



Civil War 1861–1865 US Military Records

Quick Start Worksheet



1. What was his name? _____
2. When did he serve? _____
3. What state did he serve from? _____
4. What other information do I have? _____

Key resources to get started:

Familysearch WIKI – GO TO https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page



Enter the name in quotes and genealogy and then search Example: “name” genealogy

GO TO: google.com



How do I know who served?

- Family records, documents and stories
- National Parks Service Index (**Union & Confederate**)

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

- US Census – 1910 (“Veteran of Civil War?” column)
- US Census – 1930 (“Which War?” column)
- 1890 Veteran Schedules

<http://content.ancestry.com/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=8667&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0>

- To find state and local military records that have been filmed, check the Family History Library Catalog – use PLACE search by state and then MILITARY RECORDS

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=localitysearch&columns=*,0,0



Check for Service Records

- Archives.gov for Union Soldiers

<http://archives.gov/>

- Family History Catalog for Union and Confederate

[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)

- **Fold3.com for Union and Confederate**

<http://www.fold3.com/>

- **Ancestry.com for Union and Confederate**

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=39>

- **Google for Union and Confederate**

<http://www.google.com/>

3 Check for Pension Records

- **Fold3.com for Union and Confederate**

<http://www.fold3.com/>

- **Archives.gov for Union Soldiers**

<http://archives.gov/>

Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=39>

- **Check *General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934*. FHLfilms 540757–541300. The index is arranged by the veteran's or widow's name.**

- **Check state archives for Confederate soldiers. "**

4 Check for CEMETERY RECORDS

- **The National Cemetery System has a card index that identifies nearly all soldiers who were buried in national cemeteries from 1861 to the present.**

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

5 Check Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites

- **This web site provides links to American Civil War genealogical sites.**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/cw.htm>

6 Check links at Mesa Regional Family History Center

http://mesarfhc.org/slc_favorites/topics_military_records.html

7 Make a plan - What are my next steps?