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The United States Civil War

A Selected List of Resources

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This is a subject guide to selected works on the American Civil War held by the Booth Library. The citations on this list represent only a small portion of the available American Civil War literature owned by the library. Further materials can be found by searching the Illinet Online Catalog.

To Use the Online Catalog Try the Following Subject Headings

for Civil War Materials:

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| Abolitionists - United States | Confederate States of America |
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| Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 | Reconstruction—Southern States |
| Slavery—United States—History | United States—History—Civil War |
| United States—Politics and government | |

To Find Books Browse the Shelves in these Call Numbers for the following Subject areas:

- E 415.6 Collected Works of American Statesmen
- E 433 Slavery Question, 1853-1857
- E 436-440.5 Buchanan's Administration, 1857-1861
- E 438 Slavery Question, 1857-1861
- E 440.5 State of the Country, November 1860-March 4, 1861
- E 441-453 Slavery in the United States, Antislavery Movements.
- E 456-655 Civil War Period, 1861-1865.
- E 456-459 Lincoln's Administration, 1861- April 15, 1865.
- E 461-655 The Civil War, 1861-1865
- E 482-489 Confederate States of America.
- E 491-586 Armies, Troops
- E 591-600 Naval History
- E 660 Collected Works of American Statesmen
- E 666-670 Johnson's Administration, April 15, 1865-1869.
- E 668 Reconstruction, 1865-1877
- E 671-680 Grant's Administration, 1869-1877

(Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, cont. on page 2.)

Please refer to "Booth Library Guide" for Location of all Materials

To Define Your Topic use the Reference Collection:**ENCYCLOPEDIAS and COMPANIONS**

- Encyclopedia of the Confederacy* REF E 487.E55 1993
- The Civil War Machine: Weapons and Tactics of the
Union and Confederate Armed Forces* REF E 491.D77x 1993
- Historical Times Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War* REF E 468.H57 1986
- The Civil War* REF E 468.7.C57 1987
- The Union Army, 1861-1865: Organization and Operations* Stacks E 491.W43 1989
- Encyclopedia of the American Civil War:*
 A Political, Social, and Military History REF E468.E5 2000
- Women During the Civil War: An Encyclopedia* REF E628.H37 2004

ATLASES

- The West Point Atlas of the Civil War* Oversize: G 1201.S5 U58 1962
- The Historical Atlas of the Congresses of the
Confederate States of America, 1861-1865* REF G 1281.F8 M3 1994
- The Atlas of the Civil War* REF G 1201.S5 A85 1994
- A Battlefield Atlas of the Civil War* Stacks G 1201.S5 S9 1983
- The Official Atlas of the Civil War* REF G 1201.S5 U6 1958

CHRONOLOGIES

- The Civil War Day by Day; An Almanac, 1861-1865* REF E 468.3 L6
- The Chronological Tracking of the American Civil War: per the
Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* REF E 468.3.M67 1994
- Civil War Naval Chronology, 1861-1865* Stacks E 591.U568
- The Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference* REF E468.L58 2002

DICTIONARIES

- More Generals in Gray* REF E 467.A4 1995
- Generals in Blue and Gray* REF E467.J795 2004
- Civil War High Commands* E467.E35 2001
- Biographical Dictionary of the Union: Northern Leaders of the Civil War*
..... REF E 467.B56 1995
- Who Was Who in the Civil War* REF E 467.S56 1988
- Biographical Dictionary of the Confederacy* REF E 467.W2
- Generals in Blue: Lives of the Union Commanders* REF E 467.W29
- Generals in Gray: Lives of the Confederate Commanders* REF E 467.W3
- Biographical Register of the Confederate Congress* REF JK 9663 .W3
- Historical Dictionary of the Civil War* REF E468.J777 2002

GUIDES

- A Tour Guide to the Civil War* Stacks E 468.9 .C8
- Civil War Sites, Memorials, Museums, and Library Collections:*
 A State-by-State Guidebook to Places REF E 641.G45 1997

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Define Your Topic and Begin Your Research use: (cont. from page 2.)

COMPENDIUM

- *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* Stacks E 491 .D99 1959

REGISTERS

- *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois* REF Desk E 505.2 I3

STATISTICS

- *Regimental Losses in the American Civil War* REF Desk E 461.C5 1997X
- *Numbers & Losses in the Civil War in America, 1861-65* Stacks E 491.L77 1957

To Find Sources of Information about your Topic use:

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- *Guide to Civil War books: An Annotated Selection of Modern Works on the War Between the States* REF Z 1242.B18 1996
- *Civil War Eyewitnesses: An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Articles 1955 - 1986* REF Z1242.C78 1988
- *The Nation in Crisis, 1861 - 1877* REF Z1242 D.57
- *Military Bibliography of the Civil War* REF Z1242.D6
- *The Civil War in Books: An Analytical Bibliography* REF Z1242.E57 1997
- *Microbes and Minie Balls: An Annotated Bibliography of Civil War Medicine* Stacks Z1242.F74 1993
- *The Civil War in the North: A Selective Annotated Bibliography* REF Z 1242.M87 1987
- *Civil War Books: A Critical Bibliography* REF Z 1242.N35
- *The American Civil War: A Handbook of Literature and Research* REF Z 1242.A47 1996

To Find Articles in Journals and Magazines use:

INDEXES, ABSTRACTS, and DATABASES

Online databases are available via the "Magazines, Journals, and More" at the Booth Library Website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/>).

- *America: History and Life*
Provides citations to history journal articles. Emphasis is on American history. Online database has coverage from 1964 to present.
- *American Periodicals Series Online*
Provides digitized images of the pages of American magazines and journals published from colonial days to the dawn of the 20th century (1741-1900).
- *The Combined Retrospective Index Set to Journals in History, 1838-1974* REF Z 6205.C18
- *Historical Abstracts*
Provides citations to history journal articles. Emphasis is on world history. Online database has coverage from 1972 to present. Booth Library has print coverage from 1955 to present. REF D 299.H5
- *Readers Guide to Periodical Literature*
Provides citations to journal and magazine articles. Booth Library has print coverage from 1890 to present REF AI 3.R4

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To Find Articles in Journals and Magazines use: (cont. from page 3.)**SELECTED JOURNALS**•*Civil War History*

The years 1955-70 are held in microfilm, and the years 1969-present are in bound form
 Periodicals E 461.C5

•*Civil War Times Illustrated*

The years 1962-71 are held in microfiche, and the years 1971-present are in bound form
 Periodicals E 461.C562

To Find Secondary Sources:**SURVEYS and TEXTBOOKS**

- The Centennial History of the Civil War* Stacks E 468.C29
- The Civil War, A Narrative* Stacks E 468.F7
- Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction* Stacks E 468.M23
- Ordeal of the Union* Stacks E 415.7.N4
- Trial by Fire: A People's History of the Civil War and Reconstruction*
 Stacks E 468.S64 1982
- The Confederate Nation, 1861-1865* Stacks E 173.N4X

PHOTOGRAPH HISTORIES

- The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War* Stacks E 468.7.C3 1960x
- Photographic Sketch Book of the Civil War* Stacks E 468.7.G19 1959
- The Photographic History of the Civil War* Stacks E 468.7.M64

HISTORIOGRAPHY

- Why the South Lost the Civil War* Stacks E 487.W48 1986
- The Confederate War* Stacks E 487.G26 1997
- Americans Interpret their Civil War* Stacks E 468.5.P7 1965x
- C. Vann Woodward: A Southern Historian and his Critics* Stacks E 175.5.W66 C2 1997
- Ken Burns's The Civil War: The Historians Respond* Stacks E 468.9.K46 1996
- Writing the Civil War: The Quest to Understand* Stacks E 468.5.W75 1998
- The Myth of the Lost Cause and Civil War History* Stacks E 487.M97 2000

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* Stacks E 457.91 1953
- The Frederick Douglass Papers* Stacks E 449.D733
- The Wartime Papers of R.E. Lee* Stacks E 470.L49
- The Papers of Andrew Johnson* Stacks E 415.6.J65 1967
- The Papers of Jefferson Davis* Stacks E 467.1.D2596
- The Salmon P. Chase Papers* Stacks E 415.6.C48 1993
- The Civil War Papers of George B. McClellan: Selected Correspondence, 1860-1865*
 Stacks E 467.1.M2 A4 1989
- The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant* Stacks E 660.G756 1967

To Find Primary Sources:**DIARIES, LETTERS, MEMOIRS**

- *Military Memoirs of a Confederate; A Critical Narrative* Stacks E 545.A54
- *Diary of Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy under Lincoln and Johnson*
..... Stacks E 468.W44
- *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*..... Stacks E 470.B344
- *Civil War Nurse: The Diary and Letters of Hannah Ropes* Stacks E 621.R663
- *The Passing of the Armies* Stacks E 477.67.C42x
- *Aboard the USS Monitor: 1862* Stacks E 595.M7 K4
- *I Rode with Stonewall* Stacks E 470.D68
- *Freedom, A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867* Stacks E 185.2 .F88
- *On the Altar of Freedom: A Black Soldier's Civil War Letters from the Front*
..... Stacks E 513.5 54th.G66 1991
- *The Civil War Letters of Sergeant Onley Andrus* Stacks H 31.I4 v.28 no.4
- *Memoirs of General W.T. Sherman* Stacks E 467.1.S55 S52 1972
- *A Diary from Dixie* Stacks E 487.C52 1949

OFFICIAL RECORDS

- *The Foreign Relations of the United States* Stacks JX 233.A3
- *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*
..... Stacks E 591.U58
- *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (library has a print copy and CD-ROM) Stacks E 464.A512

OFFICIAL RECORDS – USER GUIDES

- *The Official Records of the American Civil War; A Researcher's Guide* Ref Z 1242.A5X
- *Military Operations of the Civil War: A Guide-Index to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* Stacks E 470.U629X

MAGAZINES and NEWSPAPERS

- *Baltimore Morning Sun* Microforms AN2.B3 S8X
- *Harper's Weekly* Storage AP 2.H32
- *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* Microforms E 461.F7X
- *New York Times* Microforms AN 2.N425X

ARCHIVES

- *Descriptive Bibliography of Civil War Manuscripts in Illinois* REF Z 1242.B95
- *Confederate Research Sources: A Guide to Archive Collections* REF Z 1242.N3 1986
- *Civil War Manuscripts: A Guide to Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress* REF Z 1242.L48 1986

To Find Internet Sources

These are recommended sources; however, you should carefully evaluate any information you find on the Internet.

- *National Archives and Records Administration*

The NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL) is available at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/searchnail.html>. Use the locator to search the National Archives' holdings. The locator provides online access to the materials (text and photographs) available in digital copies.

- *Listservs*

H-Net sponsors electronic discussion groups for different History subjects. For information on the different lists and sign-up instructions visit their web page at <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/>. Listservs of interest to Civil War historians are:

- H-CivWar History of the Civil War
- H-Pol American political history
- H-South History of the American South
- H-War Military History

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