Sources to Research Confederate Soldiers Online

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Circa December 1861-May 1862
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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 24 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 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 reminiscence to the local historian—many websites exist with information to help us understand what life was like for individuals during this period of history.

To read more of my thoughts about Confederate soldier research, please see:

http://familylocket.com/sources-to-research-confederate-soldiers-online/
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

- List of all Confederate relatives in my family tree
- Included husband’s family tree
- Total number researched: 24
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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
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 fiancee John Beals
- Half the family moved to Utah/Colorado after war
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
## Pension differences

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<td><strong>Eligibility</strong></td>
<td>Veterans, widows, parents, and minor</td>
<td>Varies: mostly disabled or indigent</td>
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<td>dependents under certain conditions</td>
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Identify Service and Regiment
Gather clues to determine if your relative was a Confederate soldier and his battle unit.
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
● 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.
2 of my 24 had a memorial mentioning Civil War Service but no inscription on headstone
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

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Rayston Robert 6

--- Endell

--- Engbert
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

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<th>What war or expedition?</th>
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**VETERANS**

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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

2. What is your post office address? DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA

3. What is your street, route or box number? 409 SOUTH 9TH STREET


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 whatsoever? 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, TEN
20. When did he die? MAY 2, 1925 Where? DUNCAN, OKLA
21. Did he ever draw a pension? NO State fully when and where MIL SHARPSHOOT
22. Did he serve in the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? ALABAMA
23. In what state was his command organized or from what state did he enlist? ALABAMA
24. When did he enlist? DON'T KNOW Where? MONTGOMERY, ALA. How long did he serve? 2 YEARS
25. What was the name or letter of his company, battery or ship? DON'T KNOW
26. State the name and number of his regiment or battalion DON'T KNOW
27. To what other commands if any was he ever transferred? DON'T KNOW
28. If possible, state the names and rank of his officers DON'T 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 realize it is best of my own care now. Thank you again. May God bless you. Help you in a little. I have a letter in my pocket. We will all meet around the white throne. Isabell.

-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
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<td>Missouri</td>
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<td>North Carolina</td>
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<td>Texas</td>
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<td>Virginia</td>
<td>1888: disabled veterans</td>
<td>Later: all veterans, widows, unmarried/widowed daughters</td>
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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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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 Warren, 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 the 61st Tenn. Vol. Infy.

I was wounded in the battle or battles of

Whites in Camp at Manvry Creek, Tennessee, soon after my

involvement, I was detailed to carry some沿途 from the 61st

To Camp and in crossing a plank bridge; the plank or bridge broken

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
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
Southern Genealogy-Confederate Veterans Named: Royston

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

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 Roxanne Wells-Layton, June 2006 ...
C. B. Royston
Confederate States of America Army

ROYSTON, C B
14TH ALA CW
BURIED AT: SECTION CONFEDERATE 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
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
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What state to look in?

Residence: Chambers, AL

Look in:

- Alabama Service Records
- Regiments from Chambers County

Wikipedia list of regiments from Chambers County

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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 Greys"
- 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
  - 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
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
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Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for March 1, 1862.

Enlisted:
When:
Where:
By whom:
For the term:
Last paid:
By whom:
To what time:
Present or absent:
Remarks:

Book mark:

C. Hasterfeld

Confederate

R. 14
Ala.

C. B. Rayson
Capt., Co. D, 14 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for June 10, to Sept. 17, 1862.

Enlisted:
When:
Where:
By whom:
Period:
Last paid:
By whom:
To what time:
Present or absent:
Remarks:

Book mark:

C. Hasterfeld

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.*

When captured:
Where captured:
Remarks:

H. D. Rayson

Appears on a register of

Prisoners of War
at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C.

When committed:
Where captured:
When:
By whom forwarded:
Remarks:

Jan. 20, 1863

Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., Register
No. 398, part 183; page 100.
Casualty Sheet

C.B. Royston

Roll No. 2 Kalorama Hospital

“Rebel”
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
Record of Events

Confederate
Co. J, 11 Reg't Arkansas Infantry
Company Muster Roll

CAPTION OF ROLL
Muster Roll of Captain
Company, in the 11th Regiment, (Brigade) of
Arkansas Infantry
Volunteers, commanded by Col.
M. M. Smith
Volunteers, called into service of the Confederate States at the Provisional
Army, under the Provisions of the Act of Congress passed February
1861, by acts of the General Assembly of the
state of Arkansas, on the 15th day of October, 1861,
date of this Muster, for the term of
one year, unless sooner discharged.

CERTIFICATE OF MUSTERING OFFICER
I certify, on honor, that I have carefully examined the men whose names are borne on this Roll,
their horses and equipment, and have accepted them into the service of the Confederate States for the term of
one year

from this 25th day of October, 1861

Thos. Heron, Capt. 11th Arkansas
Muster Roll

Date: October 29th, 1861
Station: Field: Post: Arkansas

See also "Muster Roll of Arkansas Infantry"
"Company I was captured by the federals at Island Ten, Tenn. on the 8th day of April 1862 and such patron as was captured remained in prison at Johnson's Island and Camp Douglass until the 16 and 17th days of Sept 1862 at which time they was released. Previous to the capture all company books and papers was sent off for safekeeping which I have not received as yet and this muster is made on to the best of my ability under the circumstances."
Record of Events

- Helps understand the CMSR
- Used in my report
- Moses Isenhour's death was listed as 16 February 1862 at Fort Thompson
- Family stories said he died in 1864 in a Memphis hospital from a blow to the head
- Reviewing the conflicting evidence in a report
- Reliability of source

According to the CMSR, Moses died on 16 February 1862 at Fort Thompson. The CMSR lists the Company K muster roll for 29 October 1861 to 23 September 1862 as the source of this death information. If this is correct, his death occurred before the battle of Island Number 10, and before the 11th Arkansas participated in any skirmishes. Anthony C. Rushing states that many members of the regiment succumbed to illness during the winter months leading up to the battle of island Number 10.

The reliability of the muster roll containing Moses' death information is in question. Muster rolls are usually for the period of two or three months, but this roll is for an entire year. An explanation is given in the record of events for the muster roll. The creator of the muster roll (unnamed) wrote:

Company I was captured by the federals at Island Ten, Tenn. on the 8th day of April 1862, and such officer as was captured remained in prison at Johnson's Island and Camp Douglas until the 16th and 17th days of Sept 1862 at which time they was released. Upon their arrival all company books and papers was sent off for selfkeeping which I have not received as yet and this muster is made on to the best of my ability under the circumstances.

When the unnamed officer of Company I reconstructed the muster roll for the entire year previous he may not have remembered the date of Moses' death correctly.

The evidence for Moses' death on the Company I muster roll conflicts with the biography of William Martin Isenhour, which states that Moses received a head wound in the battle of New Madrid and died in a Memphis, Tennessee hospital in 1864. The third-hand information from the biography is less reliable than the muster roll. Although the muster roll was retroactively filled in with the best of the unnamed officer's abilities, it is likely that Moses died in a hospital in Memphis, but it was probably in 1862, not 1864.
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

American Civil War Research Database

Created by Historical Data Systems

Free at FH Centers
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Ancestry.com collection

U.S. American Civil War Regiments

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Search google for regiment

14th Alabama Infantry

Fourteenth Alabama Infantry

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 Frasier's Farm and Malvern Hill, losing nearly all the officers, after changing 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 Peterburg, 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; resigned. Lucas Pickard of Marion; wounded at Gettysburg; retired.
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

National Park Service

Search for battle units

Find brief regimental histories
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Civil War in the East Website (VA & PA)

- Timelines
- Major battles
- Locations
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Stone Sentinels Website
- Monuments
- Tagged with regiments
- Details about battlefields and monuments
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

Free online books or regimental histories in public domain
- Google books
- Internet Archive
1. Find Regiment Histories and Timelines

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

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 1861)

Other Information:
born in 1840 in Chambers County, AL
Died 1/11/1933 in Athens, LA
(Married Anna 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
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It’s possible to find

- Diaries
- Letters
- Newspapers
- Historical context
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.

Courtesy of [Alabama Department of Archives and History](https://www.archives.alabama.gov), used with permission.
4. Search Newspaper Collections
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- Chronicling America
- Ancestor Hunt - resource for newspaper research links
- Learn historical context for the time/place
4. Search Newspaper Collections

June 30, 1863

Digitized at the
Alabama
Department of
Archives and History
Deserters

List of Deserters

... 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
5. Browse the Confederate Veteran Magazine

- Library of Virginia online catalog - index entries
- Full issues on Internet Archive
5. Browse the Confederate Veteran Magazine
6. Consult secondary sources
6. Consult secondary sources for questions like:

- 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
What was the old capitol prison like?
6. Consult secondary sources

What was the Kalorama General Hospital like?

CIVIL WAR WASHINGTON

Kalorama General Hospital (Eruptive Fever General Hospital)

Category: military > hospital > general
Beginning date (not before): 1861-05-03
Beginning date (not after): 1861-05-03
Ending date (not before): 1867-07-12
Ending date (not after): 1867-07-12

Additional Information: Kalorama General Hospital opened in May 1861 and remained open beyond the end of the War. In August 1861, the hospital was moved to a brick house in Kalorama Heights. Additional pavilions were built in 1863 and 1864. A branch hospital was also erected for the hospital of the Quarter Master's Department.

Sources:
- "Washington and Georgetown, D.C., Indexes to Field Records of Hospitals, 1821-1912, Manuscript Record Group 94, National Archives. View source information
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
Civil War: Search Results

1697 results containing "confederate"

1. **Uncle Sam protecting his property against the encroachments of his cousin John**
   1861. | 1 print | Staub. Edward, approximately 1830-1861. | PCUS - 1861.5790, no. 1 (b size) [P&P] | LC-USZ62-12757 (b&w film copy neg.)

2. **Cromwell Samuel H. Overtor of a Company of Virginia Infantry Regiment and A Company, 20th Battalion Virginia Heavy Artillery Regiment in uniform and kit with bayonette musket**
   between 1861 and 1862. | 1 photograph | Roes, Charles R., AMB/TN no. 5062 [P&P] | LC-DIG-pga-02457 (digital file from original item)

3. **Company B, Confederate Veterans of Nashville, Tennessee, at reunion in Memphis**
   1924. | 1 photograph | Buff City Engraving Co., LOT 14043-2, no. 512 [P&P] | LC-DIG-pga-02341 (digital file from original, front)
[Rows of tombstones at Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia]

[ca. 1865]

Library of Congress
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
Noble Dyer
8 December 2017

Objective

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

- Valentine Isenhour: born 1820 in North Carolina and died 23 April 1885 in Clyde, Caldwell, Texas
- Moses William Isenhour: Confederate soldier, born 1823 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died 16 February 1862 in Fort Thompson, United States, married to Amanda Martha McKinney on 1 October 1846 in Montgomery, Arkansas.
- Joseph Edmund Isenhour: born 1826 in Missouri and died 13 December 1868 in New Orleans, Louisiana

Findings

Searching within Arkansas’ and Texas’ Confederate service records yielded no results for Valentine Isenhour. No record was found for him in Arkansas’ Union soldiers’ 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 gravestones. Family records indicate that his death date is 23 April 1885, but no death certificate or gravestones were found. It is assumed that

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.