

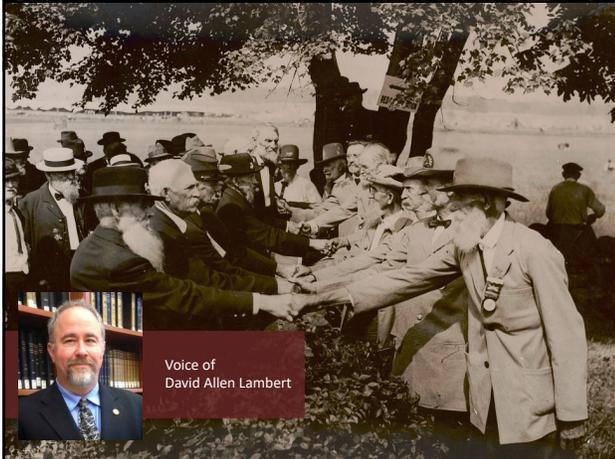
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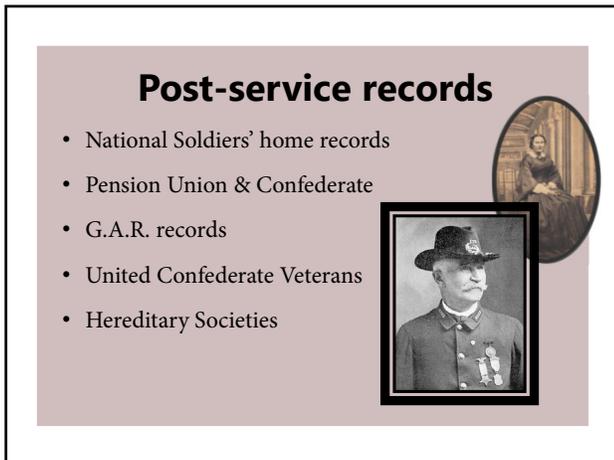
Adopt the Regiment Check list

- Determine who the other soldiers in the same vessel, company, and or regiment are.
- Create a spreadsheet of names and dates.
- Repeat the steps as you would for your own ancestor
- Locate where they resides to search for diaries and letters they may have left.
- Search Pension files for mutual "affidavits"
- Create a Social Media page for descendants

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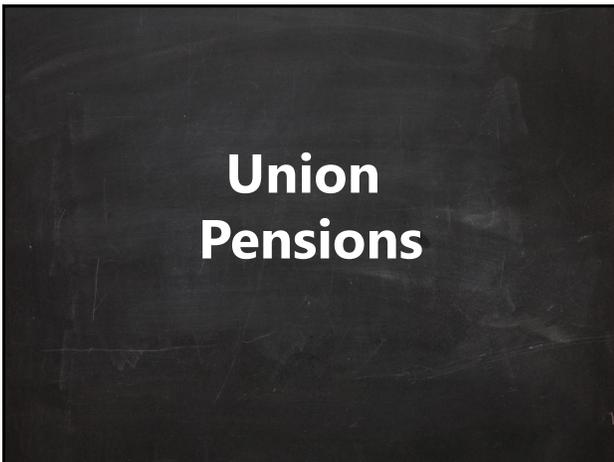
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Pension files

- Held at National Archives
- T288 Index
- T289 Index

<i>Norris, Sumner</i>			
NAME:	Lester Sumner <i>L. S. Sumner</i>		
DATE OF BIRTH:	Place of Birth:	Discharged:	Service No.:
1842	Mass.	July 17, 1865	
1862	Mass.		
1865	Mass.		
1868	Mass.		
1870	Mass.		
1872	Mass.		
1874	Mass.		
1876	Mass.		
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1882	Mass.		
1884	Mass.		
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2006	Mass.		
2008	Mass.		
2010	Mass.		
2012	Mass.		
2014	Mass.		
2016	Mass.		
2018	Mass.		
2020	Mass.		

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Types of Pensions

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Invalid Pension

NAME: <i>Warren Alphonso F.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Misc. Co. 8, 23rd Mass. Inf.</i>				
DATE OF PENSION: <i>June 25</i>				
CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:	
<i>Invalid</i>	<i>516.276</i>		<i>300.268</i>	
REASON: <i>Widow, Minor</i>				
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Widow

NAME: <i>Walter Edmund</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Co. D, 24th Mass. Inf.</i>				
DATE OF PENSION: <i>Apr 16, 1890</i>				
CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:	
<i>Invalid</i>	<i>635.819</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>467.328</i>	
REASON: <i>Widow, Minor</i>				
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: <i>A. S. Mass. Inf.</i>				
REMARKS:				

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Mother or Father's Pension

NAME: <i>John Wilman</i>				
SERVICE: <i>2nd Reg's Maine Inf</i>				
CLASS: <i>Discharged</i>				
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:
<i>1912 Oct 29</i>	<i>Invalid, Widow, Minor</i>	<i>206011</i>		<i>165304</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Remarried Widow

6-1565 REMARRIED WIDOW. (3-II-9)

NAME OF CLAIMANT:	<i>Carpenter, Emma B.</i>		
NAME OF SOLDIER:	<i>Lee, Wilbur D.</i>		
SERVICE:	<i>B. 164 Ohio Inf</i>		
NUMBER:	ORIG.	CTF.	<i>316.194</i>
DATE OF FILING:	<i>Oct. 2 - 1916</i>		
REMARKS:	<i>G. O. 244.961</i>		

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Invalid, Widow, and Minor Child

NAME: <i>Nason, Susanna</i>				
SERVICE: <i>2nd Co. A. 23rd Maine Inf</i>				
CLASS: <i>Discharged</i>				
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:
<i>1893 Oct 26</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>34938</i>		
<i>1895 Jan 19</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>78825</i>		<i>52652</i>
<i>1912 June 17</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>204026</i>		<i>162506</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Form 3-389 asks:

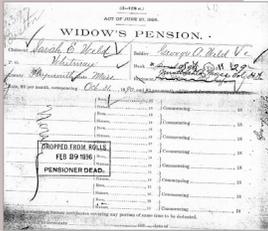
Date and Place of Birth; The name of Organization in which you served ?
 What was your post office at Enlistment ?
State your wife's full name and her maiden name.
When, where and by whom were you married?
 Is there any official or church record of your marriage ?; If so, where ?
Were you previously married ? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives.
If your present wife was married before her marriage to you state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and if so, give name of the organization in when he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage, to you, let your answer include all former husbands.
 Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation?
State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead.

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Widow's pension

- After Sept. 8, 1916, accompanied by a questionnaire asking:
 - Widow's certificate no.
 - Name of soldier (or sailor)
 - Service of soldier (or sailor)

"Sir: I am pensioned under the above certificate number, because of the service of the soldier (or sailor) named. I was his wife during the Civil War. I am ___ years of age, having been born ___ at ___. I am entitled to the increase of pension provided by the first section of the Act of September 8, 1916."



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FATHER, MOTHER, OR ORPHAN BROTHER'S Application for Army Pension, Act June 6, 1866.

This Army Pension Declaration must be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, and if before the Judge, the Clerk thereof will certify said Judge's official capacity and signature, and attest the same under the seal of the Court.
Signature of Justice of the Peace must not authenticate this paper. If he does, the work is utterly useless, and must be all done over again, before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record, as above stated.

State of Maine }
 County of Cumberland } ss.

On this 14th day of May, A. D. 1870, personally appeared before the undersigned, (Y. C. Hubbard, Judge) Court, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Ellen aged 37 years, resident of the (3) town of Sumner in the State of Maine

Pension Application for Mother, father, children, and dependent brothers

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Affidavits & Correspondence

- Sworn statements regarding the legitimacy of the veteran's claim; expressing the need of pension or disability
- Provided by fellow soldiers, doctors, state and federal soldiers' home, or neighbors
- Guardian declaration for minor child pension
- Letters from veteran or his family regarding application for pension

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 PENSION DEPARTMENT.
 NO. 29 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON.

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Massachusetts, }
 County of Plymouth } ss. Act June 27, 1890.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of Sarah E. Weld #47294
 of Whitman, Widow of George S. Weld late

of Company D, 12 Regiment Mass Vols.:

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for
 aforesaid County and State, Henry W. Daugh, and
 in the County of Plymouth, State of Mass, who being
 duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid claim, as follows:—
 The said George S. Weld was mustered
 into U. S. Service as Corporal of Co. D, 12th
 Regiment Mass. Vols. June 26th 1861 was

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Dear Mother

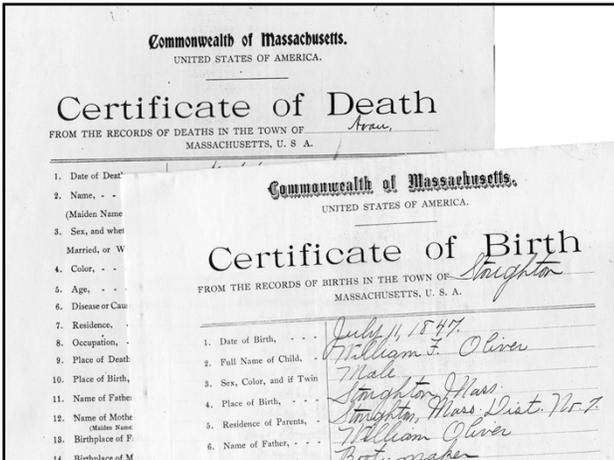
I have just
 returned left to Federal Banks
 service in camp at Sandy Branch Va.

Dear Mother
 I know as we have just
 got settled in about as quiet as our
 winter quarters I will try and
 give you some news but we have not
 it often yet. I have been at work
 all day today fixing out our tent and
 building a fire place and we have got
 a fire built in it tonight and
 the tent says it is as nice that
 I must build him one in his tent
 must I dig down about 2 feet
 just the business of the tent and
 then build the chimney on side the
 tent and the fire place in side

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Bills and receipts

- Bills and Receipts for the veteran and his widow billable to the Pension Office
- Last payment to the veteran or widower

To the Chief, Finance Division

You are hereby notified that check # 37,282,506 for \$500.00 dated MAR 4 - 1917 in favor of post-office Certificate # CATHARINE A. HOLDCRAFT, THURMONT, M.D. 593453 R.D. 1. ACT APR 11 1917 has been returned to this office by the Postmaster with the information that the pensioner died Feb 6 1897 and said check has this day been canceled.

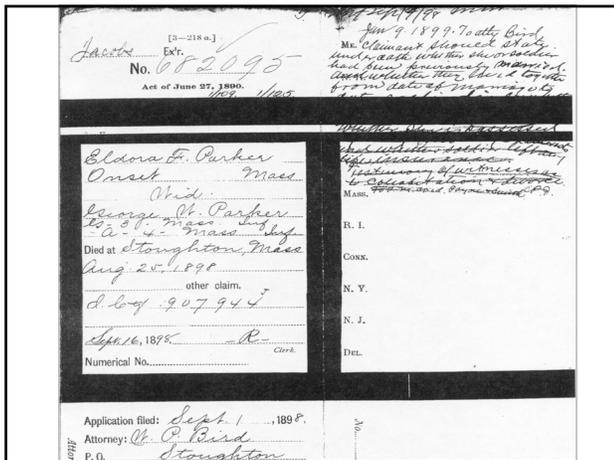
Very respectfully,
GUY O. TAYLOR,
Disbursing Clerk

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Tips when visiting NARA in Washington, D.C.

- Copy all application and certificate numbers carefully on your slips.
- Turn in slips on a regular basis if you have many requests.
- **COPY THE ENTIRE FILE!!** – sort later
- Don't forget the Wrappers sheets

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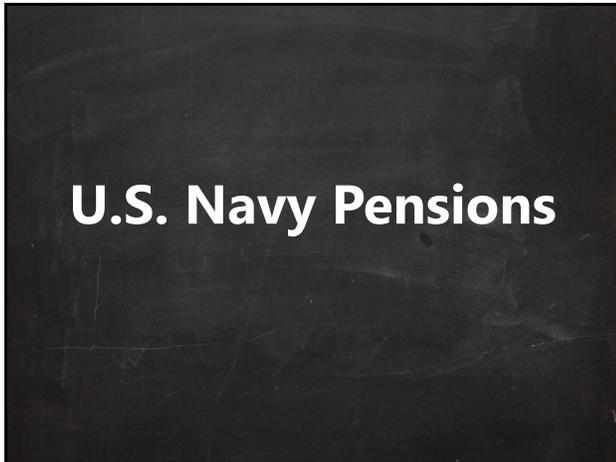


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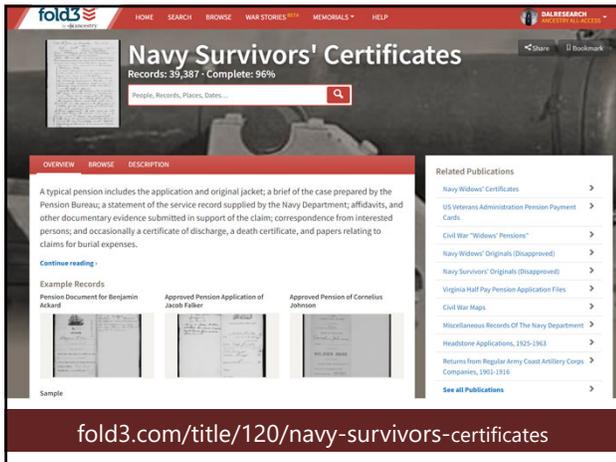
Making sense of the paperwork

- Sort copies out in chronological order
- Make sure front and back is together
- Make another set of your copies and work with the original set only when needed.

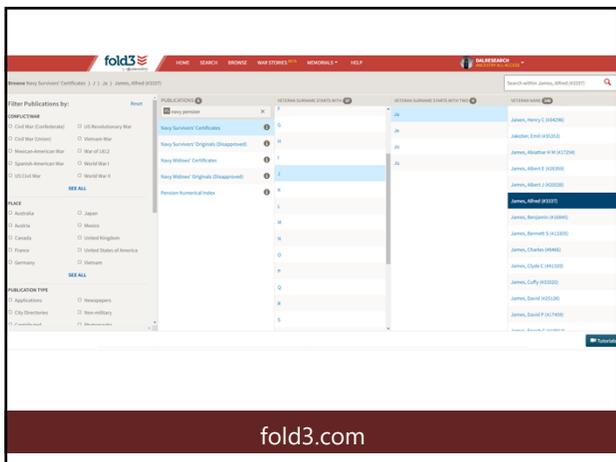
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Confederate Pensions

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Confederate Pension Records

- Not located at the National Archives.
- State repositories maintain the original records.

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Confederate Pensions Granted

- Alabama (1867)
- Arkansas (1891)
- Florida (1885)
- Georgia (1870)
- Kentucky (1912)
- Louisiana (1898)
- Mississippi (1888)
- Missouri (1911)
- North Carolina (1867)
- Oklahoma (1915)
- South Carolina (1887)
- Tennessee (1891)
- Texas (1881)
- Virginia (1888)

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Ancestry

- Alabama: Pension & Service, 1862-1947
- Georgia: Pension Applications, 1879-1960
- Tennessee: Pension Index

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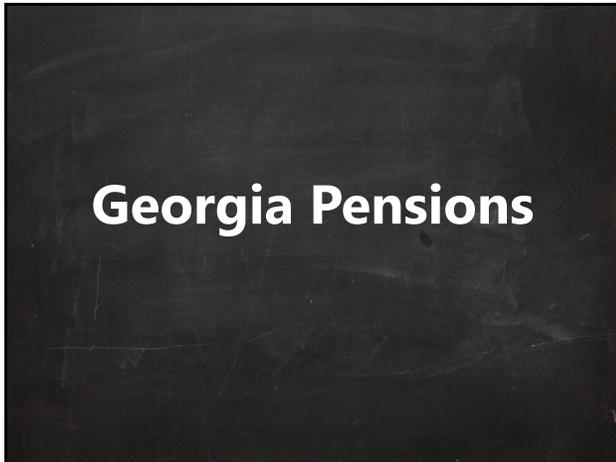
FamilySearch

- Arkansas: Veteran Pensions, 1901-1929
- Florida: Veteran and Widows Pensions, 1885-1955
- Kentucky: Veteran Pensions, 1912-1950
- Louisiana: Veteran Pensions, 1898-1950
- Mississippi: Veteran and Widows Pensions, 1900-1974
- Missouri: Veteran Pensions, 1911-1938
- North Carolina: Veteran and Widows Pensions, 1885-1953

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The screenshot shows the National Archives website page for Confederate Pension Records. The page title is "Confederate Pension Records" and it includes a search bar, navigation menu, and detailed information about where to find these records. The text on the page states: "The agencies listed below are repositories for Confederate pension records. The veteran was eligible to apply for a pension to the State in which he lived, even if he served in a unit from a different State. Generally, an applicant was eligible for a pension only if he was indigent or disabled. In your letter to the repository, state the Confederate veteran's name, his widow's name, the unit(s) in which he served, and the counties in which he and his widow lived after the Civil War. Some repositories also have records of Confederate Homers (for veterans, widows, etc.), muster rolls of State Confederate militia, and other records related to the war. For information on procedures and fees for requesting copies of records, contact the appropriate repository." It lists repositories for Alabama (Alabama Department of Archives and History) and Arkansas (Arkansas State Archives).

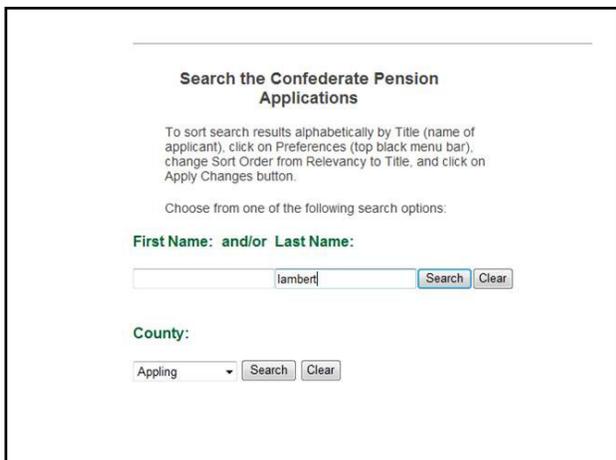
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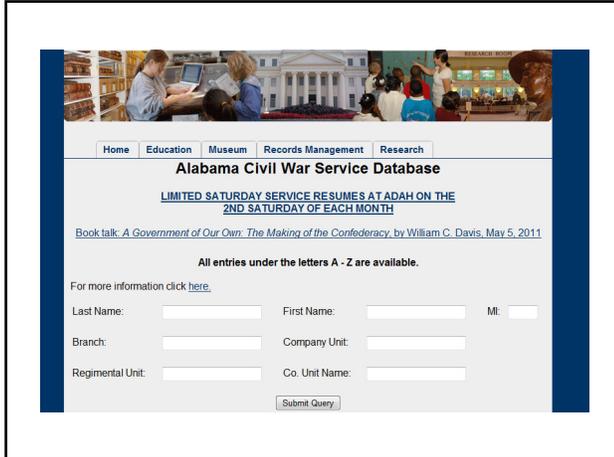
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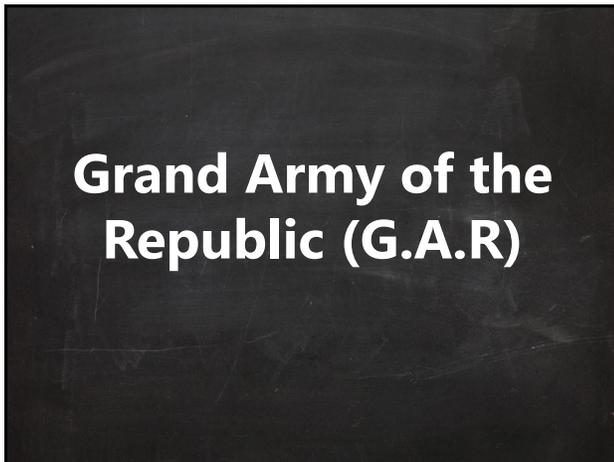
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Grand Army of the Republic

- Formed: April 6, 1866
- The GAR had largest enrollment in 1890, with 410,000 members.
- Dissolved: August 2, 1956

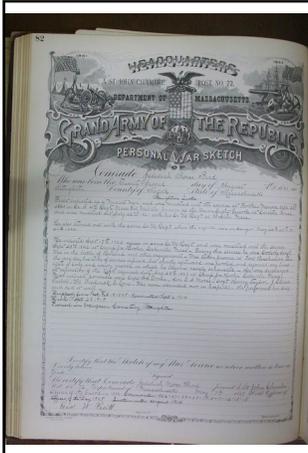
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G.A.R. Records

- G.A.R. Records are not centralized
- Photographs of members
- Annual Encampments
- Newspaper articles



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United Confederate Veterans (U.C.V.)

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Last Union Veteran

Albert Woolson
died August 2, 1956
(Age 109)



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The Last Confederate Widow

Last Confederate
Maudie Hopkins
d. 8-17-2008, age 93




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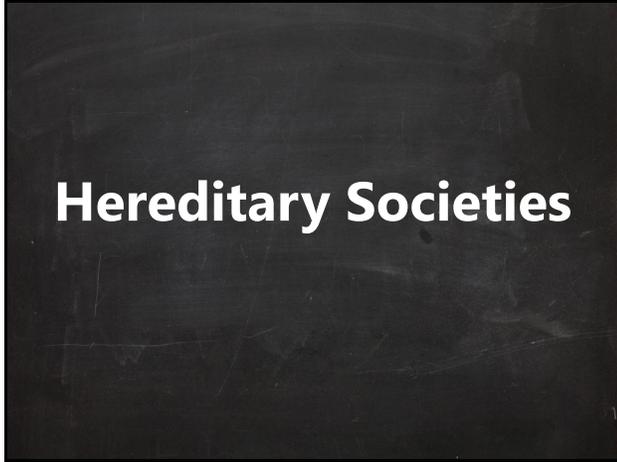
Last Union Widow

Helen Viola Jackson
died December 16, 2020
(Age 101)

Last Civil War Widow?




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Civil War Hereditary Societies

- MOLLUS - The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (1865)
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1881)
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1883)
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1885)
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (1885)
- United Daughters of the Confederacy (1894)

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Civil War Hereditary Societies

- Children of the Confederacy (1896)
- Sons of Confederate Veterans (1896)
- National Society Daughters of the Union (1912)
- Military Order of the Stars and Bars (1938)
- National Order of the Blue and Gray (1990)

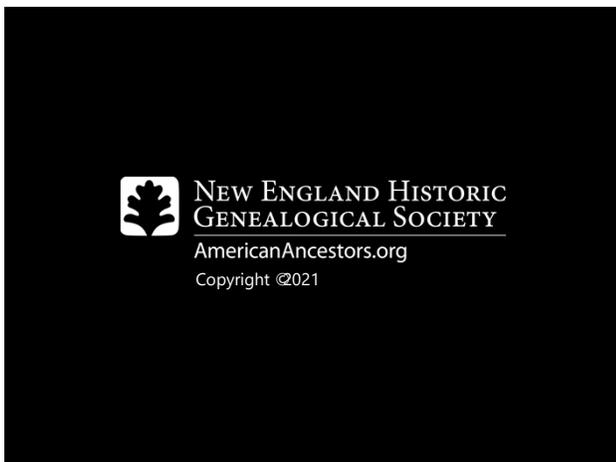
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