Library Guide to U.S. Civil War Resources

"There must be more historians of the civil war than there were generals fighting in it. Of the two groups, the historians are the more belligerent." David Donald

THE CATALOG

A Word of Warning: Books are often assigned only the most specific subject heading so a researcher must be diligent to achieve comprehensive results.

The standard subject heading:

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Subheadings: Subject headings can have several subheadings, such as:

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Afro-Americans

States: Individual states in the Civil War will be listed under the name of the state.

For example: Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Confederacy: The Confederacy has the following subject heading:

Confederate States of America--History [plus subheadings]

Battles: Battles will be listed under the name of the battle.

For example: Chickamauga (GA), Battle of, 1863

Reconstruction period: Use the following subject headings:

Reconstruction
Southern States--History--1865-1877

People: Individuals may be located by looking under the name as a subject.

For example: Jackson, Stonewall, 1824-1863

Primary sources: Primary source material, such as first-person accounts, can be located by using the subheadings "sources" or "personal narratives" as in the following example:

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal Narratives

INDEXES

America: History and Life, electronic version. 1954- .

Indexes journal articles, book reviews and dissertations in U. S. and Canadian history. Contains links to selected full-text articles and reviews.

Writings on American History, 1902-1989/90. Ref: E178.W758.

Lists articles and dissertations in American history.

Catalog of U. S. Government Publications (Monthly Catalog), electronic version, 1976- ; print version, 1895- DocMic: Z1223.A18.

Index to government publications available to depository libraries, like UTK. A large percentage of items listed will be available in the library but may not be listed in the libraries' catalog. Older indexes are also available for government documents. See the staff in DocMic for assistance.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Bibliography of State Participation in the Civil War, 3rd ed., SpCol: Z1242.U581 1913.

Compiled by the War Department Library. Includes official publications, regimental histories (see Dornbusch for a revision of part), and miscellaneous items such as local histories. Organized by state.

Catalogue of Library of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel John Page Nicholson Relating to the War of the Rebellion, (1914), SpCol: Z1242.N69

A listing by author of Civil War books, manuscripts, pamphlets and excerpts, most published in the late 19th century.

Cole, Garold L. *Civil War Eyewitnesses: An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Articles, 1955-1986*, Ref: E601.C65 1988.

Annotated guide to all Civil War narratives published from 1955-1986.

Coulter, E. Merton. *Travels in the Confederate States: A Bibliography*, Ref: F214.C68 1948.

Includes the most significant Civil War travel literature. Organized by author with a subject/title index. Entries are extensively annotated. Library has a microfiche set of most of the titles included in this bibliography (DocMic: F214.T73).

Dornbusch, C. E. *Military Bibliography of the Civil War*, 3 v. Ref: E470.D67 1961.

V. 1 covers the Northern states and V. 2 covers the Southern, border and Western states and includes a list of both Union and Confederate biographies. Both volumes are organized by state, then by sections of the service, artillery, cavalry and infantry. V. 3 covers general material and reports on specific battles. Revises and supplements section on “Military Organizations” in the *Bibliography of State Participation in the Civil War*.

Eicher, David J. *Civil War in Books: An Analytical Bibliography*, Ref: E468.E57 1997.

A selection of the most important 1100 books on the Civil War. Includes all the “universally accepted” classics. Organized by board subject areas with a title index.

Harwell, Richard B. *In Tall Cotton: The 200 Most Important Confederate Books for the Reader*,

Researcher and Collector, SpCol: Z1251.S7H3.

The most important 200 books on the Confederacy, mostly written after the war, as selected by Harwell.

Lincove, David A. *Reconstruction in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography*. Ref: E668.L55R43 2000.

Organized topically with chapters on national politics and regional studies, followed by sections for each state of the Reconstruction South.

Murdock, Eugene C. *The Civil War in the North: A Selective Annotated Bibliography*, Hodges Stacks: E468.M87 1987.

Over 5600 annotated entries from books, essays, articles, diaries, memoirs, speeches, music, novels, poetry, drama, biographies, newspapers, official documents, and dissertations. Divided by subject with author index.

Nevins, Allan, James I. Robertson, Jr. and Bell I. Wiley. *Civil War Books: A Critical Bibliography*, 2v. Ref: E470.N49 1967.

An annotated bibliography of books and pamphlets on the war years. The volumes are divided by broad subject areas such as "Prisons and Prisoners of War" and "Diplomacy."

Parrish, T. Michael and Robert M. Willingham, Jr. *Confederate Imprints: A Bibliography of Southern Publications from Secession to Surrender*, Ref: E487.P37 1984.

Includes books, pamphlets, maps and sheet music published in Confederate-held territory. Excludes periodicals and newspapers. Updates two previous bibliographies: Marjorie Lyle Crandall, *Confederate Imprints: A Check List Based Principally on the Collection of the Boston Athenaeum*; Richard Harwell, *More Confederate Imprints*.

Smith, Albert E.., Jr. *Civil War Diaries and Personal Narratives, 1960-1994: A Selected Bibliography of Books in the General Collections of the Library of Congress*, Ref: E464.L47 1998.

Arranged by author. Indexed by subject, regiment and battles described

*****For additional bibliographies, look in the online catalog under the subheading "bibliography" under any main heading.

CONTEMPORARY PERIODICAL AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Newspapers

The library has many newspapers on microfilm for this time period. Titles may be located by looking in the libraries' catalog or in the paper file in DocMic. With the exceptions noted below, most are not indexed.

New York Times, electronic version, 1851-1999.

Complete full-text of the *NYT*. Microfilm copies of *The New York Times* are available in PerMic: AN38.N3N44.

The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective: The New York Herald, the Charleston Mercury, Richmond Enquirer, electronic version.

Full-text of over 11,000 articles, including graphic images of battlefield maps and illustrations, from the above newspapers published between 11/1/1860 to 4/30/1865.

For a British view of the Civil War, see:

The Times Digital Archive, 1785-1985, electronic version.
Full-text of the London *Times*. Still in progress but the Civil War years are complete.

Periodicals

HarpWeek, electronic version ,1857-1876.
Full-text searchable electronic version of the popular 19th century periodical, *Harper's Weekly*. Total periodical indexed, including advertisements.

Nation Digital Archive, electronic version, 1865- .
Full-text of the oldest weekly magazine in the US. Good source for contemporary articles on Reconstruction.

19th Century Masterfile (an electronic version of *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature*), 1802-1906.
The first periodical index and the only index to 19th century American periodicals. Many of the periodicals indexed in Poole's are available on microfilm through the *American Periodical Series*, DOCMIC: AP2.U51. Individual titles will be listed in the catalog.

The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals, 1824-1900, Ref: AI3.W45.
Reproduces tables of contents for selected British publications including *Edinburgh Review* and *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*. To locate the periodicals, check the catalog by title.

SELECTED REFERENCE SOURCES

Handbooks

The American Civil War: A Handbook of Literature and Research, Ref and SpCol: E456.A44 1996.
A detailed topical guide to sources for the study of the Civil War. Each chapter has a lengthy narrative essay and an extensive bibliography.

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

Encyclopedia of the American Civil War, 5 v. Ref: E468.H47 2000.
Organized by topic with a selection of documents and an index in the last volume.

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy, 4 v. Ref: E487.E55 1993.
Signed articles with bibliographies on the political, economic, cultural and social aspects of the Confederacy. Includes information on Civil War events with emphasis on the role and

perspective of the Confederates.

Historical Dictionary of Reconstruction, Ref: E668.T66 1991.
Includes lengthy entries on each state as well as entries on key individuals and subjects like the Memphis riot and corruption.

Historical Times Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War, Ref: E468.H57 1986.
Illustrated general encyclopedia that emphasizes biographical and military information but includes political, diplomatic and cultural information.

Biographical Sources

Biographical Dictionary of the Union: Northern Leaders of the Civil War, Ref: E467.B56 1995.
Signed short biographical articles on people who influenced the course of public policy, opinion, and events.

Civil War Generals: Categorical Listings and a Biographical Directory, Ref: E467.S78 1986.
Lists the generals in 16 categories, including rank, date of birth, place of birth, date of death and place of death. Final chapter is short biographies of each general.

Encyclopedia of Civil War Biographies, 3 v. Ref: E467.E53 2000.
Brief biographical sketches of nearly 400 soldiers, politicians, reformers, and other figures associated with the Civil War.

Leaders of the American Civil War: A Biographical and Historiographical Dictionary, Ref: E467.L43 1998
Long biographical essays with bibliographical sources on the major Civil War figures.

Notable Men of Tennessee from 1833 to 1875, (1912) Ref and SpCol: CT261.T4.
Long biographical articles on Civil War era Tennesseans.

Who Was Who in the Civil War, Ref and Hodges Stacks: E467.S56 1988.
Short biographical articles on those people who had the most influence on the conflict. Photographs or drawings accompany many of the articles.

Battles

Battle Chronicles of the Civil War, 6 v. Ref: E470.B29 1989.
A chronological history that focuses on the battles. Each battle is covered by a detailed, signed essay and extensive illustrations. V. 6 contains the biographies of the war leaders and the index.

Genealogical Sources

Confederate Research Sources: A Guide to Archive Collections, Ref: E487.N4 1986.
Written primarily for genealogists, this guide describes the records available in state

archives/libraries and National Archives.
Tracing your Civil War Ancestor, Ref: CD3047.G76 1995.
A guide to records for researching individuals in the Civil War.

GUIDES TO MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVAL SOURCES

Archives USA, electronic version.
Current directory of over 5480 manuscript repositories and more then 132,000 collections of primary source material. Invaluable source for anyone doing primary research in Civil War/Reconstruction period.

Civil War Manuscripts: A Guide to Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Ref: E468.L5 1986.
Guide to the many manuscript collections in the Library of Congress on the Civil War. Organized by the name of the collection with an index to names, locations and subjects. Most entries are annotated.

Civil War Sites, Memorials, Museums and Library Collections: A State-by-State Guidebook to Places Open to the Public, Ref: E641.G45 1997.
Organized by state and then by city/town. Includes library collections specifically on the war but omits more general collections like UTK Special Collections.

Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War, (1962) Ref: CD3047.M8.
Published by the National Archives. Organized by the branches of the government, each entry has been extensively annotated. Subject index is included at end.

Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate States of America, (1968) Ref: CD3047.B4.
Companion volume to the *Guide to the Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War*. Also published by the National Archives. Describes all the records in the National Archives, the Library of Congress and elsewhere. Extensively annotated and organized by the branches of the government. Subject index is included at the end.

OFFICIAL RECORDS

Documents of Confederate States, 10 v. SpCol: E464.D63 1860.
Contains the constitution, laws, documents, and Senate journals of the Confederacy.

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion, (1894-1922) 30 v., SpCol: E591.U58.
Issued in the two series, 1. Includes reports of both Union and Confederate naval operations and 2. Includes reports on the condition of the Union navy and the construction of the Confederate navy, statistical data, and information on property and prisoners captured. A

separate index volume is included.

The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, (1870-88) 2 v. in 6 parts plus 3 v. index, SpCol: RD205.U5.

Includes the reports submitted by the medical officers in the field and extensive statistical tables. Prepared by the Office of the Surgeon General. Has a comprehensive three volume index.

The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 70 v. Hodges Stacks: E464.U6 1971; SpCol: E464.U6 (1880-1901).

Published by the War Department in the late 19th century, this set of *Official Records* (as it is frequently known) is a comprehensive source for all the union and confederate records, including reports on battles and official correspondence. Final volume is an index to names, places, regiments and battle. See the section on Electronic Resources for a CD ROM version.

Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Main: E464.U61 1994.

Contains information left out of *The War of the Rebellion*, including correspondence, reports, itineraries of units and records of events. Publication is in progress.

ROSTERS

The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865, Hodges Stacks: E548.R65 1995.

This sixteen-volume set is organized alphabetically by name of soldier. Includes state of service, regiment, company and rank.

The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865, Hodges Stacks: E494.H4 1997.

Organized by state. Provides name, state, regiment, company and rank for each soldier, including Colored Troops.

CARTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Bibliographies

Civil War Maps: An Annotated List of Maps and Atlases in the Library of Congress, 2nd ed. Ref: GA405.5.L5 1989.

Lists maps, charts and atlases depicting troop positions, movements, engagements and fortifications, both from the time period and produced later to explain specific events. Includes a good introduction to the subject. Organized geographically with U.S. maps first followed by state maps. A list of two large map collections, Hotchkiss and Sherman, and indexes by title and subject matter are also provided.

Civil War Newspaper Maps: A Cartobibliography of the Northern Daily Press, Ref: GA405.5.U5B67 1993.

Lists over 2000 maps published in Northern newspapers during the war years. Organized by newspaper with a subject index. A companion to *Civil War Newspaper Maps: A Historical Atlas*.

Atlases

The Atlas of the Civil War, Ref: G1201.S5A85 1994.
Chronologically arranged with extensive maps, pictures and text.

Civil War Newspaper Maps, Ref: G1201.S5B6 1993.
Maps, usually the first to appear in the daily press, selected from newspapers to illustrate battles. A companion to *Civil War Newspaper Maps: A Cartobibliography of the Northern Daily Press*.

Historical Atlas of the Congresses of the Confederate States of America, 1861-1865, Ref: G1281.F8M3 1994.
Maps and analyzes the political geography of the Civil War South by focusing on the legislative branch of the Confederate States of America.

The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War, Ref: G1201.S5U6 1983.
Reprint of the original atlas designed to accompany the *Official Records*. Includes all the official military maps, mostly drawn during the war. Cross-reference tables are included to correlate the maps with the volumes of the Official Records, to identify the map authors, and to index the internal contents. An index to maps in the *Official Records* is also provided.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Locally-owned Resources

The Civil War CD-ROM: The War of the Rebellion, SpCol.
An electronic, full-text version of the *Official Records* that allows for increased access. Also included are the following titles:
Dyer, Frederick, *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* (paper copy: SpCol: E491.D99)
Regimental Losses in the American Civil War
A User's Guide to the Official Records of the American Civil War
Military Operations of the Civil War: A Guide Index to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (Paper copy: Main: E470.U63)

Internet Resources

For a selected list of Internet resources, see "History" under subject Guides on the Libraries' Homepage (www.lib.utk.edu).

Locations:

Ref: Reference room, 1st floor, Hodges Library
DocMic: Documents/Microforms, 1st floor, Hodges Library
Hodges Stacks: 3rd to 6th floors (E and F call numbers are on the third floor), Hodges Library
SpCol: Hoskins Library, open Monday through Friday, 9-5:30

For additional sources on U. S. history, consult: Guide to U. S. History Resources, library guide 67a, available from the History Subject Guide webpage at www.lib.utk.edu/refs/history.

We have done with hoeing cotton,
We have done with hoeing corn,
We are colored Yankee soldiers,
now, sure as you are born;
When the masters hear us yelling,
they'll think it's Gabriel's horn,
As we go marching on. . . .

"Marching Song of the First Arkansas (Negro) Regiment,"
Sung to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Anne Bridges, 8/04