

FINDING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

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Timeline of Civil War

- 11/6/1860 Abraham Lincoln elected president
- 12/20/60 South Carolina seceded from Union
- 02/1861 Confederate States of America (CSA) formed
- 3/4/1861 Lincoln inaugurated as president of United States of America
- 4/12/1861 Confederates bombarded Ft. Sumter at Charleston, South Carolina

States That Seceded from Union

- South Carolina, Mississippi,
- Florida, Alabama, Georgia,
- Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas,
- Tennessee, North Carolina,
- Virginia

Other States

- ❑ Some states included Union and Confederate military forces

Battles of the Civil War

- 7/21/1861 Bull Run at Manassas, Virginia
- 4/6/1862 Shiloh (Tennessee)
- 9/6/1862 Antietam (Maryland)
- 7/1/1863 Gettysburg (Pennsylvania)
- 5/5/1864 Battle of the Wilderness (Virginia)
- 11/15/1864 Sherman's March to the Sea
- 5/12/1865 Last engagement of war, Palmita Beach, Texas

Other National Events

- 1/1/1863 Emancipation Proclamation
- 11/8/1864 Abraham Lincoln re-elected President of United States of America
- 4/9/1865 Lee surrendered to Grant
- 4/14/1865 Lincoln shot
- 4/15/1865 Lincoln died
- 4/26/1865 Johnston surrendered to Sherman
- 5/12/1865 Last engagement of war, Palmita Beach, Texas

Statistics of the War

- ❑ 4 million men (and women) fought both for the United States of America and for the Confederate States of America
- ❑ Over 1 million died in battle or from disease

What you need to know

- ❑ First and last names. Knowing middle initial or name helps.
- ❑ State of residence in 1860.
- ❑ Date of death, more important than date of birth.
- ❑ (May have been born between 1805 and 1850).
- ❑ Wife's first name.

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ National Park Service
- ❑ Civil War Soldiers & Sailors (CWSS) System
- ❑ <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>
- ❑ Database of 6.3 million names, both Union and Confederate
- ❑ Derived from General Index Cards
- ❑ Names copied from muster rolls

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Civil War Soldiers & Sailors (CWSS) database
- ❑ To search, enter any combination of
- ❑ Last name
- ❑ First name
- ❑ Side (Union or Confederate)
- ❑ State of enlistment
- ❑ Unit number or function (i.e. infantry)

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ CWSS
- ❑ When you've found the name
- ❑ Click on name to see basic information from General Index card.
- ❑ Name, company, rank, NARA microfilm location.
- ❑ Use information to search compiled military service record (CMSR)

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ National Archives & Records Administration
- ❑ (NARA)
- ❑ <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>

- ❑ Go to Research Our Records > Military Records > Genealogy Research in Military Records
- ❑ Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR) can be ordered online or by mail
- ❑ Requires war, name, regiment or state, any other information available

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ NARA
- ❑ Union widows' pension files
- ❑ Widows had to supply evidence of marriage.
- ❑ Applicants on behalf of children had to prove their birth and the soldier's marriage.
- ❑ In order by place/state, then veteran's or widow's name.
- ❑ Request all documents in file.

Sources of Genealogy Information

- NARA
- Family History Library in Salt Lake City has many NARA microfilms. Some may be at the local Family History Center, 1711 6th St. West
- Records may be digitized and available on familysearch.org catalogue

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Federal Census Records
- ❑ <http://www.billingslibrary.org/>
- ❑ Available on Billings Public Library website
- ❑ Services > Genealogy Room > Heritage Quest Online
- ❑ Enter library card number
- ❑ U. S. Census Records

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Federal Census
- ❑ 1890 Supplemental Schedule for Union Veterans or widows of Union Veterans
- ❑ Find at
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1877095>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Federal Census
- ❑ 1910, column 30, Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate army or navy
- ❑ UA = Union Army
- ❑ 1930, columns 30 & 31, VETERANS
- ❑ Yes or No, what war or expedition

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Some post-war state censuses also identify Union veterans
- ❑ 1865 New York
- ❑ <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1491284>
- ❑ 1885 Wisconsin
<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/search.asp?id=1539>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Organizations
- ❑ Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)
- ❑ <http://www.garrecords.org/>
- ❑ Library of Congress (loc.gov) also has information on GAR and other societies
- ❑ Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States ; Daughters/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- ❑ <http://www.suvcw.org/>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Military Graves
- ❑ Government Cemeteries
- ❑ <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>
- ❑ National Cemeteries under National Park Service
- ❑ <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-cemeteries.htm>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Cemeteries
- ❑ “Roll of Honor” - index of Union soldiers and burial locations
- ❑ <http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000832751>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Battlefields
- ❑ Often have rosters of units or participants.
- ❑ <http://www.civilwar.org/>
- ❑ Books available at Billings Public Library
- ❑ 973.7 CIVIL “Civil War Sites”
- ❑ Descriptions of battlefields

Sources of Genealogy Information

- The “Official Record” or “OR”
- Once you know the battle, you can search the “OR” or Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 128 volumes located in the Genealogy Library at Billings Public Library

<http://digital.library.cornell.edu//m/moawar/waro.html>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- Family Search .org <https://familysearch.org/>
- Click Search > Records
- Name - USA - state
- life event “Any”- dates 1861-1865
- Or select collections , United State, military, 1850-1899

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Cyndi's List
- ❑ <http://www.cyndislist.com/us/civil-war/>
- ❑ Links to genealogy websites by topic

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ State Office of Adjutant General
- ❑ Or state archives or state libraries
- ❑ Tennessee
- ❑ <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/NewSite/Collections/Military/CivilWar.htm>

Sources of Genealogy Information

- PAY SITES
- Ancestry <http://home.ancestry.com/>
- Draft registrations
- Pension index

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- ❑ PAY SITES
- ❑ Fold3 <http://www.fold3.com/>
- ❑ Service records
- ❑ Widows' pensions
- ❑ Southern claims
- ❑ Union citizens files
- ❑ Confederate amnesties
- ❑ Casualty reports

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ PAY SITES
- ❑ American Civil War Research Database
- ❑ \$25 per year
- ❑ <http://civilwardata.com/>

- ❑ It has a “genealogy” demonstration
- ❑ Can subscribe for 7 days for \$10

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Offline Resources (as of 2011)
- ❑ Union Pension Files – request from NARA
- ❑ Confederate Pension Files – on microfilm at Family History Library
- ❑ Compiled Military Service Records – request from NARA
- ❑ Union Draft Records – at NARA

Sources of Genealogy Information

- ❑ Confederate Pension Records
- ❑ Pensions were issued by the states

The Kampf/Kemph Family

- ❑ Ulrich “William” Kemph
- ❑ Son Charles H. Kemph
- ❑ Son Frederick Kemph
- ❑ All served in Company F 39th Illinois infantry
- ❑ Son John Kemph
- ❑ Served in Company M, 1st Artillery Illinois
- ❑ Wife Magdalena “Mary” supposedly served as a cook, nurse, and commissary clerk.

NAME OF SOLDIER:	Kempf, Charles H.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow, Minor,	Kempf, Ada		
SERVICE:	F 39 Ill. Reg.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1887, March 19	Invalid,	602.883	438.218	Kans.
1926, Aug 20	Widow, Minor,	1551.800		Mo.
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:	K			

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- Ulrich “William” Kemph

