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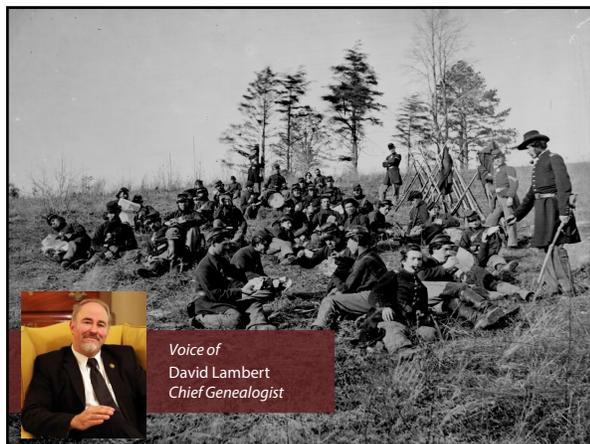
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**Civil War History Overview**

- Defining moment for our young country changing its trajectory forever
- Nearly 3 million Americans served, resulting in 750,000 casualties
- Everyone living in America at that time was affected in some way by the events of 1861-1865 and its long aftermath

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**How the Civil War may have affected your ancestor**

- Economy
- Employment
- Divided the allegiance of their family
- Destroyed their livelihoods, destruction on the battlefield of their farms, or troops raiding their property or occupying their homes
- Loss of family members and friends who fought on both sides of the war

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**VA Statistics on the Civil War**

**Union**

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Servicemembers (Union) .....   | 2,213,363 |
| Battle Deaths (Union).....           | 140,414   |
| Other Deaths in Service (Union)..... | 224,097   |
| Non-mortal Wounded (Union).....      | 281,881   |

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**Step #1**

**Determine if he fought for Union**

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Schedule 1 - Free Inhabitants in [State Name] in the County of [County Name] - 1860

| NAME            | AGE | SEX | COLOR | INDUSTRY | PROPERTY | VALUE | REAL | PERSONAL | TOTAL | WIFE | CHILDREN | OTHER |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|------|----------|-------|
| John Smith      | 35  | M   | W     | Farmer   | 100      | 500   | 100  | 600      |       |      | 2        |       |
| Mary Smith      | 30  | F   | W     |          |          |       |      |          |       | X    |          |       |
| William Smith   | 10  | M   | W     |          |          |       |      |          |       |      | X        |       |
| Elizabeth Smith | 8   | F   | W     |          |          |       |      |          |       |      | X        |       |

1860 U.S. Census

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**Does your ancestor "fit the description"?**

- Male, in good health
- Draft registration
- How old was he in 1861?
  - Average age 18-30
  - Most soldiers born 1790 to 1850
- Good teeth for the infantry?
- If on the young side, did his father enlist?



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**Treasures in the attic**

- Letters, diaries, and photographs
- Military ephemera from the battlefield
- Does this family treasure help verify oral tradition



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To all whom it may Concern!



Know ye, That Oscar B. Abbott a  
 Captain of Company A  
15th Regiment of Veteran Rec. Corps  
 VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 26th day of June  
 one thousand eight hundred and Sixty One to serve Three years or  
 during the war is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States  
 this 2nd day of June 1864 at Boston  
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**Graveside Hints**

- G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) veteran flags marker or military headstone
- Veteran plots on a national or local level



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**Probates & Deeds left by your Veteran**

**PROBATE**

- Did they leave a will before enlisting?
- Was there an intestate probate to settle their estate after their death?
- Notices in the newspaper of their estate

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**Probates & Deeds left by your Veteran**

**DEEDS**

- Did they own land before they enlisted?
- Was the land foreclosed upon when they were serving?
- Is there a mortgage deed by the soldier or his wife?
- Was the property sold by their widow?

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**City Directories**

- Listing the veteran at a residence in 1860, and not present 1861-65
- Veterans listed in appendix
- Abbreviations denoting service in Army or Navy
- The date death of the veteran listed in the directory occasionally




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### Local State Sources

- State Archives holdings
  - Example: N.H. Enlistment
- Published compilations of veterans
- Adjutant General reports
- G.A.R. Membership list

State of New Hampshire.

I, *Charles A. Smith*, do hereby certify that *George Washington Smith* is a native born citizen of the State of New Hampshire, and that he will serve loyally and faithfully against all their enemies as appears hereon, and observe and obey the orders of the Governor of this State and of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over him, according to the rules and articles for the government of the militia of the United States.

(Signed) *Charles A. Smith*

State of New Hampshire.

I, *Charles A. Smith*, do hereby certify that the *Letter of George Washington Smith* is a true and correct copy of the original as it is on file in the office of the Adjutant General of the State of New Hampshire, and that the Governor of New Hampshire, by calling upon me to serve these purposes, was satisfied.

Witness: *John H. ...*

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### Census Clues

- U.S. Federal census
  - 1890: special schedule
  - 1910: veteran question
  - 1930: veteran question
- State census (depends on state)
  - Three enumerated in 1865
  - Loss or absence of fighting age men
  - Special veteran status questions

| 15            |                    | Enrollment in Military or Naval Service of U. S. State 1861-1865 |         |
|---------------|--------------------|--|---------|
| Year of Birth | Year of Enlistment | Year of Discharge  | Rank    |
| 1847          | 1861               | 1865   | Private |

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Special Schedule.—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc.

S. D. 67 E. D. 466 Minor Civil Division: *Carroll County, New York*

| No. | Name of Surviving Soldier, Sailor, and Marine, and Widow | Rank    | Service | Date of Enlistment |          | Date of Discharge | Length of Service |
|-----|--|---------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|     |  |         |         | Year               | Month    |                   |                   |
| 101 | <i>Abraham J. Hawley</i>                                 | Soldier | Co. H   | 1861               | July 27  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 102 | <i>Richard Payne</i>                                     | Soldier | Co. K   | 1861               | Sept. 1  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 103 | <i>Michael A. Thompson</i>                               | Soldier | Co. M   | 1861               | Aug. 28  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 104 | <i>John McCarty</i>                                      | Soldier | Co. N   | 1861               | Sept. 16 | 1865              | 4                 |
| 105 | <i>Michael Thompson</i>                                  | Soldier | Co. O   | 1861               | Sept. 12 | 1865              | 4                 |
| 106 | <i>Thomas B. ...</i>                                     | Soldier | Co. P   | 1861               | Aug. 1   | 1865              | 4                 |
| 107 | <i>Thomas B. ...</i>                                     | Soldier | Co. Q   | 1861               | June 21  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 108 | <i>Henry B. ...</i>                                      | Soldier | Co. R   | 1861               | Sept. 11 | 1865              | 4                 |
| 109 | <i>Augustus ...</i>                                      | Soldier | Co. S   | 1861               | Sept. 22 | 1865              | 4                 |
| 110 | <i>George ...</i>  | Soldier | Co. T   | 1861               | Sept. 1  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 111 | <i>Abraham ...</i>                                       | Soldier | Co. U   | 1861               | Sept. 22 | 1865              | 4                 |
| 112 | <i>William A. ...</i>                                    | Soldier | Co. V   | 1861               | Sept. 1  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 113 | <i>William A. ...</i>                                    | Soldier | Co. W   | 1861               | Sept. 2  | 1865              | 4                 |
| 114 | <i>William A. ...</i>                                    | Soldier | Co. X   | 1861               | Sept. 2  | 1865              | 4                 |

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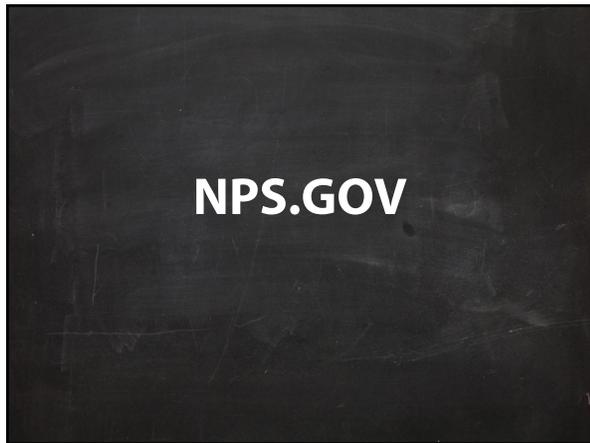
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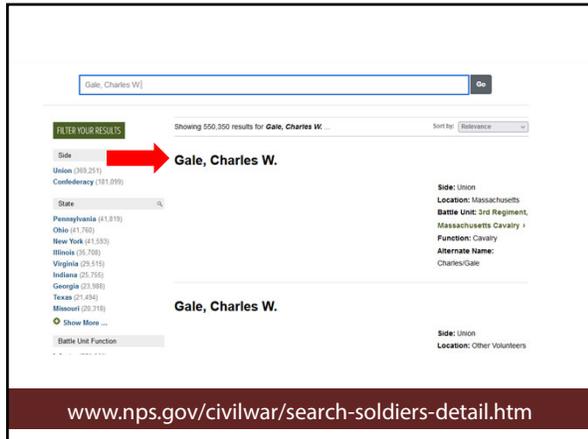
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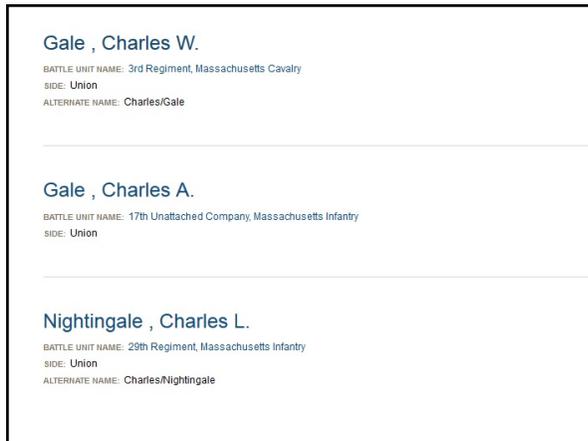
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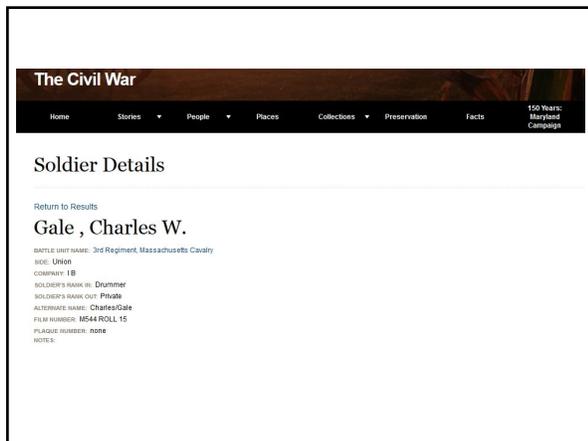
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**Ballett, Parker**

**Place Of Birth:** Louisiana  
**Muster:** Sep 30 1863 - Mound City  
 Jan 1 1864 - Monticello  
 Apr 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Jul 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Oct 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Dec 31 1864 - Mound City  
**Ship:** Monticello, Mound City

[www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-sailors.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-sailors.htm)

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**Bell, Henry**

**Place Of Birth:** Louisiana  
**Muster:** Sep 30 1863 - Mound City  
 Jan 1 1864 - Monticello  
 Apr 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Jul 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Oct 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Dec 31 1864 - Mound City  
**Ship:** Monticello, Mound City

**Berdan, David**

**Place Of Birth:** Tennessee  
**Muster:** Apr 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Jul 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Oct 1 1864 - Mound City  
 Dec 31 1864 - Mound City

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**Regiments**

• Over 4,000 unit histories for Union & Confederate regiments

**Search For Battle Units**

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**Side**

Union (1,524)  
Confederacy (863)

**Location**

Alabama (300)  
New York (228)  
Ohio (174)  
Pennsylvania (155)  
Illinois (141)  
Indiana (120)  
Massachusetts (80)  
Missouri (70)  
Virginia (70)  
Show More ...

**Function**

Infantry (1,340)  
Cavalry (386)  
Artillery (254)  
Sharpshooters (14)  
Engineers (10)

**Special Function**

Light Artillery (107)  
Reserves (Non-Senior and Non-

**9th Battalion, Alabama**

Side: Confederacy  
Location: Alabama  
Unit Type: Battalion

**9th Regiment, Alabama Cavalry**

Side: Confederacy  
Location: Alabama  
Function: Cavalry  
Unit Type: Regiment

**9th Brigade, Alabama Volunteer Militia**

Side: Confederacy  
Location: Alabama  
Special Function: Militia (Non-Drafted, Non-Enrolled or Non-State)

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**Cemeteries**



- More than 620,000 soldiers that were killed in the Civil War are buried in National Cemeteries (14) managed by the National Park Service
- Poplar Grove National Cemetery at Petersburg National Battlefield

[www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-cemeteries.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-cemeteries.htm)

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**Fox, Peter**



Side: Union  
Battle Unit: 50th  
Pennsylvania Infantry  
Location: Pennsylvania  
Grave Number: 0343

**Nervin, Charles**



Side: Union  
Grave Number: 1213

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**Battles**

- Over 10,000 armed conflicts occurred during the Civil War
- 400 of the most significant determined by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program can be searched

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**Search For Battles**

There were more than 10,000 armed conflicts during the Civil War, so many that it can be hard to know which ones were the major encounters. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System simplifies the research with brief but informative histories of the nearly 400 battles deemed most significant by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program. Battles can easily be searched by both state and campaign.

Malvern Hill

**FILTER YOUR RESULTS** Showing 66 results for Malvern Hill ... Sort by: **Relevance**

**Theater**

- Main Eastern Theater (33)
- Main Western Theater Misses the Gulf Approach (2)
- Trans-Mississippi Theater (11)

**State**

- Virginia (26)
- Tennessee (10)
- Louisiana (4)
- Mississippi (4)
- Georgia (3)
- Kentucky (3)
- North Carolina (3)
- Arkansas (2)

**Malvern Hill**

This was the sixth and last of the Seven Days' Battles. On July 1, 1862, Gen. Robert E. Lee launched a series of disjointed assaults on the nearly impregnable Union position on Malvern Hill. The Confederates suffered more than 5,300 casualties without gaining an inch of ground. Despite his victory, McClellan withdrew to entrench at Harrison's Landing on James River, where his army was protected by gunboats. This ended the Peninsula Campaign. When McClellan's army ceased to threaten Richmond, Lee sent Jackson to operate against Maj. Gen. John Pope's army along the Rapidan River, thus initiating the Northern Virginia Campaign.

**Location:** Virginia  
**Year:** 1862  
**Location:** Virginia  
**Campaign:** Peninsula Campaign  
**Begin Date:** 1862-07-01  
**End Date:** 1862-07-01

[www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battles.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battles.htm)

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**Ordering Records**

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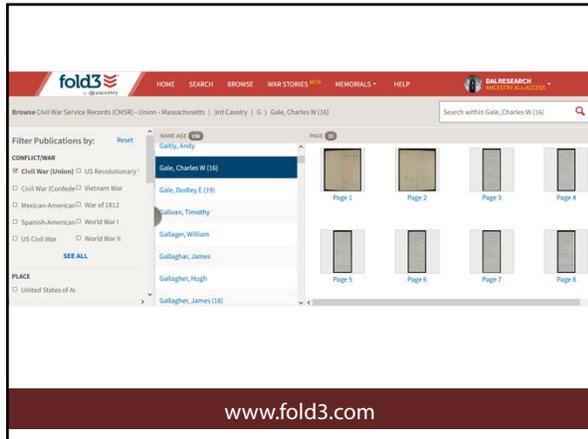
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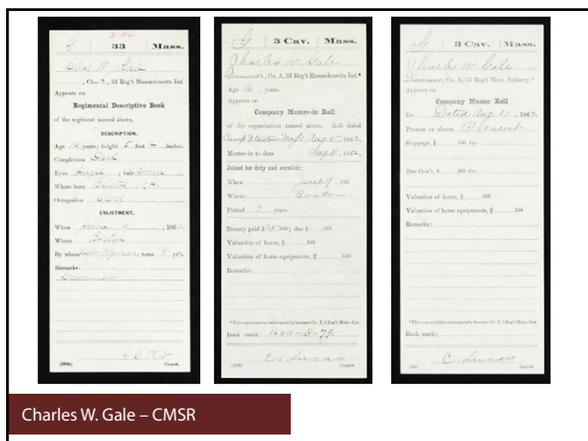
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Charles W. Gale – CMSR

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**Register of Enlistments**

- Name
- Date of Enlistment (when, where, length)
- Where born and age
- Occupation
- Physical Description
- Regiment
- Company
- Number of enlistments
- Remarks

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Charles D. Lambert

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**Navy & Marines**  
FamilySearch.org

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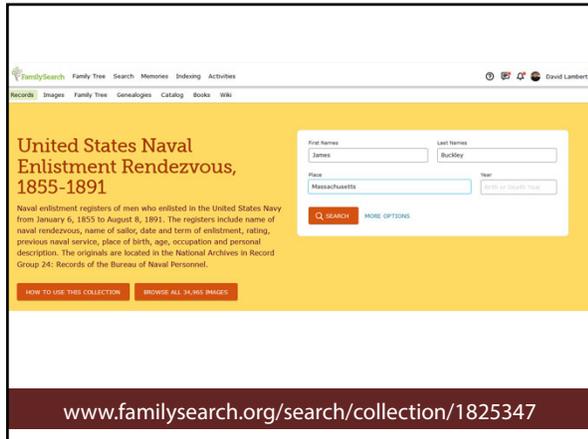
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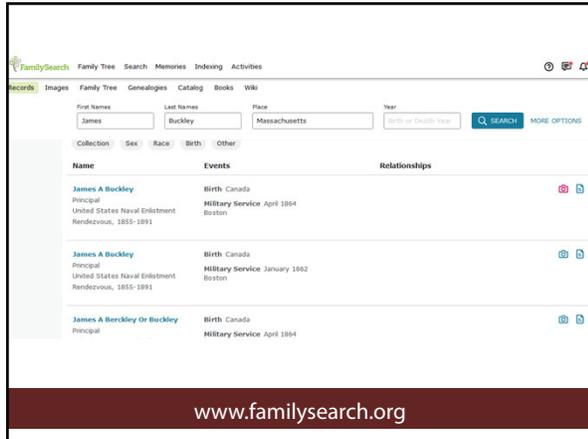
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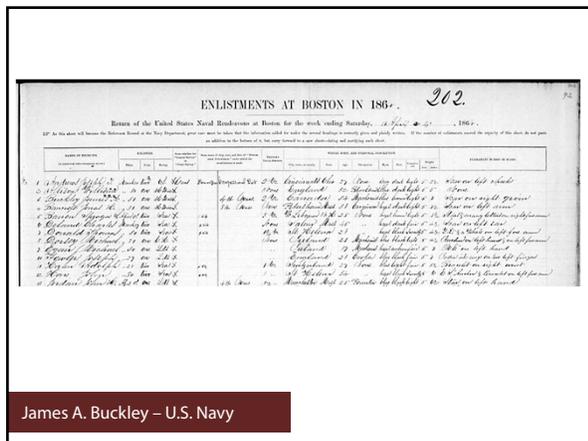
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**U.S., Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958**

Search  Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name

Clark

Exact & soundex  Exact +/-

Military  Day  Month  Year  Location

1863 City, County, State, Count

Any Event

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Rank

Enlistment Date  Day  Month  Year

Muster Date

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**All U.S., Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958 results for Clark**

Your search  1-20 of 59,639

| View Record | Name           | Rank       | Muster Date | Location             | View Image |
|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| View Record | Peter Clark    | Private    | Jan 1863    | North Dakota         | GA         |
| View Record | Joseph Clark   | Private    | Mar 1863    | SD & Minnesota       | GA         |
| View Record | Edward Clark   | Drum Major | Apr 1863    | Board of Ship Date   | GA         |
| View Record | John Clark     | Musician   | Mar 1863    | San Francisco        | GA         |
| View Record | Joseph H Clark | Private    | Apr 1863    | Marine Barracks Camp | GA         |
| View Record | Peter Clark    | Private    | May 1863    |                      | GA         |
| View Record | William Clark  | Sergeant   | Jun 1863    | Philadelphia         | GA         |
| View Record | Thomas E Clark | Private    | Jun 1863    | San Francisco        | GA         |
| View Record | Henry Clark    | Private    | Jul 1863    | Florida              | GA         |
| View Record | Peter Clark    | Private    | Jul 1863    | North Dakota         | GA         |
| View Record | James H Clark  | Private    | Jul 1863    | 27th Infantry        | GA         |
| View Record | William Clark  | Drum Major | Aug 1863    | 77th Mass Cavalry    | GA         |
| View Record | Thomas E Clark | Private    | Oct 1863    | 1st Ship Deck Marine | GA         |
| View Record | William Clark  | Sergeant   | Dec 1863    | Philadelphia         | GA         |
| View Record | Isaac J Clark  | Private    | Jan 1864    | Philadelphia         | PA         |

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**U.S., Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958 for Peter Clark**

31111 - US Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958 Roll 076, 1963

OFFICER MOUNT of a detachment of Officers, Non-organized Officers, Marine, and Privates of the United States Marine, stationed at 1st Marine Corps Detachment, under the command of Major General Thomas S. ...

1. Peter Clark  
2. Joseph Clark  
3. Edward Clark  
4. John Clark  
5. Joseph H Clark  
6. Peter Clark  
7. William Clark  
8. Thomas E Clark  
9. Henry Clark  
10. Peter Clark  
11. James H Clark  
12. William Clark  
13. Thomas E Clark  
14. William Clark  
15. Isaac J Clark

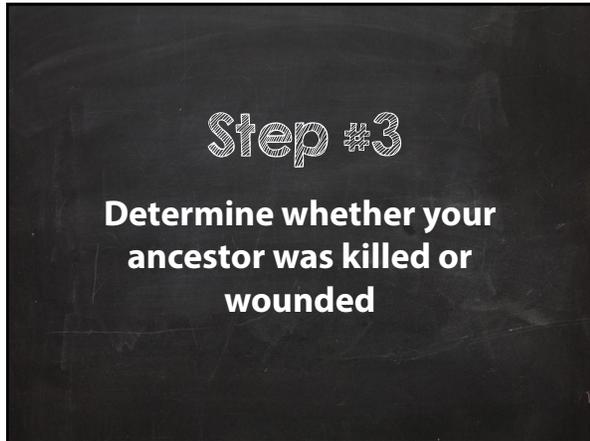
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On command of ...  
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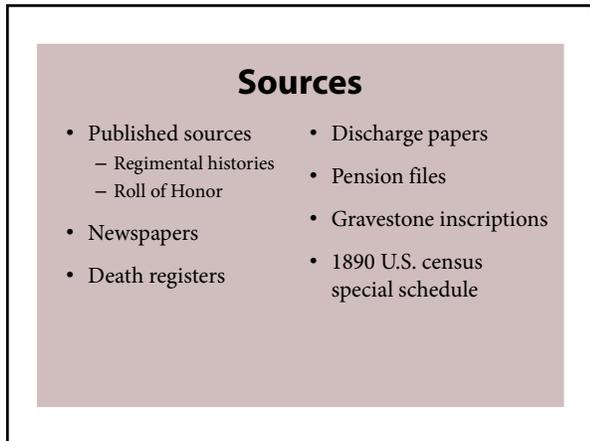
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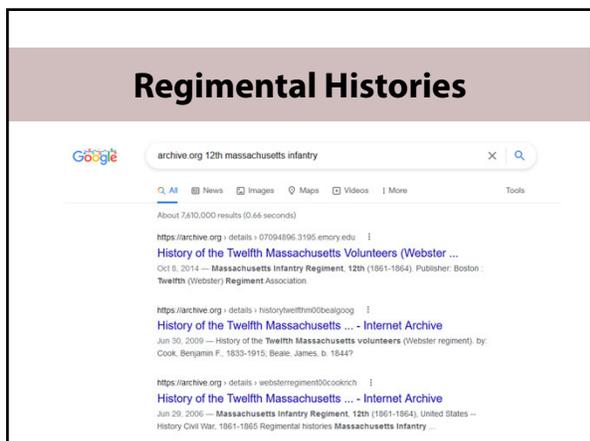
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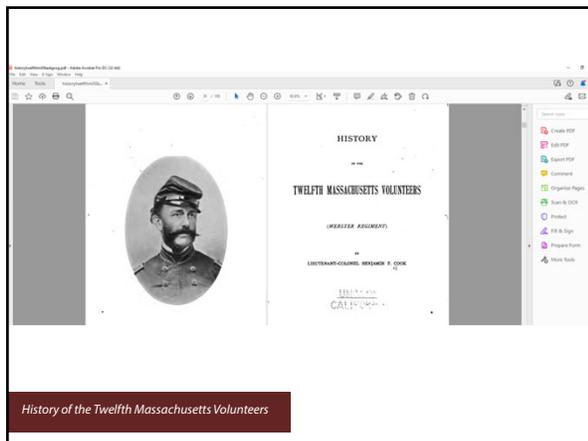
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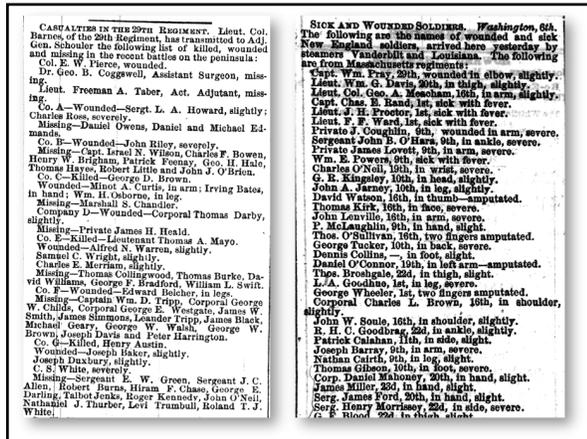


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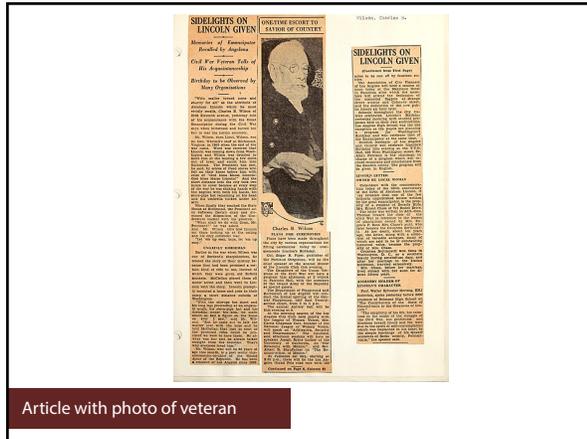






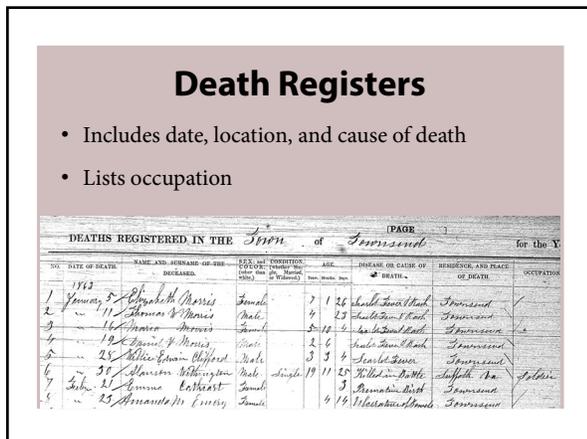


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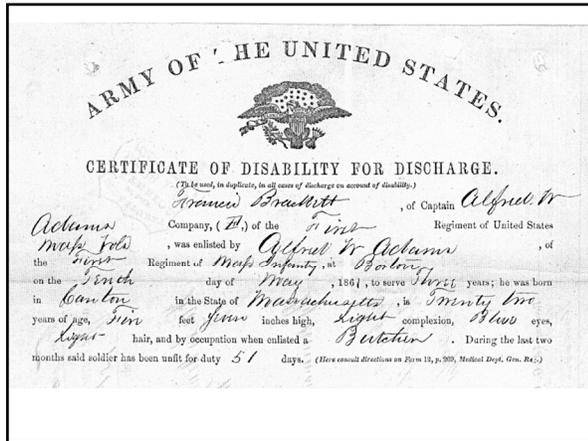


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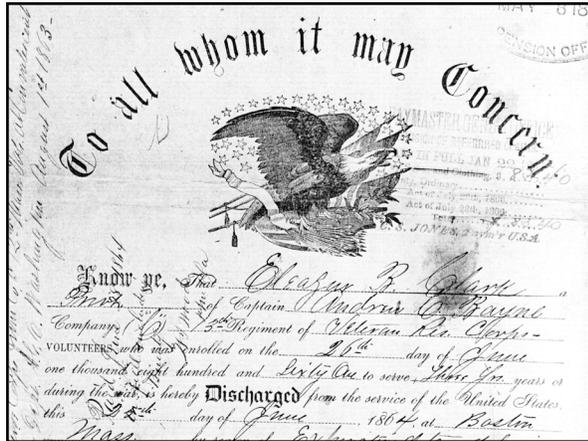
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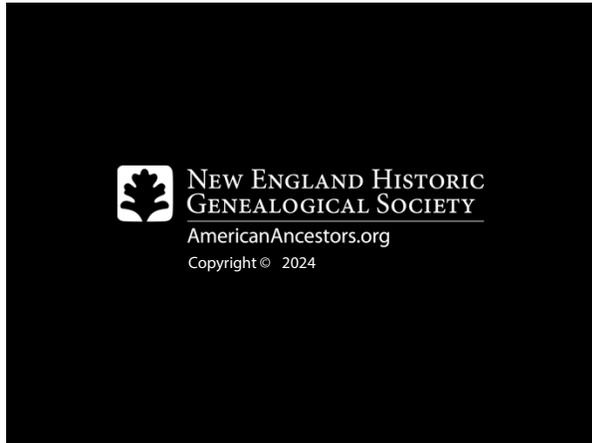
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