

**Civil War Research:
Tracing Union &
Confederate Ancestors**

*Class 5: Post-Service Records for
Union and Confederate Veterans*

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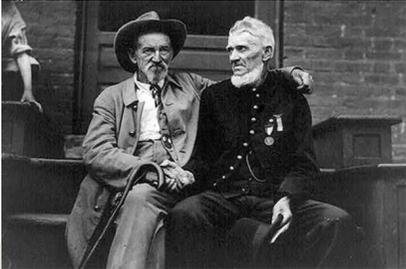
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Post-service records

- Newspapers
- National Soldiers' home records
- Various groups for Union and Confederate Veterans and their families



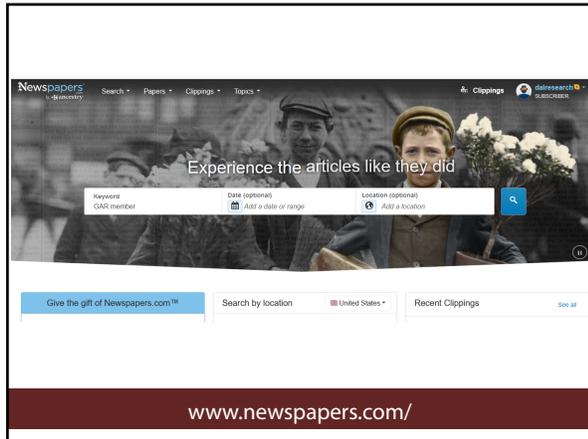
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Newspapers

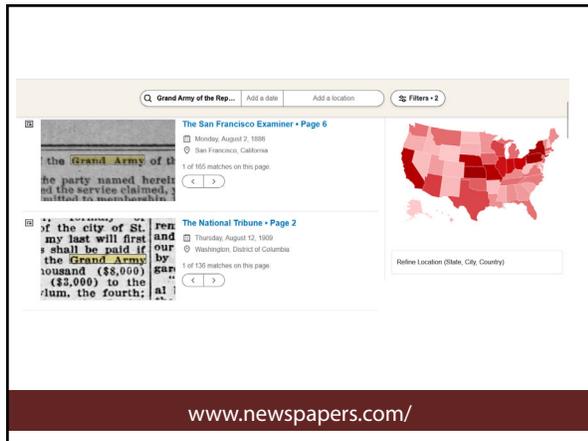
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Search Suggestions

- Name of veteran of the Union or Confederacy
- Regiment or Vessel the veteran served with
- Name of the G.A.R. or U.C.V. Post they were a member of
- Search for G.A.R. or U.C.V. events with the keyword of the community they resided in. Search for parades or events indirectly associated with your ancestor, but not directly listing his name.

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Newspapers not online

- Search catalogs of local public libraries for the community your veteran ancestor resided.
- If a newspaper did not exist in that community search for a neighboring town / city newspaper
- Contact local historical societies for newspaper morgue books, or loose papers when microfilm or digital options are not available.

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**National
Soldier Homes**

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Finding the Records (last 10/20/21)

The following tables link the location and names of all soldier homes, Family History Library (FHL) records, internet information, and known manuscript (MS) collections for the homes. For additional records see at nearby museums, if any. Some are either Union records that have survived or their respective state archives. The following tables do not list soldiers' soldier homes that were separate from an old soldier's home.

State/Location	Name	Period	Records at FHL	Internet	MS
AL, Houston Creek	Alabama Confederate Soldiers Home s.a.s. Jefferson Henry Palmer	1862-1870	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, History and Local	MS
CA, Vallejo	Vallejo Home s.a.s. Veterans Admin. Hospital and Nursing Home	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Website	MS
CA, Camp Home by Little Rock	California Confederate Soldiers Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
CA, Santa Fe by Santa Monica	California National Military Home s.a.s. Los Angeles Division	1862-1870	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, Historical, Local, Local	MS
CA, Berkeley	Berkeley Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical	MS
CA, Richmond, Modesto Valley	Confederate State Soldiers and Sailors Home	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical	MS
CA, Stockton, after 1868, Berkeley and	Confederate State Soldiers and Sailors Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical	MS
CA, San Francisco	United States Soldiers and Sailors Home s.a.s. Arthur F. Wood	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Historical	MS
CA, San Francisco	Florida Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Historical	MS
CA, St. Helena	St. Helena National Home (Old Home)	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
CA, Ukiah	Confederate Soldiers Home s.a.s. George Sisk's Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
IL, Elgin	Elgin State Soldiers Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch, Historical	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
IL, Chicago	Soldiers Home	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
IL, Chicago	Gravelly Brook National Veterans Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch, Historical	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Historical	MS
IL, Maywood	Maywood Home s.a.s. Maywood Home for Soldiers' Widows	1862-1865	Not at FHL	FamilySearch, Historical	MS
IL, Quincy	Quincy Soldiers and Sailors Home s.a.s. Illinois National Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch, Historical	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Historical	MS
IL, Washington	Soldiers' Home - Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch	FamilySearch	MS
IL, Naperville	Naperville Branch National Military Home	1862-1865	FamilySearch, Historical	FamilySearch, Historical, Historical, Historical	MS

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Union & Confederate Soldier Homes

- National Soldier Home Records are located on both Ancestry and FamilySearch for both Union and Confederate Soldier Homes.

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Registers of veterans at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Eastern Branch in Togus, Maine, 1866-1934 Add to Price List

Authors: United States, Veterans Administration (Main Author)
National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Eastern Branch (Togus, Maine) (Added Author)
United States, National Archives and Records Administration (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988

Physical: 18 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) United States National Homes for disabled volunteer soldiers : COLLECTION RECORD, 1866-1938 / United States - Veterans Administration

Notes: **United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers are available online, click here.**

Microfilm of original records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Includes index.

The registers contain information on the soldier's military history (time and place of each enlistment, company and regiment, time and place of discharge, cause of discharge, kind and degree of disability), domestic history (where born, age, residence subsequent to discharge, occupation, social condition [widowed, etc.], addresses of nearest relative), soldiers' home history (rate of pension, date of admission, condition of readmission, date and cause of discharge or death).

View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations

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Haas, Charles	1990	Hanlon, Patriek	993
Nicholas	321	Hanly, Timothy	2215
Hackett, Frank B.	1032	Hanna, Henry G.	228
James	1432	Hanscom, Frank	425
James	2868 7	Hanselman, John W. G.	257
Hadcock, John	1807	Hanson, Morris	387
Hagan, John W.	1236 7	Harbinson, George W.	381
Haggarty, Thomas L.	2531	Harding, Michael	2385
Hale, Francis H.	295	Harly, William A.	1556
Haley, Hugh	304	Hare, George	2805
John	1992	Harkins, Bernard	977
Michael	550	John	1747
Michael	2402	Harmon, Moses	55

Togus, ME Soldiers Home

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National Soldiers Home - New Orleans

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Veteran and Descendants Groups

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Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)

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Grand Army of the Republic

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



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G.A.R. State Departments

- Each state (including those in former Confederate states) fell within a G.A.R. "Department," and within these Departments were the "Posts". These were the forerunners of current V.F.W. Halls.
- The posts were made up of local veterans, many of whom participated in local civic events. As the posts were formed, they were assigned to the home Department of the National Commander-in-chief of the year that they were chartered.

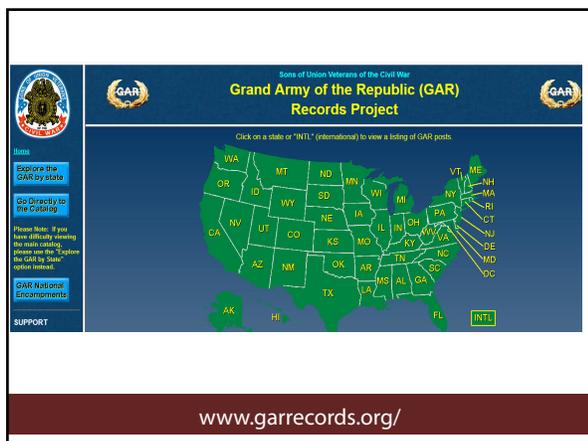
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G.A.R. Records

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



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Grand Army of the Republic Posts - Historical Summary

National GAR Records Program - Historical Summary of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts by State
MASSACHUSETTS
SEARCH BY POST NUMBER OR NAME

POST NUMBER	POST NAME	LOCATION	DEPARTMENT	ORGANIZED	LAST MENTION	STATUS	REMARKS
001	1st Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 1st Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
002	2nd Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 2nd Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
003	3rd Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 3rd Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
004	4th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 4th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
005	5th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 5th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
006	6th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 6th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
007	7th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 7th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
008	8th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 8th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
009	9th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 9th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.
010	10th Mass. Cavalry	Cambridge	MA	1780	1780	Active	Historical Summary of the 10th Mass. Cavalry, 1780-1800. The information on this page is for informational purposes only. For more information on this post, please visit the GAR website.

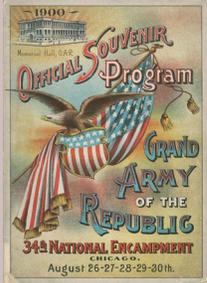
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Post 72 G.A.R.

- **Post Number:** 72
- **Post Name:** A. St. John Chambre
- **Location:** Stoughton, Norfolk
- **Department:** Massachusetts
- **Organized:** November 13, 1868
- **Last mention:** Survivor 1941

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National Encampments of the G.A.R.



- The G.A.R. held an annual National Encampment every year from 1866 to 1949.
- At the final encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1949, the few surviving attendees voted to retain the existing officers in place until the organization's dissolution.
- As a result, Theodore Penland of Oregon, the G.A.R.'s Commander at the time, was its last. At the time of the last national encampment, 16 members were still living and six were able to attend.

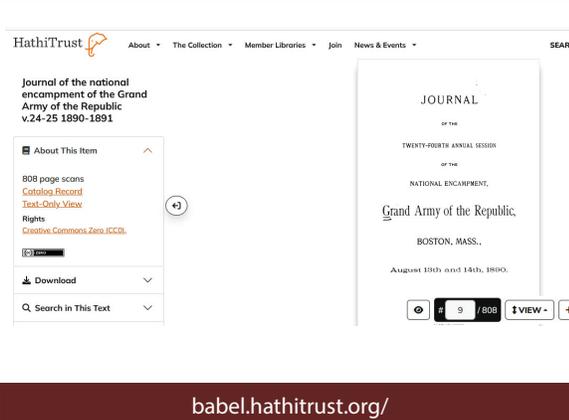
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Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Project

Encampment	Encampment	Proceedings* (CIC)	CIC#	of CIC
01	Indianapolis, IN 11/20/1866	1866 Proceedings	Stephen Augustus Hartshol	Springfield, IL 7 IL
02	No Encampment	1867		7 IL
03	Philadelphia, PA 1/15/1868	1868 Proceedings	John Alexander Logan	Washington, DC 7 IL
04	Cincinnati, OH 5/11 - 12/1869	1869 Proceedings	John Alexander Logan	Washington, DC 7 IL
05	Washington, DC 5/11 - 12/1870	1870 Proceedings	John Alexander Logan	Washington, DC 7 IL
06	Boston, MA 5/10 - 11/1871	1871 Proceedings	Antonio Everett Burnside	New York City, NY 30,174 RI
07	Cleveland, OH 5/8 - 9/1872	1872 Proceedings	Antonio Everett Burnside	New York City, NY 28,693 RI
08	New Haven, CT 5/14 - 15/1873	1873 Proceedings	Charles Downes, Jr.	Boston, MA 29,851 MA
09	Harrisburg, PA 5/13 - 14/1874	1874 Proceedings	Charles Downes, Jr.	Boston, MA 28,323 MA
10	Chicago, IL 5/12 - 13/1875	1875 Proceedings	John Frederick Hartshol	Philadelphia, PA 27,966 PA
11	Philadelphia, PA 6/30/1876	1876 Proceedings	John Frederick Hartshol	Philadelphia, PA 26,889 PA
SUPPORT	Providence, RI 6/26 - 27/1877	1877 Proceedings	John Cleveland Robinson	New York City, NY 27,079 NY

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Journal of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic v.24-25 1890-1891

Journal of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, v.24-25 1890-1891

Grand Army of the Republic, BOSTON, MASS., August 13th and 14th, 1890.

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Albert Woolson (1850-1956)

- After the death of the last member, Albert Woolson, age 106 in 1956 the G.A.R. was formally dissolved.



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Women's Relief Corps

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Women's Relief Corps

- The Woman's Relief Corps was formed in 1879 recognized by 1883 as the "official women's auxiliary" to the G.A.R.
- *"Our mission is to perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed much and sometimes all in the American Civil War; provide assistance to veterans of all wars and extend needed aid to them and to their widow(er)s and orphans."*



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Home Membership Application National Officers Together We Can Do Great Things! Civil War Nurses Contact History "Her"story
 Patriotism Essay Contest! Member Access Only

Member Application

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS FORM PLEASE CONTACT US AT WOMANSRELIEFCORPS@GMAIL.COM
 Membership in the Woman's Relief Corps is NOT lineage-based. We are the authorized auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The GAR specified we were to remain open to membership of all loyal women.
 IMPORTANT: On the signature line, use your stylus or mouse to enter your signature. When you click submit you will be directed to a safe PayPal transaction site where you will pay \$15 for application fee, and \$15 for first year dues. Annual membership renewal thereafter is \$15 payable each January (first year is pro-rated according to quarter in which you joined). If you prefer to pay by check or money-order, please send an email to womansreliefcorps@gmail.com for an application form.

Name *
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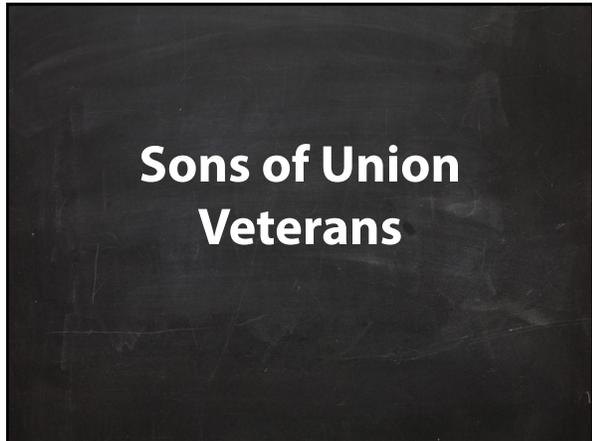
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- **The Loyal Ladies League** was established in 1881 as an auxiliary to the G.A.R. In 1886 the organization went more national and changed its name to **The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**. It was finally incorporated by an act of the 86th Congress on June 17, 1959.
- The original objectives of the organization included *"promotion of patriotism and loyalty to the Union, and participation in community service, especially for the aid of our Veterans and their dependents."*

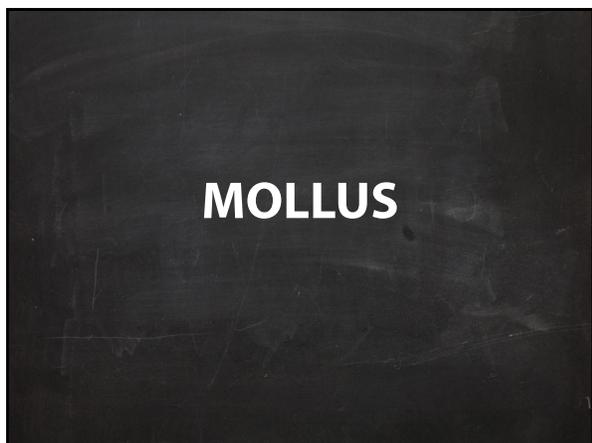
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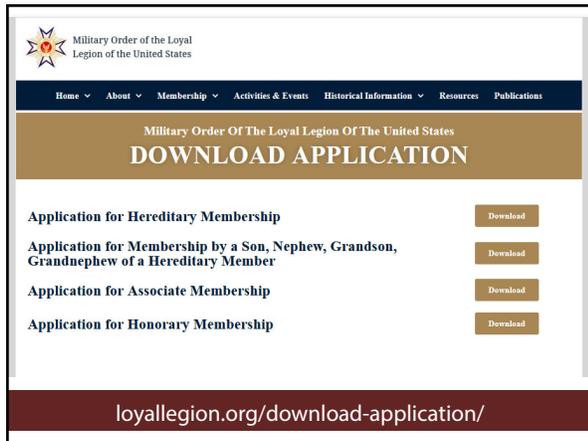
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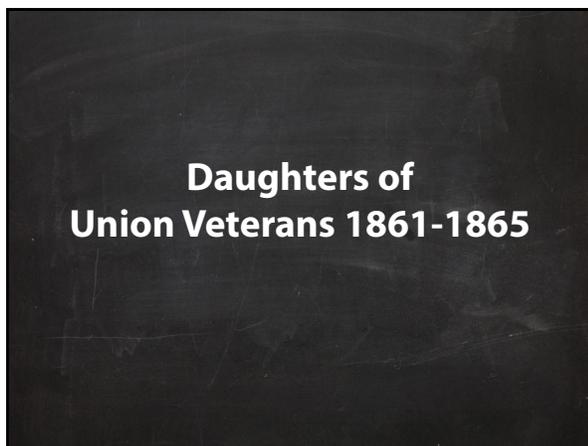
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Daughters of Union Veterans

- Olive Howard, Harriet Knapp, Eva Merwin, Frank Merwin and Bertha Martin organized on May 30, 1885 and held the first meeting on June 3, 1885 Massillon, Ohio.
- Incorporated as "The National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans of the United States of America" on December 12, 1885, in Massillon, Ohio. They were endorsed by The Grand Army of the Republic at the 34th Annual Encampment held in Chicago, Illinois, 1900.
- Name changed to **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War** at the 35th National Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1925.
- Name changed to **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865** at the 54th National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa 1944.

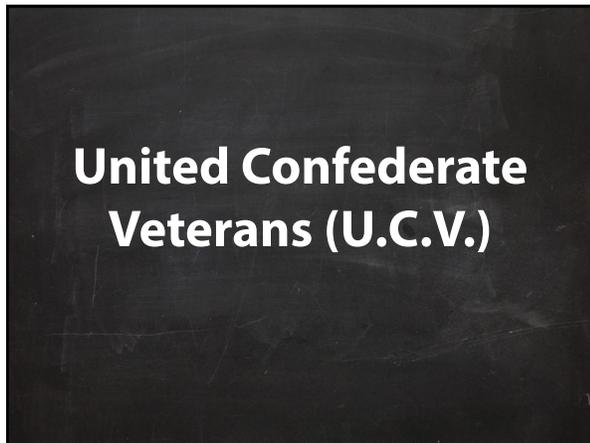
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United Confederate Veterans

- Formed: June 10, 1889
- Headquarters: New Orleans, LA
- The organization grew rapidly throughout the 1890s with a total of 1,555 that were present at the 1898 reunion.
- Dissolved: December 31, 1951
- Post records not centralized



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Rosters, 1895-1899

Author: [United Confederate Veterans \(Main Author\)](#) [Add to Print List](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1990

Physical: on 2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes
Microfilm of manuscripts housed at the Louisiana National Guard, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana.
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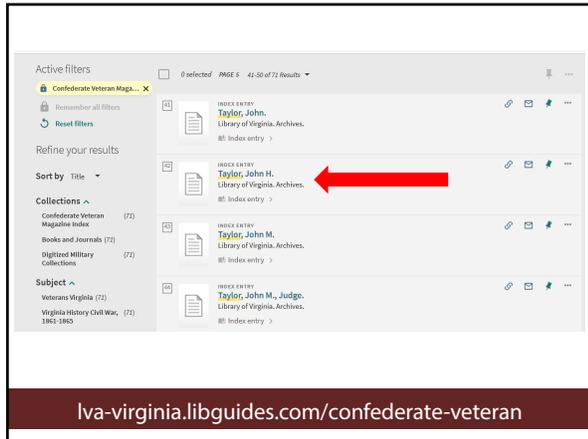
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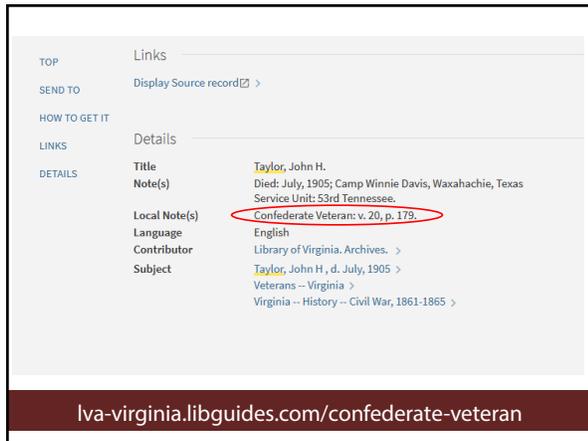
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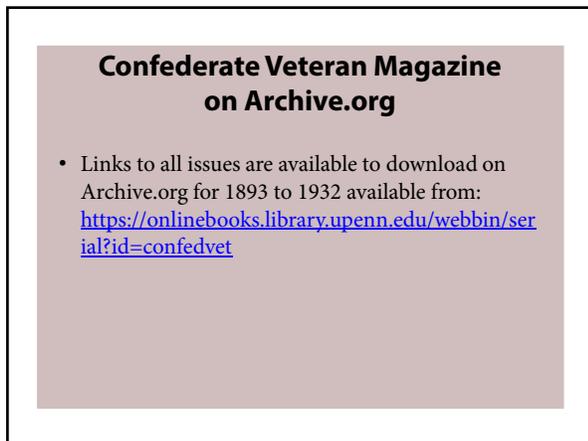
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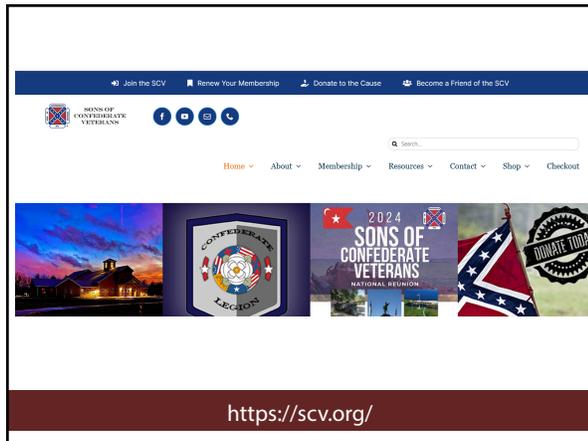
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Sons of the Confederacy

- The SCV was founded on July 1, 1896, in Richmond, Virginia.
- Their headquarters are located in Columbia, Tennessee



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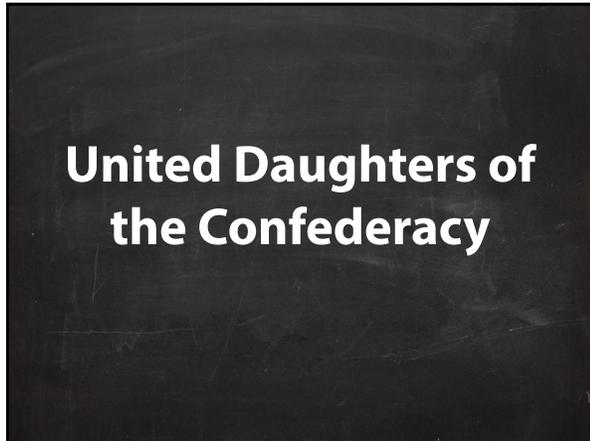
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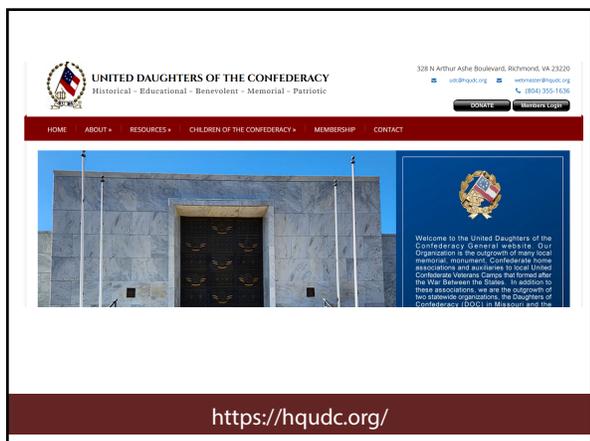
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United Daughters of the Confederacy

- Founded on September 10, 1894, by Caroline Meriwether Goodlett and Anna Davenport Raines as the National Association of the **Daughters of the Confederacy**. A first chapter was formed in Nashville, Tenn.
- Name was later changed to **United Daughters of the Confederacy**. Originally their primary activity was to support the construction of Confederate memorials.
- In 1896, this organization help establish the Children of the Confederacy.



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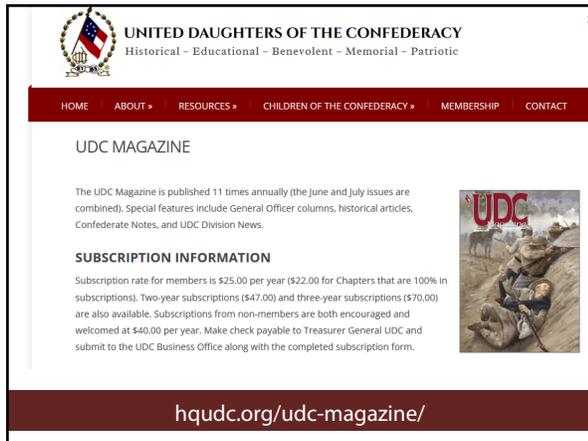


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Civil War Hereditary Societies

- 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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Strategy: Adopt the Regiment

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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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