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## CIVIL WAR RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET

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We have many handouts on doing Civil War era research including specific guides to Confederate and Union service sources. Our collection of books, microfilm, and microfiche is one of the best in the nation for materials on that period in American History. In addition to the sites recommended below, you can find other information of interest with general searches through such engines as Google.com

### GENERAL WEB SITES

The American Civil War Homepage (free)

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

The Civil War Home Page (free)

<http://www.civil-war.net/>

CivilWar.com (free)

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

Civil War Forum (free, part of the Genforum genealogical web sites)

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/civilwar/>

Civil War Potpourri (free)

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/potpourr.htm>

Everton's Genealogy Blog (free)

<http://genealogyblog.com/categories/civil-war/>

## **ROSTERS AND LISTS**

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (free)

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

Rootsweb Civil War Rosters (free)

<http://surnamesupersearch.com/military/rootswebcivilwar.htm>

Veterans Administration National Grave Site Locator (free but incomplete)

[http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1)

Ancestry.com (subscription required; includes Confederate and Union soldiers; index to federal Civil War pensions; and records from prisons that held Confederate soldiers)

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

## **CONFEDERATE NAVY**

Information on sailors and marines:

<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil/connavy/search.asp>

Confederate Navy and Marine Corps in general:

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

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

## **BOOKS INCLUDING THOSE THAT CAN BE SEARCHED BY “[PHRASE]” AND/OR WORD**

Making of America (MOA) Cornell (free; includes the original War of the Rebellion and the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies series; the supplement to the War of the Rebellion is not yet on the Internet)

<http://library8.library.cornell.edu/moa/>

Making of America (MOA) University of Michigan

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>

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

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

Aside from searching for books on your subject in such online sales catalogs as Abebooks, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.com, as well as large online library book catalogs as those for the Library of Congress and the Birmingham Public Library, you should also check for information on new books at  
<http://history-sites.com/authors.htm>

## MANUSCRIPT CATALOGS

Some libraries have spectacular Civil War holdings that can be searched from their individual library web sites including Tulane, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Southern Historical Collection), Emory University, and the William L. Clements Library. Almost all National Park Service battlefields and other Civil War sites have libraries with manuscript materials.

Archives Grid (free identification of collections but to learn libraries that have specific collections requires a subscription)  
<http://www.archivegrid.org/web/index.jsp>

First Search OCLC (free in Alabama through the Alabama Virtual Library, also includes books and some articles)  
<http://www.avl.lib.al.us/>

Footnote.com (subscription site; original records from the National Archives)  
<http://www.footnote.com/>

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC)  
Does not include entries from the books, 1953-1986.:  
<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>

## NEWSPAPERS THAT CAN BE SEARCHED AND ARTICLES READ

Many large research libraries subscribe to data bases of such newspapers as the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. We a CD-ROM disk selected articles from the Civil War *New York Herald*, *Richmond Examiner*, and *Charleston Mercury*. An incomplete international bibliography of newspaper digitalization projects is the International Coalition on Newspapers: <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm> Often newspapers reprinted stories from others newspapers.

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

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

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 1842-1902 (free)

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

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

<http://cbsr.tabbec.com/>

Colorado Digitization Project, Newspapers (free)

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

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

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

*Memphis Appeal*, 1843-1864 (free)

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

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

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

*Richmond Daily Dispatch*, 1860-1865 (free)

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

### **MAPS** (all free)

Bibliographies of web sites for historic and modern maps include the Air University:

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/au/lane.htm> and the Perry-Castaneda Map Collection of the University of Texas: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

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

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil\\_war\\_maps/](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/)

Alabama's historical maps

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

Georgia's historical maps

<http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gamaps.htm>

## ILLUSTRATIONS

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

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

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

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

Civil War Richmond (free; newspaper articles, photographs, and more on Richmond)

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

Vicki Bett's site on newspaper articles from throughout the country (1861-1865) on social history (particularly women) during the Civil War (free)

<http://uttyler.edu/vbetts/>

For history in general see:

[http://www.hyperhistory.com/online\\_n2/History\\_n2/a.html](http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html)

Coy E Michael wrote: I found this Civil War Site listing at

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/teacher/netres.html#GenAla>.

\* Alabama Civil War Soldiers database

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/index.cfm>

\* Willis Brewer's Brief Historical Sketches of Military

Organizations Raised In Alabama During the Civil War

[http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/alamilor/mil\\_org.html](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/alamilor/mil_org.html)

\* Alabama Confederate Military Unit Histories at the ADAH

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/reghist.html>

\* Confederate Regimental History Links

<http://www.tarleton.edu/~kjones/confeds.html>

\* Using Primary Sources in the Classroom: Civil War Unit

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/teacher/civil.html>

\* Documenting the Civil War Period Flag Collection at the Alabama Department of Archives and History

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/flags/intro.html>

\*The Civil War in Alabama

<http://www.tarleton.edu/~kjones/alabama.html><http://www.tarleton.edu/~kjones/alabama.html>

[http://groups.msn.com/CivilWarAlabama/\\_homepage.msnw?pgmarket=en-us](http://groups.msn.com/CivilWarAlabama/_homepage.msnw?pgmarket=en-us)

\* Alabama Civil War Map of Battles

<http://americancivilwar.com/staopic/al.html>

\* The Alabama Civil War Roots Homepage

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~alcwroot/>

\* Alabama in the Civil War Message Board

<http://history-sites.com/cgi-bin/boards/alcwmb/>

\* Constitution of the Confederate States of America

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/csa/csa.htm><http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/csa/csa.htm>

\* William Lowndes Yancey, a Bibliography

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/7647/wly.htm><http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/7647/wly.htm>

\* William Lowndes Yancey (1814-1863): Famous Orator and Secessionist of the South

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/7647/wly2.htm>

\* Alabama's Ordinance of Secession

[http://www.legislature.state.al.us/misc/history/constitutions/1861/1861ord1\\_20.html#anchor588392](http://www.legislature.state.al.us/misc/history/constitutions/1861/1861ord1_20.html#anchor588392)

\* Alabama's Consitution of 1861

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/misc/history/constitutions/1861/1861.1.html>

\* Confederate Constitution

<http://www.maitreg.com/politics/documents/confederate.asp>

\* Jefferson Davis' First Inaugural Address

[http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/resources.cfm?doc\\_id=1508](http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/resources.cfm?doc_id=1508)

\* The Papers of Jefferson Davis

<http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/>

\* Historic Blakeley State Park

<http://new.siteone.com/sites/blakeleypark.com/civilwar.asp>

\* The Mobile Campaign/ Battle of Fort Blakeley and Spanish Fort

<http://new.siteone.com/sites/blakeleypark.com/battlehistory.htm>

\* Hawkins' Division of 6,000 Black Troops

<http://new.siteone.com/sites/blakeleypark.com/usct.htm>

\* United States Colored Troops in the Mobile Campaign

[http://www.coax.net/people/lwf/MO\\_USCT.HTM](http://www.coax.net/people/lwf/MO_USCT.HTM)

- \* CSS Alabama Digital Collection  
<http://www.lib.ua.edu/libraries/hoole/digital/cssala/main.shtml>
- \* CSS Alabama -- Naval Historic Center  
<http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org12-1.htm>
- \* The Official Site of the Friends of the Hunley  
<http://www.hunley.org/> (<http://www.hunley.org/>)
- \*The Hunley  
<http://www.thehunley.com/Artifacts/buttontype.htm>
- \* Denbigh: Archaeology of a Civil War Blockade Runner  
<http://nautarch.tamu.edu/projects/denbigh/denbigh.html>
- \*The Selma Campaign  
<http://members.aol.com/wwhitby/campaign.html>
- \* Elizabeth Lyle Saxon, 1832-1915: A Southern Woman's War Time Reminiscences  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/saxon/menu.html>
- \* Frances Woolfolk Wallace, b. 1835, Diary, March 19-August 25, 1864  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/imls/wallace/menu.html>
- \* A Belle of the Fifties: Memoirs of Mrs. Clay, of Alabama, Covering Social and Political Life in Washington and the South, 1853-66.  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/clay/menu.html>
- \* Shelby Iron Company  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/imls/shelby/menu.html>
- \* Joseph Wheeler: Lt. General, Confederate States General, United States Army, Member of Congress  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.com/jwheeler.htm>
- \* Pond Spring and the Joe Wheeler Home  
<http://www.wheelerplantation.org/>
- \* Alabama State Memorial at Vicksburg National Military Park  
[http://www.nps.gov/vick/al/al\\_stm.htm](http://www.nps.gov/vick/al/al_stm.htm)
- \* Fort Gaines  
[http://andy\\_bennett.home.mindspring.com/gaines.html](http://andy_bennett.home.mindspring.com/gaines.html)
- \* Fort Morgan  
[http://andy\\_bennett.home.mindspring.com/morgan.html](http://andy_bennett.home.mindspring.com/morgan.html)
- \* 1st Ala. Cavalry, U.S. Volunteers  
<http://www.1stalabamacavalryusv.com/>
- \* U.S. Civil War Center  
<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/>
- \* Civil War Prisoner/prison Search Site  
<http://home.jam.rr.com/rjcourt52/cwprisons/index.html>
- \* Civil War Prisons  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~south1/prisons.htm>
- \* Civil War Photos of Confederate Soldiers  
<http://www.geocities.com/coh41/home.html>
- \* Confederate Officers Photo Album

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/conoffalb/index.html>

\* Civil War Photographs

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html>

\*The Civil War Preservation Trust

<http://www.civilwar.org>

\* Jews in the Civil War

<http://www.jewish-history.com/civilwar/Default.htm>

\* National Park Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

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

\* Civil War Battle summaries by state

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/bystate.htm>