECTION CONFE SITE 162



Locate the CMSR

# Compiled Military Service Record

You gathered some clues...

Now you can go find the CMSR!

I found 23 of 24 CMSRs for my  
Confederate veteran relatives

1306

Royston C. B.

Co. D, 14 Alabama Infantry.

(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1	44	57	68	65	21
2	69	59			22
3	70	53			23
4	71	30			24
5	72	11			25
6	72	93			26
7	73	56			27
8	44	74	21	715	28
9	47	95	20	91	29
10					30
11					31
12					32
13					33
14					34
15					35
16					36
17					37
18					38
19					39

Number of medical cards herein 3

Number of personal papers herein 0



# Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR)

- Derivative record
- Created by the War Department beginning in 1903
- Contain cards with data abstracted from original muster rolls, hospital records, prison records,
- Sometimes contain original records

# 1860 Federal Census

- Need to know place of residence in 1860 to find their CMSR
- Service records are by state
- Regiments often raised in a certain county

Name	<b>Charles B Royston</b>
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1860
Event Place	Northern Division, Chambers, Alabama, United States
Gender	Male
Age	21
Race	White
Birth Year (Estimated)	1839
Birthplace	Alabama
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Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Thos B Royston		M	54	Georgia
Cynthia Royston		F	44	Georgia
<b>Charles B Royston</b>		M	21	Alabama
Adeline Royston		F	19	Alabama
Sarah Royston		F	17	Alabama

# What state to look in?

**Residence:** Chambers, AL

**Look in:**

- Alabama Service Records
- Regiments from Chambers County

Wikipedia list of regiments from Chambers County

## Military

### Civil War

Civil War service men from Chambers County served in various regiments. regiments that were formed from men of Chambers County.

- 7th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company A
- 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company A "Cusseta Grays"
- 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company C "Tom Watt's Grays"
- 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company D "Yancey Grays"
- 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company E "Gilmore's Greys"
- 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company F "Billy Gilmer Grays"
- 23rd Battalion, Alabama, Company E
- 37th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company G and I
- 47th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company D and I
- 60th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, Company K

# Where to find a CMSR?

- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (National Park Service Database)
  - [www.NPS.gov](http://www.NPS.gov)
  - FamilySearch.org Index
  - Ancestry.com Index
- Fold3.com digitized images of CMSRs

# NPS Soldiers and Sailors Database

- List of soldiers in regiment feature not reliable lately
- To view the regiment list, use the Ancestry index

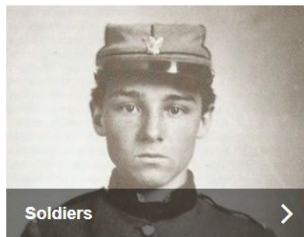
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## Soldiers and Sailors Database

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, which will be amended over time. The CWSS is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service and several public and private partners whose goal is to increase Americans' understanding of this decisive era in American history by making information about it widely accessible.

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### BROWSE PEOPLE



**Soldiers**

Search the service records of over 6 million men, blue and gray, who served in the Civil War.



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See a list of 18,000 African American sailors that served in the Civil War.



**Regiments**

Search unit histories of over 4,000 Union and Confederate regiments.

# FamilySearch Index

- Collection Title: United States Civil War Soldiers Index, 1861-1865
- Free index created from 6.3 million soldier records (CMSRs)



# Ancestry.com Index

- Collection Title: U.S. Civil War Soldiers 1861-1865 index
- Can search for the exact company and regiment to see a list of all soldiers

# Fold3 Digitized CMSR Files

- Digitized images of the full CMSR
- View with a Fold3 subscription
- View for free at a family history center

# CMSR Browsing at Fold3

Click Browse - Civil War - Civil War Service Records - Confederate

- Type in name
- Or keep browsing by state and regiment, if known

Why browse? Look at the list of names

- Surname could be misspelled
- Initials could be used for first name
- Siblings may be serving in same company

# Civil War Soldiers - Confederate - AL i

Search within:

Civil War Service ... > Confederate ... > Alabama > Fourteenth ... > R > Royston, C B



Type your search

CATEGORY (13)	PUBLICATION (50)	CATEGORY (2)	PUBLICATION (20)
Civil War	Civil War Service Records	Confederate Records	Alabama
Spanish-American War	Civil War Subversion Investigations	Union Records	Alabama (Index Cards)
World War I	Confederate Amnesty Papers <span>Free</span>		Arizona
World War II	Confederate Casualty Reports		Arkansas
Korean War	Confederate Citizens File <span>Free</span>		CSA
Vietnam War	Confederate Navy Subject File		Florida

Confederate.)

R. 14 Ala.

C. B. Royston.

1st., Co. D, 14 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for March &amp; April, 1862.

Enlisted:

When July 26, 1861.

Where Auburn, Ala.

By whom James A. Brown.

Period For the War.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. S. W. Fiske, U. S. M. C. &amp; A.

To what time Feb. 28, 1862.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks:

Book mark:

(642)

C. B. Royston

Copyist

Confederate.)

R. 14 Ala.

C. B. Royston.

1st., Co. D, 14 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for June 30, to Oct. 31, 1862.

Enlisted:

When July 26, 1861.

Where Auburn, Auburn Co., Ala.

By whom Capt. J. A. Brown.

Period For the War.

Last paid:

By whom

To what time 1862.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks:

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C. B. Royston

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Confederate.)

R. 14 Ala.

C. B. Royston

1st. Co. D. 14 Reg't. Ala. Inf.

Appears on a

Roll of Prisoners of War

ordered to be received and confined in the Old  
Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C.

Roll not dated.\*

Where captured Chestnut River

When captured Oct. 15, 1862.

Remarks: Surrender

\* Roll indorsed: "October, 1862. Prisoners of War."

Hdqrs. Provost Marshal General, Defences North  
of the Potomac, Washington, D. C.;

Roll No. 12.

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C. B. Royston

Copyist

Confederate.)

R. 14 Ala.

C. B. Royston

1st. Co. D. 14 Reg't. Ala. Inf.

Appears on a register of

Prisoners of War

at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C.

When committed Oct. 15, 1862.

Where captured Chestnut River

When Oct. 15, 1862.

By whom forwarded

Remarks: Sent to Hospital  
Jan. 2-4Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., Register  
No. 304, part 783; page 500

(629)

C. B. Royston

Copyist

# CASUALTY SHEET.

Name *C. B. Royston*  
 Rank *Private* Company *17* Regiment *1st*  
 Arm: State *Pa.*  
 Nature of Casualty: *Death*

CAUSE OF CASUALTY—(Nature of Disease, &c.)

BY WHOM DISCHARGED.

DEGREE OF DISABILITY

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED

BY WHOM CERTIFIED:

*Roll No. 2 of Kalorama Hospital*

REMARKS

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

*"Rebel."*

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

*Washington D.C.*

*J. H. B. ...*

Clerk

4759

# Casualty Sheet

## C.B. Royston

## Roll No. 2 Kalorama Hospital

## "Rebel"

## RECORD OF DEATH AND INTERMENT.

Name and number of person interred. *C.B. Royston*  
 Number and locality of the grave . . .  
 Hospital number of the deceased . . .  
 Regiment, rank, and company . . . *Regt. 1st U.S. Inf. 1st Bn.*  
 Residence before enlistment . . . *San Diego, Cal.*  
 Conjugal condition, (and if married, the residence of the widow) . . .  
 Cause of death . . . *Dysentery*  
 Age of the deceased . . . *24 years*  
 Nativity . . . *American*  
 References and remarks . . .  
 Date of death and burial . . . *Oct. 12, 1894*

[A duplicate of this Record has been forwarded to the Section, and another remains in this Hospital.]

To

SIR:

It becomes my duty to inform you that the person above described died at this Hospital as herein stated; and that it is desired his remains should be interred with the usual military honors.

Respectfully,

Sergeant U. S. Army.

MILITARY HOSPITAL,

This copy of Record is to be transmitted to the Adjutant General at Washington immediately after the place of burial and the number of the grave have been ascertained and registered. The above notification is to remain attached.

# Record of Death and Internment

- This is an original record included in the CMSR of C.B. Royston
- After the index cards, you may find original records



# Research the Regiment




# 1. Find Regimental Histories and Timelines

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## U.S., American Civil War Regiments, 1861-1866



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Regiment:	7th Cavalry Regiment South Carolina
Date of Organization:	18 Mar 1864
Muster Date:	9 Apr 1865
Regiment State:	South Carolina
Regiment Type:	Cavalry
Regiment Number:	7th
Battles:	Fought on 30 May 1864 at North Anna River, VA. Fought on 18 Jun 1864 at Petersburg, VA. Fought on 18 Aug 1864 at Petersburg, VA.
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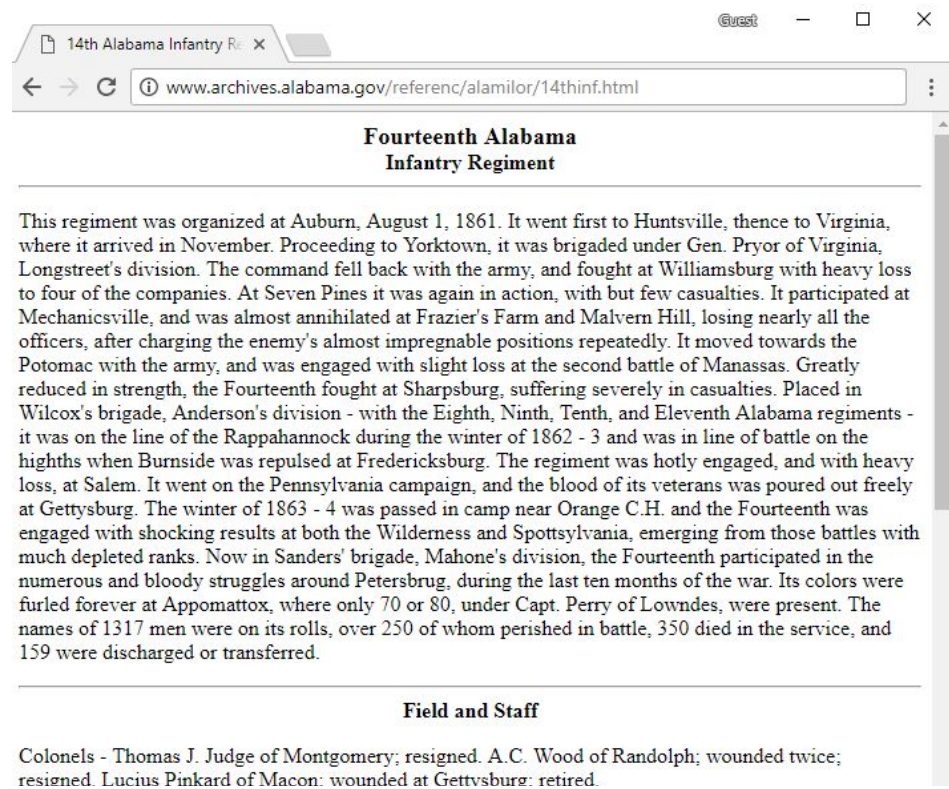


# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Search google for  
regiment

14th Alabama  
Infantry

Fourteenth Alabama  
Infantry



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/alamilor/14thinf.html](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/alamilor/14thinf.html). The page title is "Fourteenth Alabama Infantry Regiment". The main text provides a detailed history of the regiment, starting with its organization at Auburn, Alabama, on August 1, 1861. It describes the regiment's movements, including its deployment to Virginia, participation in the Battle of Williamsburg, the Battle of Mechanicsville, and the Battle of Manassas. It also mentions its role in the Rappahannock campaign, the Battle of Fredericksburg, and the Battle of Gettysburg. The text concludes with information about the regiment's colors, the names of its officers, and the number of men who served and died.

**Fourteenth Alabama  
Infantry Regiment**

This regiment was organized at Auburn, August 1, 1861. It went first to Huntsville, thence to Virginia, where it arrived in November. Proceeding to Yorktown, it was brigaded under Gen. Pryor of Virginia, Longstreet's division. The command fell back with the army, and fought at Williamsburg with heavy loss to four of the companies. At Seven Pines it was again in action, with but few casualties. It participated at Mechanicsville, and was almost annihilated at Frazier's Farm and Malvern Hill, losing nearly all the officers, after charging the enemy's almost impregnable positions repeatedly. It moved towards the Potomac with the army, and was engaged with slight loss at the second battle of Manassas. Greatly reduced in strength, the Fourteenth fought at Sharpsburg, suffering severely in casualties. Placed in Wilcox's brigade, Anderson's division - with the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Alabama regiments - it was on the line of the Rappahannock during the winter of 1862 - 3 and was in line of battle on the highths when Burnside was repulsed at Fredericksburg. The regiment was hotly engaged, and with heavy loss, at Salem. It went on the Pennsylvania campaign, and the blood of its veterans was poured out freely at Gettysburg. The winter of 1863 - 4 was passed in camp near Orange C.H. and the Fourteenth was engaged with shocking results at both the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, emerging from those battles with much depleted ranks. Now in Sanders' brigade, Mahone's division, the Fourteenth participated in the numerous and bloody struggles around Petersburg, during the last ten months of the war. Its colors were furled forever at Appomattox, where only 70 or 80, under Capt. Perry of Lowndes, were present. The names of 1317 men were on its rolls, over 250 of whom perished in battle, 350 died in the service, and 159 were discharged or transferred.

**Field and Staff**

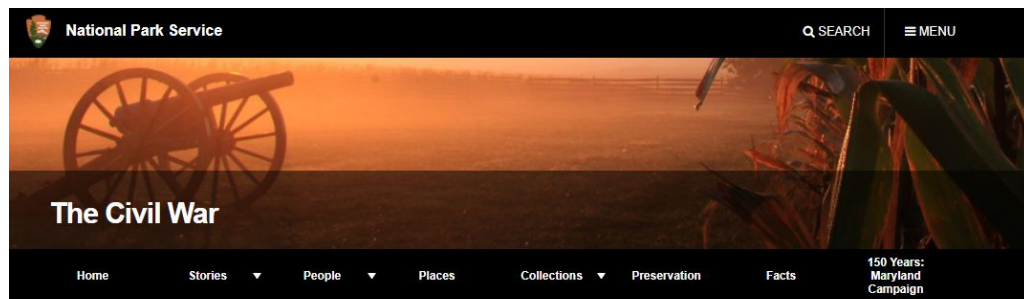
Colonels - Thomas J. Judge of Montgomery; resigned. A.C. Wood of Randolph; wounded twice; resigned. Lucius Pinkard of Macon; wounded at Gettysburg; retired.

# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

National Park  
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Search for battle  
units

Find brief regimental  
histories



## Battle Unit Details

[Return to Results](#)

### CONFEDERATE ALABAMA TROOPS

#### 14th Regiment, Alabama Infantry

**OVERVIEW:** 14th Infantry Regiment was organized at Auburn, Alabama, in July, 1861, with men from Montgomery and Auburn, and the counties of Chambers, Jackson, Randolph, and Tallapoosa. It remained in camp at Huntsville until October, then moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia. Later it was sent to Richmond to rest after suffering from camp diseases. Many suffered from measles. The 14th was assigned to General Pryor's, Wilcox's, Perrin's, Sanders', and W.H. Forney's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It participated in many battles from [Williamsburg to Cold Harbor](#), took an active part in the [Petersburg](#) siege south of the James River, then saw action in the [Appomattox](#) Campaign. In April, 1862, it contained 700 effectives, and reported 335 casualties during the Seven Days' Battles and 47 at [Second Manassas](#). It lost 151 at [Chancellorsville](#), and of the 316 engaged at [Gettysburg](#), fifteen percent were disabled. The regiment surrendered with 11 officers and 180 men. Its field officers were Colonels T.J. Judge, Lucius Pinckard, and Alfred C. Wood; Lieutenant Colonels D.W. Baine and James A. Broome; and Majors M.P. Ferrell, Robert A. McCord, Owen K. McLemore, and George W. Taylor.


**SOLDIERS:** [View Battle Unit's Soldiers](#)

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# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

## Civil War in the East Website (VA & PA)

- Timelines
- Major battles
- Locations



The screenshot shows the homepage of 'The Civil War in the East' website. The header features a green navigation bar with links: 'CWE Home', 'C.S. Army', 'U.S. Army', 'People', and 'Places & Things'. Below the header, the title '14th Alabama Infantry' is displayed. A sub-header reads 'Confederate Regiments & Batteries > Alabama'. A paragraph states: 'The 14th Alabama Infantry Regiment mustered 1,317 men during the Civil War, losing more than 250 in battle and 350 to disease.' Below this is a timeline table with two sections: 1861 and 1862.

1861	
July	Organized at Auburn, Alabama, under Colonel Thomas James Judge, Lieutenant Colonel David W. Baine, and Major Mickleberry Ferrell, and sent to Huntsville.
October	Sent to Fredericksburg, Virginia, arriving in November
November 20	Major Ferrell resigned due to illness. Owen K. McLemore (USMA 1856) was promoted to major.
1862	
January 5	Ordered to Richmond to recover after suffering from disease in camp. General Holmes wrote "The regiment has suffered greatly from measles." Captain William C. Allen was among those who died.
March	Ordered to join Magruder on the Peninsula
April 30	Attached to Pryor's Brigade, Longstreet's Division at Yorktown, "about 700 strong"
May 2	Major McLemore was transferred to the 4th Alabama.
May 5	<b>Battle of Williamsburg</b>
May 12	Captain George Wood of Company K was promoted to major.



# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

## Stone Sentinels Website

- Monuments
- Tagged with regiments
- Details about battlefields and monuments



### Wilcox's Brigade

A monument to Wilcox's Brigade is southwest of Gettysburg on West Confederate Avenue. (Tour map: West Confederate Ave. - Pt. 3) A marker is south of town on Sickles Avenue. (Tour map: Emmitsburg Rd. & Sickles Ave.)

The brigade was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Brigadier General Cadmus Wilcox (USMA '46), who was born in North Carolina but grew up in Tennessee before becoming a career Army officer.

During Longstreet's attack on July 2nd Wilcox's Brigade successfully advanced to Plum Run before being stopped by the sacrificial charge of the First Minnesota Infantry. Confederate troops on his left flank failed to advance, and Wilcox pulled back. His success may have been a factor in deciding Lee to launch Pickett's Charge across the same ground the next day.

Wilcox's Brigade was to have supported that attack as well, but poor communications and visibility caused it and Perry's Florida Brigade to move forward too late and in the wrong direction to help Pickett.

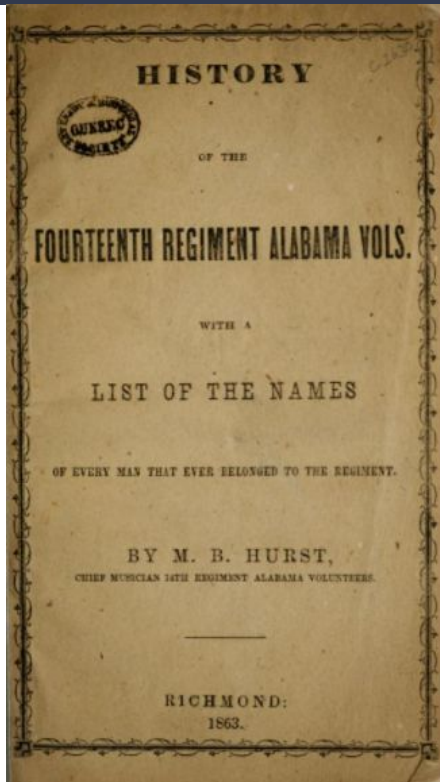




# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Free online books or regimental histories in public domain

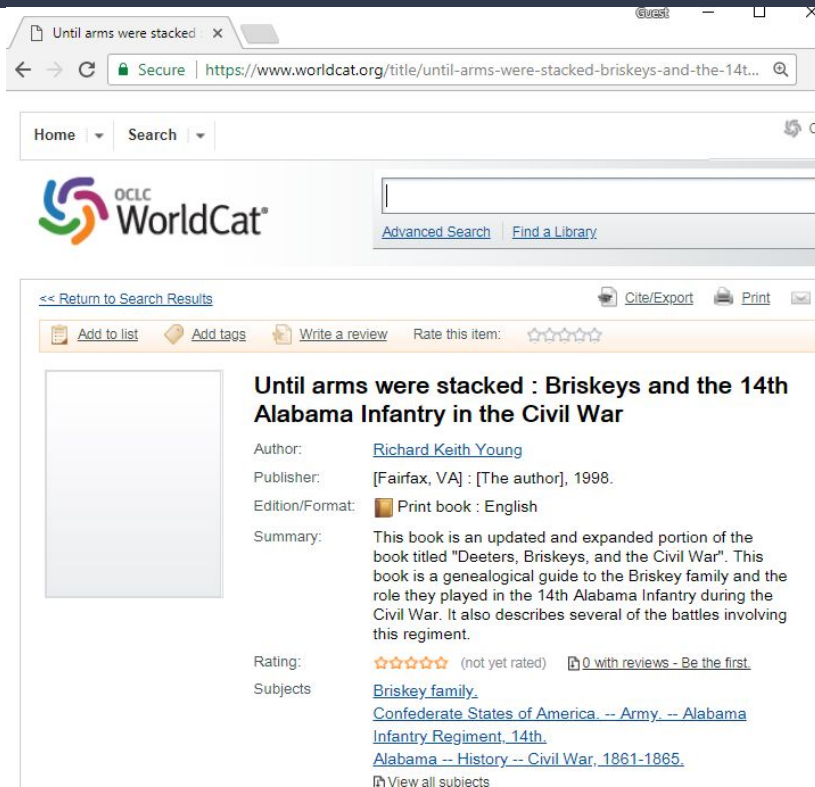
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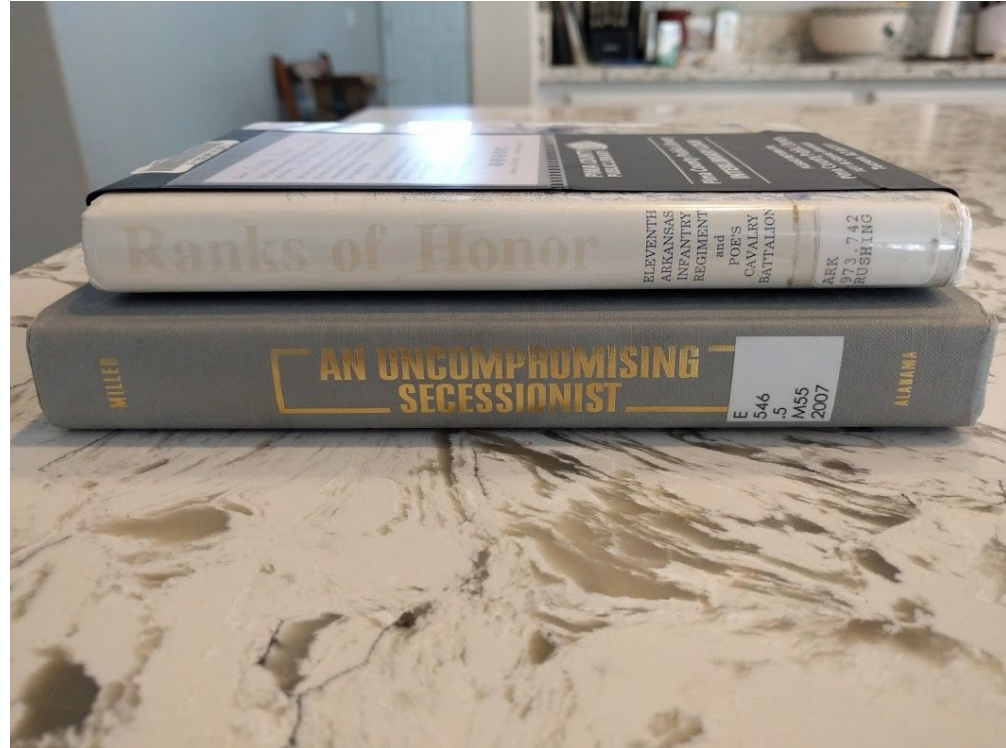
- Search for regimental histories
- i.e. 14th Alabama Infantry



# 1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

## WorldCat Catalog

- Request book via interlibrary loan
- Search online for collections of the letters, diaries and other sources referenced in the books

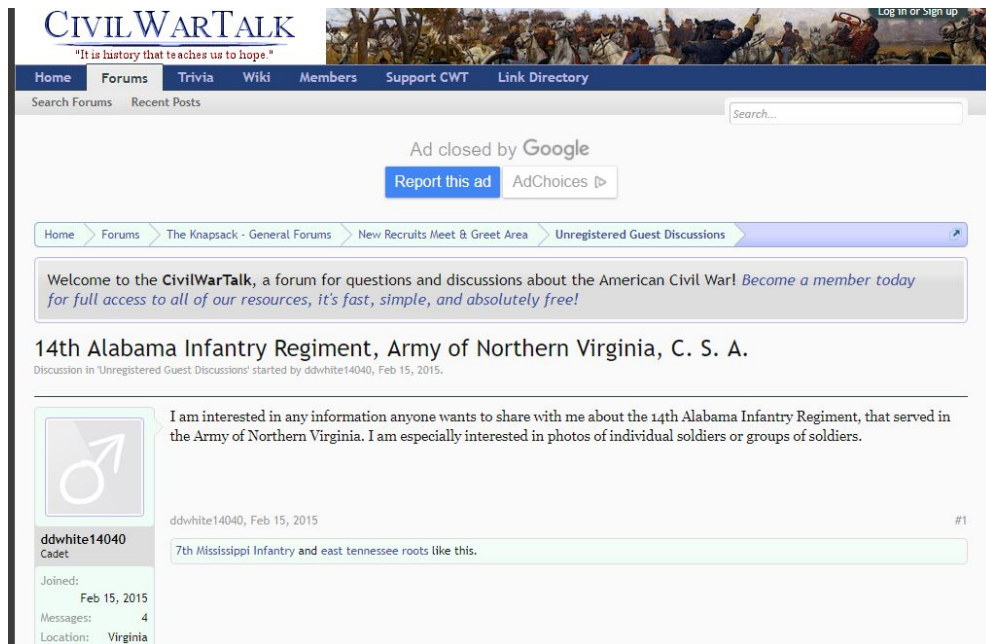




## 2. Learn from Local Historians

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- Civil War Talk Forum
- Local historical societies may point you in direction of local experts to contact



## 2. Learn from Local Historians

### Civil War Talk Forum

- Email forum members
- I got a response from a local expert on the 14th Alabama
- More info about C.B. Royston's location of capture



F. W. SIMPSON.

F W. Simpson

Residence [Chambers County AL](#);  
Enlisted on 7/1/1861 as a Private.

On 7/1/1861 he mustered into "A" Co. [AL 14th Infantry](#)  
He was discharged for disability (date not stated)  
(Estimated date of enlistment; Enlisted in 1862)

Other Information:  
born in 1840 in Chambers County, AL  
died 1/11/1913 in Athens, LA

(Married Anne Elizabeth Worrell in 1867)



### 3. Consult State Archives' Digital Collections

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## National Archives list of each state archives' websites

Contact information  
for state archives and  
historical societies as  
of November, 2013



The screenshot shows the National Archives website. At the top is the National Archives logo and name. Below it is a navigation bar with four tabs: "RESEARCH OUR RECORDS", "VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS", "EDUCATOR RESOURCES", and "VISIT". The "VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS" tab is selected. Below the navigation bar is a dark banner for the "Archives Library Information Center (ALIC)". Underneath the banner is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Research Our Records > Archives Library Information Center (ALIC) > Reference at Your Desk -- Archives Library Information Center > State Archives". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with links under the heading "About ALIC" (Main Page, ALIC Mission, ALIC Staff, Hours and Locations, Services, Policies, Volunteer Opportunities, Customer Service Center) and "Reference at Your Desk" (Archives & Records Management, Biography, Black History, Congress, Diplomacy, Exploration, Genealogy, Geography & Maps). The right column is titled "State Archives" and contains the text "Contact information for state archives and historical societies as of November, 2013". Below this is a section "See also:" with links to "Genealogy", "State Archives", and "Vital Records". At the bottom of the right column, there is a section for "Alabama" with the link "Alabama Department of Archives & History" and the address "624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130". Below this is the "Mailing Address: P.O. Box 300100, Montgomery, AL 36130" and "Phone: (334) 242-4435". The section for "Alaska" is titled "Alaska State Archives".

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# 3. Consult State Archives' Digital Collections

It's possible to find

- Diaries
- Letters
- Newspapers
- Historical context



Journal of the Alabama Senate, 1831-1832.



Journal of the Alabama House of Representatives, 1833-1834.



Journal of the Alabama Senate, 1837, regular session.



Journal of the Alabama Senate, 1847-1848 [part 1 of 2].



Journal of the Alabama House of Representatives, 1847-1848 [part 1 of 2].



Owen Kenan McLemore, 8th U.S. Infantry.



Marshall B. Hurst, musician in Company C, 14th Alabama Infantry, C.S.A.



Members of the original staff of the 14th Alabama Infantry regiment.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly at the 2nd Alabama Hospital in Richmond.



Letter from Francis Crenshaw Hall at Sangster's Crossroads in Virginia, to his father, Bolling, in Alabama.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly at Camp Johnson near Auburn, Alabama, to his father, Bolling, in Alabama.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly at Camp Bradford near Huntsville, Alabama, to his father, Bolling, in Alabama.



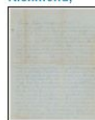
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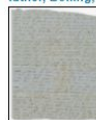
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Letter from Francis McDade Danielly in Louisiana.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly in Louisiana.



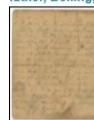
Incomplete letter from Elizabeth McDade Danielly in Louisiana.



Incomplete letter from Elizabeth Pearson Danielly, in Louisiana.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly to his sister-in-law.



Undated note from Francis McDade Danielly to his children in camp near Louisiana.



Letter from Francis McDade Danielly in camp near Louisiana.

# Members of the original staff of the 14th Alabama Infantry regiment



Standing: Captain Pinckard, First Lieutenant David W. Hinkle, Captain Ferry Hinshaw, and Judge J. B. Gaston. Seated: Lieutenant Colonel Bayne, Colonel Thomas Judge, and Major McLemore.

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## 4. Search Newspaper Collections

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- Chronicling America
- Ancestor Hunt - resource for newspaper research links
- Learn historical context for the time/place



### Birmingham Newspaper Clippings

#### Birmingham Area Newspapers Index

- Birmingham News
- Birmingham Reporter
- Birmingham Times
- Birmingham World
- Methodist Christian Advocate / Alabama Christian
- Shelby County Reporter

#### Huntsville-Madison County Newspaper Index

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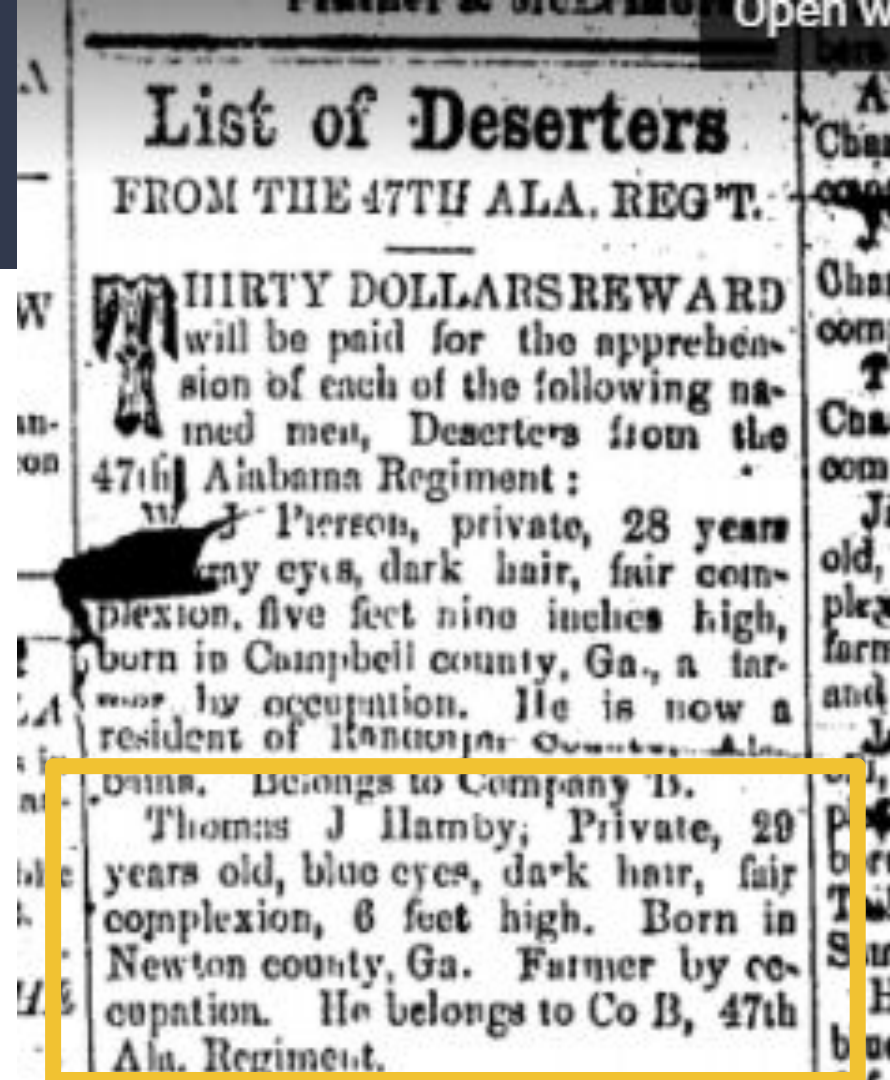



# Deserters

## List of Deserters

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Thomas J. Hamby, Private, 29 years old, blue eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, 6 feet high. Born in Newton county, Ga. Farmer by occupation. He belongs to Co B, 47th Ala. Regiment.





## 5. Browse the Confederate Veteran Magazine

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- Library of Virginia online catalog - index entries
- Full issues on Internet Archive

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## Confederate Veteran.

"I once asked the General how he felt when he was riding down the line of that Indiana regiment. 'Well, my son, I felt like a thousand centipeds were traveling up and down my backbone.' He was ever a farious commander, and seemed to bear a charmed life, going wherever they called, though often renounced with his staff for unsuccessfully exposing himself. When looking back after the lapse of years, I am more than ever impressed with his magnificent Christian character. A graduate of West Point, his father had intended him for the army, but his predilections carried him into the ministry, where his prominent qualities placed him at the head of the diocese of Louisiana as its bishop. 'He said to think that his end was so sudden and that he fell in that manner that all during his life he had prayed to avert: 'From battle and murder and from sudden death, good Lord, deliver us'."

Within eighteen months thereafter, June 12, 1864, a solid shot tore through the body of this grand character, this noble Christian, and on Fike Mountain, in Georgia, he gave up his life for duty and principle.

"I was particularly endeared to Gen. Polk. Our families were closely associated all their lives, and I felt that the tie binding me to him was more than an ordinary one. He and my father had spent the best years of their lives in the service of their Master, and had devoted their time and talents to educational purposes of the South in a marked degree, leaving behind them a monument in the University of the South at Sewanee that will live long after them and their posterity.

Our equities at Murfreesboro were brief, as Rosecrans was rapidly concentrating his army at Nashville for an onward movement. I kept very accurately informed of Gen. Rosecrans' movements through the aid of my signal men that visited Nashville almost daily, and as fast as information reached me, the same was promptly furnished headquarters. These young men, coming and going into Nashville, were both and raised there, and knew not only the people generally, but were familiar with every log trail and sheep track, so that they found little or no difficulty in their ingress or egress.

It was just about this time that they brought information that the Federals had captured two officers, Capt. Orton Williams and Lieut. Peters, and they had been tried as spies and condemned to be hung at Franklin. Williams was highly connected with one of that name in the United States War Department, and friends of influence interested themselves in his and young Peters' behalf, but to no purpose. They were promptly executed.

Gen. John A. Wharton was actively engaged with his celebrated Texans in scouting and scouring the country under that indefatigable and dashing cavalry commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, who, when Rosecrans began his advance on December 26, gained his rear, and destroying several hundreds of wagons loaded with supplies and baggage, and having made the circuit of the army, rejoined our army on the left. I was ordered out to Trimble one morning, bearing dispatches to Gen. Wharton, then guarding our front on the Nashville pike. It was Christmas day, and the General was extending the hospitality of the occasion through a large bowl of eggnog presided over by that genial Texas, Capt. Dave Terry, ably assisted by

Royston, Botts, and others of Wharton's military family. An hour spent in such genial company, and I retraced my steps through a blinding snowstorm to headquarters.

December 31 found us in a line of battle about two miles from Murfreesboro, stretching transversely across Stone River. The left wing of our army was commanded by Gen. Polk, whose headquarters had been established at a large frame dwelling standing on a conspicuous eminence that commanded a fine view of the field of battle. As Rosecrans seemed disinclined to commence the attack on the 30th, orders were given Maj. Gen. Frank Cheatham to engage the enemy early on the morning of the 31st, which was promptly done. The ground immediately in front of our headquarters was an open field extending for a half mile to the Nashville pike; the country lying north was densely covered with a cedar growth that made the progress of the troops slow and difficult. When the battle had fairly begun the enemy realized that we had made a stand for a general engagement. It seems that in all previous fights, by a singular coincidence, Cheatham's Division happened to always have in its immediate front that Federal division commanded by Maj. Gen. Alex. McD. McCook. On this occasion among the first prisoners captured and carried to division headquarters were some of Cheatham's men. McCook had some of his morning toilet suit on his breakfast. With his face half-shaved, he asked of the prisoners before him: "Whose command do you belong to, boys?" Instantly they answered, "Frank Cheatham's, sir!" Dropping his razor, and with the shave unfinished, McCook dashed to the front, for he knew that he had his hands full and that but work was ahead of him. Scarcely all day the Federals contented every inch of a mile in his front, with the order to "come on and retire," but not an aid even was present. Turning to me disconsolately, he requested that I just ride out and so instruct the artillery officers, as the orders were available. I reminded him that my duty ceased when I had delivered my general's order, and, turning my little mare's head for the race homewards to headquarters, I soon saluted my chief with the report that his orders had been received. Immediately I watched the result, to be soon gratified by the sight of a horseman dashing forward for the battery, and later to see a safety withdrawn—the general of the brigade had delivered his order in person and had returned in safety.

The heavy firing on our right soon told of the deadly carnage raging there under Breckinridge and Haneson, with their gallant Kentuckians, who forced the charging columns of fearless Federals across Stone River with a terrible loss.

From one of the officers we captured we learned that Gen. Rosecrans' chief of staff, Col. Jules P. Garesche, had his head taken off by one of our men while riding by the side of his chief. He was one of the old friends of our family, and I have often heard him admired and esteemed for the qualities that make the gentleman.

Night found us victors, with over 6,000 prisoners, thirty pieces of artillery, 6,000 small arms, a number of ambulances, horses and mules, and a large amount of other property, the result of the engage-

needed rest and opportunity for rival commanders to take stock of the day's loss and gain and reestablish their shattered lines."

The morning of the 31st opened with the sharp crack of the skirmish line, gradually feeling the way to the regular line of battle. The old Cowan house, standing on the south side of the Nashville pike, made a splendid retreat for a body of the enemy's sharpshooters. It was located halfway between the surging lines, and if possible, had to be destroyed. A charge was made for it by our troops, and in a few minutes we saw the smoke curling, then the forked tongues of flames issuing from window and roof that soon rendered it untenable. Rosecrans was thundering a hundred guns from where his chief of artillery had judiciously moved his batteries, and made great gaps in our lines. Capt. W. W. Carnes was out in an old corn field, and fought stubbornly against odds two great 12-wheeled guns a sacrifice. Gen. Polk, with a quick glance, took in the peril of the position, for we had no batteries to lose. I was directed by the brigade commander with orders to have Carnes's battery withdrawn.

During this time commencing the supporting brigade had taken advantage of the protecting banks afforded by Stone River for a breathing spell until the moment should arrive to charge that little corn field and clear from their front those annoying guns. A perfect hail of grape and canister swept over that old corn field. Could I get to the brigade commander ere it was too late? Would horse and rider run the gauntlet of that iron-shed field. As fast as my little mare could travel I rode over the ground. I seemed to fly by the space. The half mile was covered and my order delivered to the brigadier, who looked in vain for some of his staff to send out to Carnes, a quarter of a mile in his front, with the order to "come on and retire," but not an aid even was present. Turning to me disconsolately, he requested that I just ride out and so instruct the artillery officers, as the orders were available. I reminded him that my duty ceased when I had delivered my general's order, and, turning my little mare's head for the race homewards to headquarters, I soon saluted my chief with the report that his orders had been received. Immediately I watched the result, to be soon gratified by the sight of a horseman dashing forward for the battery, and later to see a safety withdrawn—the general of the brigade had delivered his order in person and had returned in safety.

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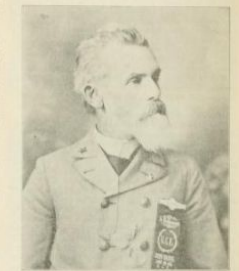
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ments of the past few days. There was a doubt in the minds of Gen. Bragg and Rosecrans as to which had been victorious, and such was retracting from the offer after the close of the battle. Soon Gen. Rosecrans made the important discovery, and turning his rear guard into the vanguard, permitted us to withdraw unmolested to Shelbyville, some twenty miles further South. Here we rested and recruited our army for some months, until the enemy, having also been repulsed from the staggering losses at Stone River, once more began an advance that gradually forced our retirement to Tallahassee.


(To be continued.)

Conrad A. C. Oxford, of Birmingham, Ala., is so popular that it is said no man, woman, or child knows him who doesn't love him. The Veterans could not claim a more constant, ardent, and unselfish advocate.



MR. A. C. OXFORD.

In much valuable service rendered it through the past seven years not a penny in remuneration has ever been accepted. As a citizen and Confederate Veteran he is entitled to no pension. He has been listed at Columbus, Miss., in the Pope-Walker Battalion of Cavalry. He served during the entire war, and was paroled at Columbus, Ga. His battalion belonged to Gen. Wheeler's command, and in the battle of Shiloh Gen. Wheeler commanded, as colonel of the Alabama. Soon after that he reorganized the cavalry of the Tennessee Army, and was appointed Major of the 1st Alabama Cavalry. He was made a part of the Eighth Confederate Cavalry. Conrad Oxford is now Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Cavalry. He is now in position on Gen. George P. Harrison's staff, with the rank of major. Some other the Charleston reunion he was stricken with paralysis, but is now much improved.



## 6. Consult secondary sources

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- Why did Southern soldiers desert?
- What was the Old Capitol prison like?
- What was the Kalorama General Hospital / Eruptive Fever Hospital?
- What is eruptive fever?

# Why did Southern soldiers desert?

“For some Civil War volunteers, their service in the army was predicated on specific treatment from their officers and the government. When they believed that the government had not held up its end of the bargain (by failing to provide essential supplies, for example, or by furnishing incompetent leaders) they assumed that the contract had been voided—and their absence, by extension, did not constitute desertion.”

- *George Mason University Professor, George Hamner*

# Google Book – Photographic History of Civil War: Prisons and Hospitals

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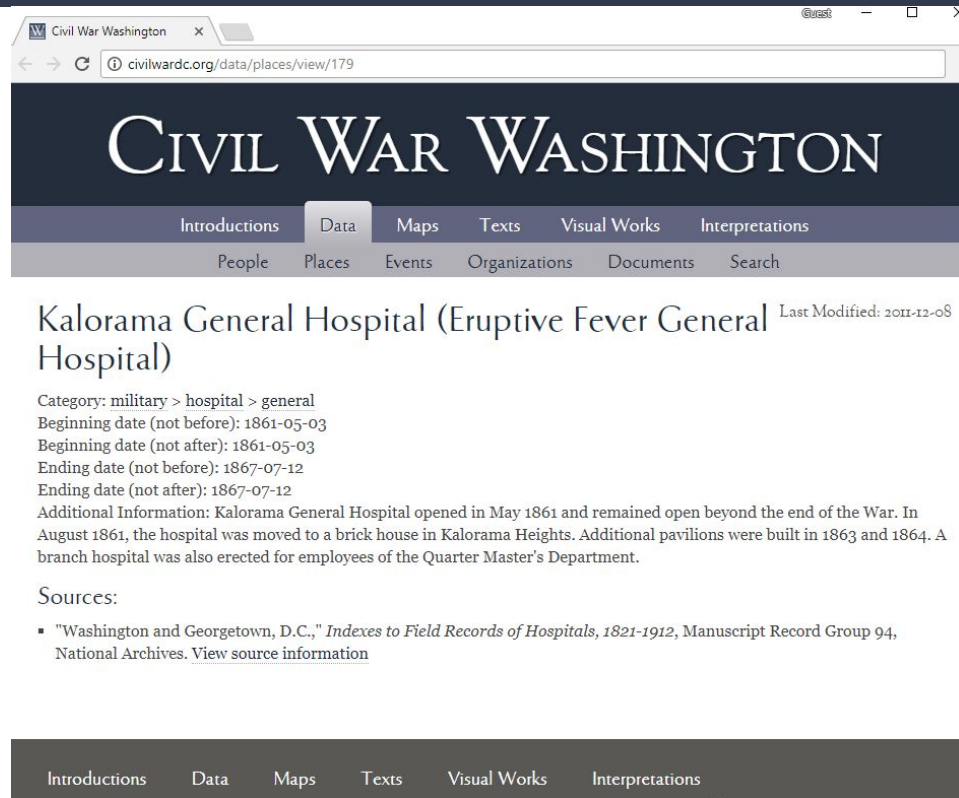
**THE OLD CAPITOL PRISON—SHOWING THE ADDITIONS BUILT AFTER 1861**

At the outset of the war, the only tenant of the Old Capitol—where once the United States Congress had been housed—was an humble German, who managed to subsist himself and his family as a cobbler. Six months later the place was full of military offenders, prisoners of state, and captured Confederates, and the guards allowed no one to stop even for a minute on the other side of the street. Many prominent Confederate generals were confined in it, with scores of citizens suspected of disloyalty to the Union. Captain Wirz, the keeper of Andersonville Prison, was imprisoned here, and was executed on a gallows in the yard. These views show the extensions built upon each side of the prison to contain mess-halls, and also to shelter prisoners of war. Iron bars have been placed in all the windows, and sentries and soldiers stand upon the sidewalks. Here Mrs. Ross O'Neal Greenhow, the Confederate spy, was incarcerated.

What was the old capitol prison like?

## 6. Consult secondary sources

What was the  
Kalorama  
General Hospital  
like?



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Sources:

- "Washington and Georgetown, D.C.," *Indexes to Field Records of Hospitals, 1821-1912*, Manuscript Record Group 94, National Archives. [View source information](#)

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## 7. Search Federal Sources

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- Library of Congress
  - Civil War Photo Collection
  - Civil War Map Collection
- National Archives
  - Civil War Photos
  - NARA Prologue Magazine articles on the Civil War



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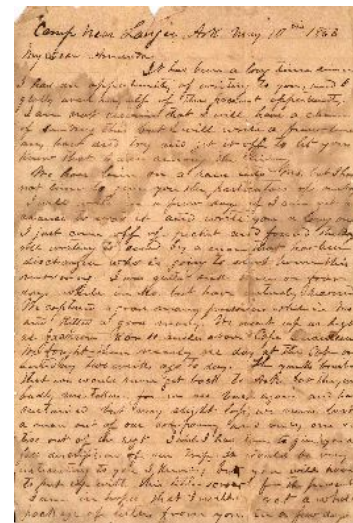
[Rows of  
tombstones at  
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## 8. Read Digitized Letters, Diaries, Memoirs

- Letters from the American Civil War website: *civil.war-letters.com*
- University of Washington Civil War Letters collection
- University of Notre Dame Rare Books and Special Collections



Report Your Findings

# Write a report

- Objective
- Summary of known facts
- Background information
- Working hypothesis
- Identified sources and strategy
- Findings and analysis
- Conclusions
- Suggestions for future research

## Isenhour Brothers Confederate Service Research Report

Nicole Dyer

8 December 2017

### Objective

Discover the actions of three brothers, sons of John D. Isenhour and Sarah Bailey, in the antebellum period and during the Civil War:

- [Valentine Isenhour](#): born 1820 in North Carolina and died 23 Apr 1895 in Clyde, Callahan, Texas
- [Massa William Isenhour](#): Confederate soldier, born 1823 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died 16 February 1862 in Fort Thompson, United States, married to Amanda Martha McKinney 1 October 1846 in Montgomery, Arkansas.
- [Josiah Edmond Isenhour](#): born 1825 in Missouri and died 13 December 1868 in New Orleans, Louisiana

### Findings

#### Valentine Isenhour

Searching within Arkansas<sup>1</sup> and Texas<sup>2</sup> Confederate service records yielded no results for Valentine Isenhour. No record was found for him in Arkansas Union<sup>3</sup> records either.

To find if Valentine's death record revealed anything about serving in the military during the Civil War, I searched for his death certificate and gravestone. Family records indicate that his death date is 23 April 1895, but no death certificate<sup>4</sup> or gravestone<sup>5</sup> were found. It is assumed that

<sup>1</sup> "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas," negative search for Valentine Isenhour; database with images, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/title/27/civil-war-soldiers-confederate-ar>; accessed 8 November 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M317, Record Group 109.

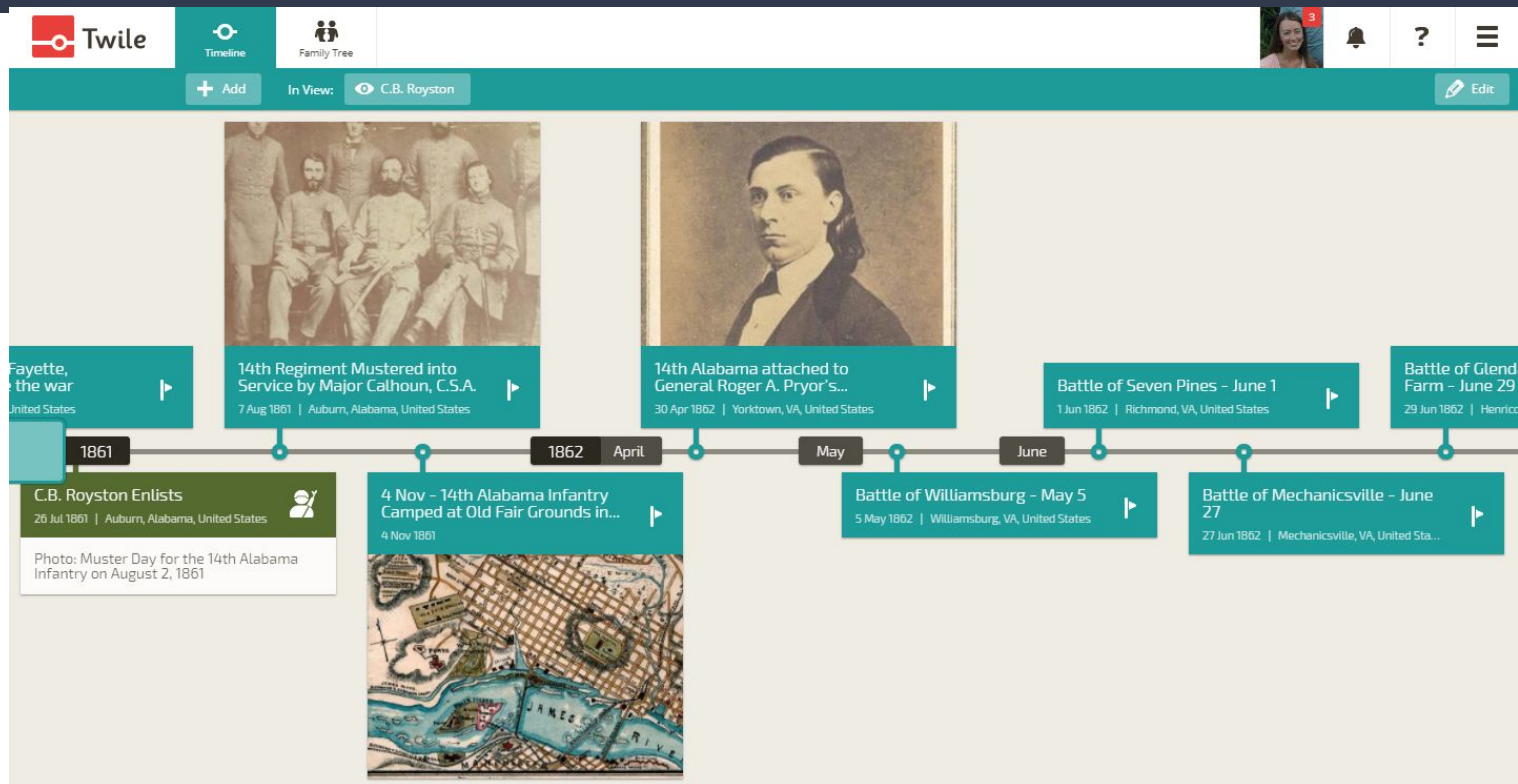
<sup>2</sup> Ancestry.com, "Texas, Muster Roll Index Cards, 1838-1900" [database on-line], Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011; citing Civil War Muster Rolls Index Cards (both Confederate and Union). Also Texas State Rangers, Austin, Texas: Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

<sup>3</sup> "Compiled Service Records of Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas," negative search for Valentine Isenhour; database with images, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/title/44/civil-war-soldiers-union-ar>; accessed 11 Nov 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M399, Record Group 94.

<sup>4</sup> "Texas Deaths, 1890-1976," negative search for Valentine Isenhour; Database with images, [FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org) (<https://www.familysearch.org>; 20 November 2017). Citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Registrar Office, Austin.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org>

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In View: C.B. Royston

Edit

Hospitalized at Lovington Hospital, Virginia for "debilitas"

14 Aug - Hospitalized at Lovington Hospital, VA for...

14 Aug 1862 | Lovington, VA, United States



Battle of Antietam September 16-17

16 Sep 1862 | Sharpsburg, MD, United States



14th Alabama Infantry attached to C.M. Wilcox's Brigade...

Jun 1863



Battle of Gettysburg - Wilcox's Brigade including 14th...

1 Jul 1863 | Gettysburg, PA, United States

1862

September

1863

May

June

July

15 Sept - Returned to Duty

15 Sep 1862 | Virginia, United States



Battle of Salem Church (Bank's Ford) Part of the...

3 May 1863 | Chancellorsville, VA, United States



Paid for duty through June 30, 1863

30 Jun 1863 | Virginia, United States



14th Regiment Marched to Hagerstown

3 Jul 1863 | Hagerstown, MD, United States



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In View: C.B. Royston

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Listed as deserted for September and October

Deserted - listed as deserted for September and October...

Aug 1863 | Gettysburg, PA, United States



1863

October

Captured at "Chestnut Run, VA" on 15 Oct by Union army listed...

15 Oct 1863 | Chestnut Run, Buchanan, VA, U...



Captured near "Chestnut Run, VA" on Oct 15, 1863, remarks: deserter. Sent to Old Capitol Prison, Washington D.C. Committed Oct 18, 1863.



C.B. Royston is Imprisoned

18 Oct 1863 | Washington, D.C., DC, United S...



1864

Hospitalized at Kalorama General Hospital on 29 Jan for...

29 Jan 1864 | Kalorama Heights, Washingto...



Your 4x great uncle died in Kalorama Heights, District of Columbia, DC, Uni... on 8 Feb 1864, aged 25

C.B. Royston Dies

8 Feb 1864 | Kalorama Heights, District of C...



1901

C.B. Royston is Buried

9 Feb 1864 | Arlington National Cemetery, A...



C.B. Royston is Buried

Apr 1901 | Arlington National Cemetery, Arli...





# Why Research Confederate Soldiers?

- Give them enough respect to learn their story
- Historical perspective
- Understanding



# What did I teach my children?



- Don't judge ancestors, just learn from them
- Memorial Day national cemetery diorama
- Headstones with Confederate relatives who died during the war

“You have to know the past  
to understand the present.”

- Carl Sagan  
Cosmos, PBS series, 1980



Every story matters.

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