

# Researching Civil War Ancestors

## *Class 2: Filling in the Gaps*

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### **Draft Registration 1863-1865**

Civil War Draft Registrations on Ancestry.com <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1666/>

- Four drafts occurred between 1863 and 1865
- Containing over 3,175,000 records.
- 631 volumes of those who registered for the draft.

The records are split into two different classes:

- **Class I** ages 20-35, 36-45, and those unmarried.
- **Class II** everyone else that registered

### **Hospital Records**

U.S. Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1864-1866 on FamilySearch.org:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1932430>

Access Compiled Military Service Records on Fold3.com for various hospitalizations.

### **Prisoner of War**

- Names of those Confederate prisoners at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore, MD, and Union prisoners at Andersonville, GA available online at: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-prisoners.htm>
- Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861-1865 on Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1124>
- Records of Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-1865 on Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60369>
- Civil War Subversion Investigations on Fold3.com: <https://www.fold3.com/title/626>
- Pardons Under Amnesty Proclamations, 1865-1869 on Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5256>

### **Official Records of the War of the Rebellion**

Volumes are available online from Archive.org and FamilySearch.org at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/2810698>

### **Photography**

- Civil War Photos (6,886 images): <https://www.fold3.com/title/817>
- Brady Civil War Photos (6,479 images): <https://www.fold3.com/title/16>
- CivilWarPhotography.org links to various repositories with Civil War photo collections: <https://www.civilwarphotography.org/guide-to-finding-civil-war-photographs>

## Published Genealogies and Local History

- Use Google.com to search for titles and add Archive.org

## Newspapers

- “Early American Newspapers” Readex <https://infoweb-newsbank.com> or [www.Genealogybank.com](http://www.Genealogybank.com)
- Newspapers.com by Ancestry: [www.Newspapers.com](http://www.Newspapers.com)
- Chronicling America: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

## Manuscripts and Local Historical Societies

- American Ancestors Digital Library & Archives: <https://digital.americanancestors.org/digital>
  - Civil War collection: <https://digital.americanancestors.org/digital/collection/p15869coll23>
- ArchiveGrid: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>