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# Civil War Soldiers

## Research Guide

### SCOPE

This guide is intended to provide suggestions and ideas for finding information in our library about area soldiers who served in the Civil War. While it does not represent a comprehensive listing of available resources, it offers a number of ideas as starting points for those interested in researching Civil War history. The Local History Division also offers a special section in the public area devoted to Civil War resources. Materials on Civil War soldiers that are available for checkout from other divisions are also listed below. Ask at the reference desk if you have any questions about a particular item. For clarification of the following information, please ask at the reference desk.

See also: The *Local Civil War Regimental Histories* research guide.

### Key

L/H = Local History Division (these materials do not circulate)

HIS = Science, History, and Travel Division – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Bausch & Lomb Public Library Building (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

RPF = Local History Picture File (please ask librarian)

### BOOKS

#### *Civil War Genealogy*

L/H  
Gr929.1072  
G874t  
1989  
Groene, Bertram H. *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1989, c1973.

L/H  
Rrq973.7415  
M439h  
Matthews, Harry Bradshaw. *Honoring New York's Forgotten Soldiers: African Americans of the Civil War*. Oneonta, N.Y.: Hartwick College, 1998.

L/H  
Gr929.1072  
M837L Morebeck, Nancy J. *Locating Union & Confederate Records: A Guide to the Most Commonly Used Civil War Records of the National Archives and Family History Library*. North Salt Lake, Utah: HeritageQuest, 2001.

L/H  
Gr929.061  
S413c Schweitzer, George K. *Civil War Genealogy*. Knoxville, TN: Schweitzer, c1980.

### ***Collections of Names***

L/H-SS  
Rqr369.151  
G751r Grand Army of the Republic. Dept. of New York. *Rochester Civil War Veterans: Roster and Scrapbook*. [New York: The Dept., 1948].  
Also available as e-Book: <http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/roads/gar.htm>

L/H  
Rrq973.7447  
H598r Hewett, Janet, ed. *The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*. Wilmington, NC: Broadfoot Pub. Co., 1997-.

L/H  
Rr973.781  
M983o Murray, R. L. *Ontario County Troops in the Civil War* (2 vols.). [Wolcott, N.Y.: Benedum Books, c2003-].

L/H  
Rr973.781  
W359w Murray, R. L., intro. *Wayne County Troops in the Civil War: Part of the Letters from the Front Series*. Wolcott, N.Y.: Benedum Books, 2003.

L/H  
Gfr929.061  
N532ar N.Y. State Adjutant General's Office. *A Record of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Regiments Which Were Organized In the State of New York* (1864-1868) (8 vols.). (Common name is Muster Rolls, NYS Volunteers.) Albany, Comstock & Cassidy, Printers, 1864-68.

L/H  
Gfr929.061  
P886o Powell, William H. *Officers of the Army and Navy (Volunteer) Who Served in the Civil War*. Philadelphia, Pa., L. R. Hamersly & Co., 1893.

L/H  
Rqr973.7447  
P573n3 Phisterer, Frederick. *New York in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865* (6 vols.). Lyon, c1912.

L/H  
Gr929.061  
U58pel United States Pension Bureau. *List of Pensioners on the Roll, January 1, 1883* (5 vols.). Baltimore, Genealogical Pub. Co., 1970.

Washburn, George H. *A Complete Military History and Record of the 108th Regiment N. Y. Rochester, N. Y.: [s.n.], 1894*. Available online:  
[http://libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History\\_of\\_the\\_108th\\_Volunteers.pdf](http://libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History_of_the_108th_Volunteers.pdf)

L/H  
Rrq973.7447  
W755n Wilt, Richard A. *New York Soldiers in the Civil War: A Roster of Military Officers and Soldiers Who Served in New York Regiments in the Civil War* (2 vols.). Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1999.

## ***New York State***

- L/H  
Rrq973.781  
B829b Breck, George, comp. Robert E. Marcotte. *Breck's War: The Civil War Correspondence of George Breck, Battery L, 1st N.Y. Light Artillery*. Rochester, N.Y.: R.E. Marcotte, 2005.
- L/H  
Rr362.1109  
E12e *Early Patients: Civil War Veterans Treated at R.G.H. June 1864-August 1865*. [Rochester, N.Y.: Baker-Cederberg Archives], 1985.
- L/H  
Rr974.7041  
S797s Holzer, Harold, ed. *State of the Union: New York and the Civil War*. [New York]: Fordham University Press and New York State Archives Partnership Trust, 2002.
- L/H  
Rrq973.7  
S974s Husted, Shirley C., ed. *Sweet Gift of Freedom: A Civil War Anthology*. Rochester, N.Y.: County of Monroe, c1986-.
- L/H  
Rfr973.7447  
M321w Marcotte, Robert. *Where They Fell: Stories of Rochester Area Soldiers in the Civil War*. Franklin, Va.: Q Pub., c2002.  
Also in HIS
- L/H  
Rrq973.7415  
M439h Matthews, Harry Bradshaw. *Honoring New York's Forgotten Soldiers: African Americans of the Civil War*. Oneonta, N.Y.: Hartwick College, 1998.
- L/H  
Rrq973.7447  
S426b Scott, Grover C. *Brief History of Rochester and Monroe County's Part in the Civil War from 1861 to July 4th, 1863*. [1963?].
- L/H-OS  
Rfr973.7447  
S625c Sizer, August F. *Civil War Experiences of a Rochester Soldier*. [1863?-1864].
- L/H  
Rr973.7447  
T751h Townsend, Thomas S. *The Honors of the Empire State in the War of the Rebellion*. New York, A. Lovell & co., 1889.

## ***Official Records***

- L/H  
Rr973.7447  
N532a New York Adjutant General's Office. *Annual Report of the Adjutant-General*. [Albany: The Office, 1847-.]
- L/H  
Rr973.75  
U58n United States Navy Dept. *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1894-1922.
- L/H  
Rr973.74  
U58w  
1985 United States War Dept. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. Harrisburg, Pa.: National Historical Society: distributed by Broadfoot Pub. Co., Historical Times, Inc., Morningside House, 1985.

## CIVIL WAR SOLDIER CARD INDEX

Located in the Local History public area, the Civil War soldier card index contains the names of Rochester soldiers and units indexed alphabetically. Also, check the Civil War Master List, available from the library's Web site. This is a compilation of names taken from various sources such as card files, the 1865 census, and the County Historian's Office. It contains over 38,000 names primarily from the Rochester and Monroe County area.

[http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Local\\_History\\_New/Genealogy\\_Resources/civil\\_war\\_master\\_list.pdf](http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Local_History_New/Genealogy_Resources/civil_war_master_list.pdf)

## GUIDES

L/H  
Rr973.707  
M321i  
Marcotte, Robert. *An Illustrated User's Guide to Civil War Material at the Rochester Public Library*. [Rochester, N.Y.: Rochester Public Library, 2005].

## NEWSPAPERS

L/H  
Rr973.7097  
C582c  
Microfilm  
*Civil War Local Newspaper Index*. Rochester, N.Y.: MP Services, 1992.

*The Industrial School Advocate and Soldiers' Aid*, Volume I. Rochester, N.Y.: Ladies' Hospital Relief Association of Rochester, New York, 1865. Available online:

[http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/serials/industrial\\_school\\_advocate/vol.1.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/serials/industrial_school_advocate/vol.1.pdf)

## PATHFINDERS

Many regimental histories have been digitized and are available online. Go to the Many Roads to Freedom: Abolitionism and the Civil War in Rochester pathfinder at <http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/roads/home.htm> and click on "Regimental histories and official records."

## PERIODICALS

L/H-DIV  
*Civil War Searcher*. Dayton, Ohio, James Pierce.

L/H-DIV  
*Genealogical Helper*. Logan, Utah: Walter M. Everton, Editor and Publisher, 1947-1991.

HIS  
*New York State and the Civil War*. [Albany, N.Y.: New York Civil War Centennial Commission, 1961-1963].

*Rochester History's* index lists too many mentions of the Civil War to list here. You may either search the indexes in the Local History Division, or go to <http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexc.htm#gbC> and look for "Civil War." To access the issues online, click on the link next to the desired subject.

You may also check the indexes for *The Rochester Historical Society Publication Fund* series located in the public area of the Local History Division.

## PORTRAITS

RPF2 – Civil War

RPFOV – Civil War

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There are also many photographs on the Rochester Images Web page. From the main page at <http://www3.libraryweb.org/lh.aspx?id=927>, enter “Civil War” in the search box and click on “Search.”

## SCRAPBOOKS

- L/H-SS  
Rqr974.789  
B812s  
Bradstreet, N. C. (Nehemiah C.) *Scrap book*. 1841-1906. Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, correspondence and certificates relating to the life of N.C. Bradstreet, Mayor of Rochester, N.Y. from 1863-1865. Includes articles on local politics and Civil War.
- L/H-SS  
Rrq973.7  
D221s  
Darling, Betsy. *Scrapbook*. [1846?-191-?].
- L/H-SS  
Rr973.7447  
F232r  
Microfilm  
Farley, Porter. *Reminiscences of the 140th Regiment, New York State Volunteer Infantry*. 1878-1879.  
Also L/H-ST Rqr973.7447 F232r
- L/H-SS  
Rrq973.741  
H314k  
Harris, George H. *Killed & Wounded of Battles of the Army of the Potomac*. 1864.
- L/H-SS  
Rqr973.7447  
S433s  
*Scrapbook of Clippings Relating to the Draft in the Civil War, Rochester, N.Y.*
- L/H-SS  
Rqr369.151  
G751r  
*Rochester Civil War Veterans: Roster and Scrapbook*. Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of New York and Auxiliaries. [New York : The Dept., 1948].

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

Check the library's online catalog for Civil War resources. While the Local History & Genealogy Division's original card catalog is available, searchers should keep in mind that no new cards have been filed since 1993. In addition, card catalogs or online catalogs contain information describing every *cataloged* item in the library.

Subject headings to try when searching:

United States – History – Civil War

New York (State) – History – Civil War

United States – History – Regimental histories – Civil War, 1861-1865

New York (State) – History – Regimental histories – Civil War, 1861-1865

Soldiers – New York (State) – Genealogy

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

New York (State) – History – Civil War – Registers

United States – History – Participation, African American – Civil War, 1861-1865

New York (State) – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Periodicals