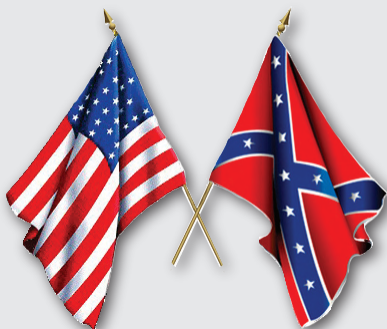


CHASING THE CIVIL WAR

A Pathfinder

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Feel inspired to find out more about the American Civil War? Here are answers to questions we are often asked.

1. I want a general understanding of the War. How do I find books on this topic?

To browse through the general histories we have, go to shelf numbers that begin 973.7.

To find books in the Library's catalog look for **SUBJECTS** that begin:

UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865

For recommended Civil War reading see the following bibliography:

The Reader's Adviser, vol. 3: History -- United States -- Sectional Conflict, 1850-1877. (R 016 Rea) Lists several dozen of the best non-fiction works.

The following are more comprehensive:

Allan Nevins. *Civil War Books: a Critical Bibliography*. (RELIC 973.7016 Nev) Includes brief annotations.

Worldcat. www.worldcat.org. Union catalog of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. Subject: United States. History. Civil War.

The American Civil War Homepage.

<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.htm>.

Contains a wide variety of links to all aspects of Civil War history.

Shotgun's Home of the American Civil War.

www.civilwarhome.com/. Links to a wide range of Civil War topics.

For works of fiction see:

Fiction Catalog. (R 016 Fic)

See “U.S. Civil War” in index.

NoveList. [electronic resource] Genre: Historical.

Subject: American Civil War.

What Do I Read Next? [electronic resource] Time period: “U.S. Civil War.”

2. What if I’m interested in a specific place or a particular battle?

Here are some guides to specific events and terminology of the War:

Boatner, Mark M. *The Civil War Dictionary.*

(R 973.703 Boa)

Civil War Sites Advisory Commission.

Civil War Battle Summaries by State.

www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/index.htm.

Descriptive and statistical information about each battle and the preservation of its site.

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy. (R 973.713 Enc)

Historical Times Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War. (R 973.7 His)

The Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference.

(R 973.7 Lib)

Long, E. B. *The Civil War Day By Day: an Almanac*

1861-1865. (R 973.7 Lon)

Lyman, Darryl. *Civil War Quotations.* (R 973.78 Civ)

Includes slogans, battle cries, speeches.

Lyman, Darryl. *Civil War Wordbook.*

(R 973.703 Lym) Includes sayings, phrases, expletives.

Look in the Library’s catalog for

“HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865” as a subject after the names of the specific place, for example:

VIRGINIA -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY (VA.) -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

Also look in the catalog for names of particular battles or campaigns. The following took place in Prince William County:

BULL RUN, 1ST BATTLE OF, VA., 1861

[Same as First Manassas].

BULL RUN, 2ND BATTLE OF, VA., 1862

[Same as Second Manassas].

BRISTOE STATION, BATTLE OF, VA., 1863.

Here are some works that follow events in Virginia:

Robertson, James I. *Civil War Virginia: Battleground for a Nation.* (973.7 Rob, also RELIC)

Swem, Earl G. *Virginia Historical Index.*

(R/RELIC 975.5 Swe) Indexes Virginia historical magazines to 1930.

Virginia Cavalcade, 1951-2002.

(Mag, also RELIC, with card index 1951-1994)

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 1893- .

(Mag, also RELIC, with card index, 1931-1985, at RELIC)

Warinner, Napoleon E. *Register of Military Events in Virginia, 1861-1865*. (RELIC 975.503 War)

Following are some of the books which describe the Civil War in Prince William County:

Barron, Earle P. *Ewell's March Home: the Civil War and Early Times in and around Greenwich, Virginia*.

(975.5273 Bar, also RELIC)

Byrd, Ethel M. *Memoirs of the War Between the States*.

(973.781 Byr, also R/RELIC)

Craighill, E. A. *Confederate Surgeon: the Personal Recollections of E. A. Craighill*.

(973.775 Cra, also RELIC)

Davis, William C. *Battle at Bull Run*.

(973.731 Dav, also RELIC)

Ewell, Alice Maude. *A Virginia Scene, or Life in Old Prince William*. (975.527 Ewe, also R/RELIC)

Includes a wartime memoir.

Fleischman, Paul. *Bull Run*.

(J Fic Fleischman) First Manassas through many eyes, a novel.

Hanson, Joseph Mills. *Bull Run Remembers --:*

the History, Traditions, and Landmarks of the

Manassas (Bull Run) Campaigns. (973.731 Han, also RELIC)

Henderson, William D. *The Road to Bristoe Station*.

(973.735 Hen, also RELIC)

Hennessy, John J. *Return to Bull Run: the Campaign*

and Battle of Second Manassas. (973.732 Hen, also

RELIC) The definitive work on this battle.

Henderson, E. Prioleau. *Autobiography of Arab*.

(RELIC 973.7457 Hen) Narrative of 2nd South

Carolina Cavalry in Prince William as seen through the eyes of a horse.

Naisawald, L. VanLoan. *Manassas Junction and the*

Doctor. (973.731 Nai, also R/RELIC) A fictional treatment of wartime events.

Susi, Geraldine. *Looking for Pa: a Civil War Journey*

from Catlett to Manassas, 1861. (J Fic Susi, also

RELIC) A story about children at First Manassas.

Wills, Mary Alice. *The Confederate Blockade of*

Washington, D.C., 1861-1862. (973.731 Wil, also

R/RELIC) Describes fortifications along the Potomac.

Most general histories of Prince William County and Manassas also depict the Civil War there.

Here are some guides to Civil War historic sites and their preservation:

Boge, Georgie. *Paving Over the Past: a History and Guide to Civil War Battlefield Preservation.*

(973.73 Bog, also RELIC)

The Civil War Battlefield Guide. (973.73 Civ, also RELIC)

Greene, A. Wilson. *National Geographic Guide to the Civil War National Battlefield Parks.* (973.7 Gre)

Those in the Virginia area are described here:

Cooling, Benjamin F. III. *Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses of Washington.*

(917.53044 Co0)

Evans, Thomas J. *Mosby's Confederacy: a Guide to the Roads and Sites of Colonel John Singleton Mosby.*

(917.5504 Eva, also RELIC)

Lee, Richard M. *General Lee's City: an Illustrated Guide to the Historic Sites of Confederate Richmond.*

(917.5523 Lee, also RELIC)

Lee, Richard M. *Mr. Lincoln's City: an Illustrated Guide to the Civil War Sites of Washington.*

(917.53044

Lee, also R)

Nesbitt, Mark. *Rebel Rivers: a Guide to Civil War Sites on the Potomac, Rappahannock, York, and James.*

(973.73 Nes, also RELIC)

Robertson, James I. *Civil War Sites in Virginia: a Tour Guide.* (917.55044 Rob, also RELIC)

Salmon, John S. *The Official Virginia Civil War Battlefield Guide.* (973.73 Sal, also RELIC)

3. How do I find out what my ancestor did in the War?

The following books will show you how to find your ancestor's Civil War records:

Groene, Bertram H. *Tracing your Civil War Ancestor.*

(929.3 Gro, also RELIC)

Morebeck, Nancy Justus. *Locating Union and Confederate Records: a Guide to the Most Commonly Used Civil War Records of the National Archives and Family History Library.*

(929.3737 Mor, also RELIC)

Neagles, James C. *U.S. Military Records: a Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present.*

(R/RELIC 929.3 Nea)

Schweitzer, George. *Civil War Genealogy.*

(929.3737 Sch, also R/RELIC)

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System is a joint project of The National Park Service, The Civil War Trust, The Federation of Genealogical Societies, The Genealogical Society of Utah, and The National Archives. Information about each soldier is available at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/.

Ancestry Library Edition includes an extensive "Civil War Collection" [electronic resource] containing many databases of persons and events.

In order to track a particular soldier you will generally need more than his full name. It is important to know where he lived and his date of birth. If you don't have that information it might be determined through a search of the 1860 and 1870 U.S. censuses. All census records and their indexes may be viewed online at *Ancestry Library Edition* or *Heritage Quest Online* [electronic resources].

The National Archives, Seventh and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20408, has military service records for the Civil War. Both Union and Confederate personnel lists are preserved there. (Confederate rosters were captured at the end of the War.) The National Archives also has pension files and bounty land warrants for Union veterans and their survivors. Pension applications usually describe the soldier's deeds during the War. Go to www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/ for a guide to the records or to order a copy of your ancestor's service record. For more information see: *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*.

(929.3 Uni, also R/RELIC)

The following guides to Civil War veterans may be useful:

Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890,

Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Schedules only for Kentucky (partial) through Wyoming, including Washington, DC, have survived. Images of those schedules can be found at *Ancestry Library Edition* [electronic resource] under "1890 Veteran Schedules." RELIC has the film for Virginia. (RELIC Microfilm 312 Uni)

Turner, Ronald Ray. *Virginia's Union Veterans:*

Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890.

(RELIC 973.741 Tur) An index to the preceding. (The census takers included some Confederate veterans in error.)

The Thirteenth Census of Population, 1910, identifies veterans of the Union and Confederate Army and Navy alive at that time. The entire United States is available at *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Heritage Quest Online* [electronic resources]. RELIC has microfilm of the Virginia schedules and an index. (RELIC Microfilm 312 Uni)

1930 U.S. Federal Census identifies all surviving war veterans and the war in which they served. A complete index is available at *Ancestry Library Edition* [electronic resource].

Confederate rosters will be found in the archives of the states from which they served.

The following may help you find Confederate records:

Neagles, James C. *Confederate Research Sources: a Guide to Archive Collections*. (RELIC 016.973713 Nea, also at *Ancestry Library Edition* [electronic resource])

The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865. 16 vols. (RELIC 973.74 Ros)

Federal pension records are indexed at *Ancestry Library Edition*, "Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934" [electronic resource]. This index is based on National Archives micropublication T288.

Confederate pensions may have been granted in the state where the soldier lived after the war.

Virginia pension applications for Confederate soldiers are posted online at www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil/index.htm.

A list of Confederate soldiers serving from Prince William County is printed in:

Prince William: the Story of Its People and Its Places (975.527 Pri, also R/RELIC), pp. 208-238.

The following National Archives microfilm give information about civilians in Virginia:

Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Virginia, 1862-66 (6 rolls). (RELIC Microfilm 929.3755 Uni)

Freedmen's Bureau: Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Virginia, 1865-69 (67 rolls). *Records of the Supt. of Education for the State of Virginia, 1865-70* (20 rolls). (RELIC Microfilm 975.504 Uni)

Important source of information on ex-slaves.

Case Papers of the US District Court for Eastern District of Virginia, 1863-65, Relating to the Confiscation of Property (1 roll). (RELIC Microfilm 975.5 Uni)

The following encyclopedias detail the lives of the military leaders and other notables:

Hall, Charles B. *Military Records of General Officers of the Confederate States of America*. (RELIC 973.7 Hal)

Heitman, Francis B. *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, 1789-1903*. (RELIC 355.30973 Hei) Identifies all Army officers.

Hunt, Roger D. *Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue*. (R/RELIC 973.7092 Hun)

Sifakis, Stewart. *Who Was Who in the Confederacy*. (R 973.7092 Sif)

Sifakis, Stewart. *Who Was Who in the Union*. (R 973.7092 Sif)

Warner, Ezra J. *Generals in Blue: Lives of the Union Commanders*. (920 War, also R)

Warner, Ezra J. *Generals in Gray: Lives of the Confederate Commanders*. (920 War, also R)

For additional genealogical research guidance, see the Library's brochure "Climbing Your Family Tree."

4. How do I find where my Civil War ancestor is buried?

Unfortunately, the exact burial place of many a Civil War soldier is unknown. If he died in battle he may have been buried in a shallow grave on the battlefield without a permanent marker. Years later his unidentified body may have been moved to a national or regional cemetery.

The key to finding his grave is to pinpoint the location of his death. Track the movements of his regiment and company through official reports and memoirs (see 5 below). You may learn that he died in a “hospital” near the battlefield or camp. Most houses surviving the shelling would have been commandeered for treating the sick and wounded. Institutional hospitals as we know them today were very rare, found only in larger cities. Look for the house closest to his regiment’s camp.

If he survived the war, his burial should be found with his family in his home state. In the 19th century it was common, especially in Virginia, for a farm to have its own family graveyard. Find the farm and, with the help of the local public library or historical society, locate any cemetery in its vicinity.

Check the following for clues to his place of burial: his service record, his hospital’s record, his military unit’s history, his obituary and death record, the burials of his next-of-kin.

For Union soldiers, try the following:

Roll of Honor: Names of Soldiers Who Died in Defense of the American Union, Interred in the National Cemeteries. (RELIC 973.76 Rol) Also available at *Ancestry Library Edition* [electronic resource].

For Confederate soldiers it may be useful to contact the chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy where the soldier lived and died. The U.D.C. may have marked or recorded his place of burial.

For lists of web sites devoted to Civil War burials, go to www.civilwarhome.com/hist.htm#Cemeteries.

A listing of burials, from all wars, in national cemeteries. U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. *Nationwide Gravesite Locator*. <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

5. How can I track the activities of a particular military unit?

First see what has been published on that unit.

The most comprehensive guide to regimental publications and personal narratives is:

Dornbusch, C.E. *Military Bibliography of the Civil War*. (RELIC 016.97374 Dor)

The largest published collection of documents related to military activities of the War is:

The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. 128 vols. plus supplements. Often referred to as *The Official Records* or *The OR*. Available online at Cornell University Library's "Making of America" http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/moa_browse.html.

Keyword searchable, also available as:

The Civil War CD-ROM [electronic resource]: *the War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. (RELIC CD-ROM)

Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. (RELIC 973.74 Uni) A large set that contains additional reports and correspondence, plus detailed calendars for each regiment and company.

Aimone, Alan C. *A User's Guide to the Official Records of the American Civil War*. (RELIC 973.74 Aim)
Helps explain the OR and related records.

The reports will help you chart the actions of your unit. They may trace individual officers but are unlikely to tell much about recruits.

The following give details about military organizations and their campaigns:

Confederate Military History. (RELIC 973.73 Con)

Welcher, Frank J. *The Union Army, 1861-1865: Organization and Operations*. (R 973.741 Wel)

For Virginia military units check:

Sifakis, Stewart. *Compendium of the Confederate Armies. Virginia*. (R/RELIC 973.7455 Sif)

The Virginia Regimental Histories Series, pub. by H. E. Howard, Inc. (RELIC 973.7455 Vir)

See <http://members.aol.com/jweaver300/grayson/howard.htm> for a list of Howard's titles in print and links to other sites devoted to Virginia units.

Wallace, Lee A. *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations, 1861-1865*. (R/RELIC 973.7455 Vir)

6. How about maps showing details of battles, camps, forts, and troop movements?

Consult the following guides:

The Atlas of the Civil War. (973.73 Atl, also R) Maps of individual battles.

A Guide to Civil War Maps in the National Archives. (R/RELIC 016.91173 Gui)

Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War. (973.73 Ill)

Library of Congress. *Civil War Maps: an Annotated List of Maps and Atlases in the Library of Congress.* (RELIC 973.702 Lib). Many of their maps are online at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/.

The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War. (R/RELIC 911.73 Uni) Atlas published to accompany the OR.

Swanson, Mark. *Atlas of the Civil War, Month By Month.* (973.730223 Swa, also RELIC)

For Prince William area engagements use:

Bearss, Edwin C. *Troop Movement Maps, Battle of First Manassas.* (RELIC 973.731 Bea)

Hennessy, John. *Historical Report on the Troop Movements for the Second Battle of Manassas.* (R/RELIC 973.732 Hen)

Local libraries and museums may have copies of maps pertinent to military activity in their area.

7. What kinds of other primary sources are available?

Consult the following guides:

Beers, Henry Putney. *The Confederacy: a Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate State of America.* (RELIC 016.973713 Bee)

Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States. (RELIC 016.091025 Dir) See "Civil War" in the index.

Dozier, Graham T. *Virginia's Civil War: a Guide to Manuscripts at the Virginia Historical Society* (R/RELIC 973.7016 Doz).

Gregory, Winifred. *American Newspapers 1821-1936.* (R/RELIC 071 Ame) Many newspapers of the period are available on microfilm through interlibrary loan.

Guide to Civil War Periodicals. (RELIC 973.05 Gui)

Library of Congress. *Civil War Manuscripts: a Guide to Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.* (R/RELIC 016.9737 Lib)

Munden, Kenneth W. *The Union: a Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War.* (RELIC 016.973713 Mun)

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) can help you locate original manuscripts. Catalog entries since 1986 can be found at www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/ and at www.worldcat.org. Manuscripts cataloged by NUCMC between 1959 and 1985 are accessible only through their printed catalog, available at many university libraries.

The U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008, houses one of the largest concentration of materials on the Civil War, including thousands of photos. www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.htm

In the Manassas area, in addition to RELIC, the following libraries have useful materials:
Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109. www.nps.gov/mana/
Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, mailing address P.O. Box 560, Manassas, VA 20108. www.manassascity.org/, click on Manassas Museum System.

The following series contain first-hand narratives:

The Confederate Soldier in the Civil War.

(RELIC 973.742 Con)

The Confederate Veteran, 40 vol., 1893-1932 (RELIC Mag Con), with *Cumulative Index*.

(RELIC 973.74 Con)

The Rebellion Record: a Diary of American Events, 12 vol., 1861-1868. (RELIC 973.7 Reb)

Southern Historical Society Papers [electronic resource], 52 volumes, published 1876-1959 (RELIC CD-ROM)

Here are some subject headings to find more eyewitness accounts:

UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- PERSONAL NARRATIVES.
SOLDIERS -- (STATE) -- DIARIES.

8. How may I find photographs and illustrations relating to the War?

Besides the manuscript sources already named (see 7 above), try these SUBJECTS:

UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- ART AND THE WAR
UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- PHOTOGRAPHY
UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- PICTORIAL WORKS
UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- PORTRAITS

Here are some published collections of Civil War images:

Albaugh, William Allen. *Confederate Faces*.

(RELIC 973.79 Alb)

The Civil War (American Historical Images on File).

(R 973.70222 Civ)

The Image of War, 1861-1865.

(973.7022 Image, also RELIC)

Miller, Francis T. *The Photographic History of the Civil War*. (RELIC 973.79 Mil)

[Time-Life] *The Civil War. Master Index: an Illustrated Guide*. (973.7 Civ)

9. I'm interested in Civil War relics, uniforms, and memorabilia. Can you help me?

Try these SUBJECTS:

UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- COLLECTIBLES.

UNITED STATES -- HISTORY -- CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
-- EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

Here are some titles you might study:

Arms and Equipment of the Confederacy. (355.80973 Arm)

Arms and Equipment of the Union. (355.80973 Arm)

Crouch, Howard R. *Relic Hunter: the Field Account of Civil War Sites, Artifacts and Hunting*. (355.80973 Cro, also RELIC)

Crouch, Howard R. *Virginia Militaria of the Civil War*. (355.14 Cro, also RELIC)

Field, Ron. *Uniforms of the Civil War*. (355.14 Fie)

Fuld, George. *Patriotic Civil War Tokens*. (737.30973 Ful)

Gavin, William G. *Accoutrement Plates, North and South, 1861-1865*. (RELIC 355.14 Gav)

Graf, John F. *Warman's Civil War Collectibles: Identification and Price Guide*. (745.1 Gra)

Haythornthwaite, Philip J. *Uniforms of the Civil War in Color*. (355.14 Hay)

Kerksis, Sydney C. *Plates and Buckles of the American Military, 1795-1874*. (R 355.14 Ker)

Lawliss, Chuck. *The Civil War Sourcebook: a Traveler's Guide*. (973.73 Law)

Lord, Francis A. *Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia*. (R 355.80973 Lor)

North South Trader's Civil War. (Mag)

The Ordnance Manual for the Use of the Officers of the Confederate States Army. (RELIC 623.40975 Con)

Schuyler, Hartley and Graham. *Illustrated Catalog of Civil War Military Goods*. (973.7 Sch).

Some catalogs for the reenactor:

Davis, William C. *The Civil War Reenactor's Encyclopedia*. (973.7 Dav)

Katcher, Philip R.N. *The Civil War Source Book*. (973.7 Kat, also R)

Kope, Spencer. *Everything Civil War: The Ultimate Guide to Civil War Products.*

(973.7025 Kop, also R)

Wellikoff, Alan. *Civil War Supply Catalog: A Comprehensive Sourcebook of Products.*

(973.7 Wel)

10. How can I learn about current organizations and activities dealing with the Civil War?

Here are some media that support the study of Civil War history. They include news of reenactments, round table programs, tours, and other activities.

America's Civil War. (RELIC Mag)

Blue & Gray Magazine. (RELIC Mag)

Civil War Reenactment HQ. Online at www.sutler.net.

Civil War Times Illustrated. (Mag, also RELIC)

Confederate Veteran. (Sons of Confederate Veterans) (RELIC Mag)

The Courier (Northern Virginia Association for History). (RELIC Mag)

UDC Magazine (United Daughters of the Confederacy). (RELIC Mag)

Ask in RELIC for a current list of local contacts in this field.

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Books with an "R" before the call number are Reference items. Those with a "RELIC" before the call number are in RELIC, the Library's special history collection. "R" and "RELIC" books may be used only in the Library. "J" before the call number means the book is in the Library's Juvenile collection. "Mag" means a title is filed alphabetically with other magazines. Check the Library's catalog to learn which branches own individual titles.

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