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Military Service in the Confederate Army, 1861–1865

During its retreat from Richmond, the Confederate Army and government destroyed many records; therefore the files may appear to be incomplete. The National Archives holds records of service in the Confederate Army, but not pensions issued by the states for Confederate service. For information about Confederate pensions, see the following reference report: *Pensions for Service in the Army of the Confederate States of America*.

Indexes

When beginning your search for a Confederate soldier start with one of the indexes listed below. The index will provide you with the unit in which the soldier served.

___M253, *Consolidated Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers*. 535 rolls. DP. Alphabetical by surname. This consolidated, or master, index contains the names of Confederate soldiers from all the states. Each card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, the unit in which he served, and often a statement concerning the origin or background of that unit. There are cross-reference cards for soldiers' names that appear under more than one spelling.

The indexes in the chart below are arranged alphabetically by surname.

| STATE | INDEX | STATE | INDEX |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Alabama | M374 | Mississippi | M232 |
| Arizona Territory | M375 | Missouri | M380 |
| Arkansas | M376 | North Carolina | M320 |
| Florida | M225 | South Carolina | M381 |
| Georgia | M226 | Tennessee | M231 |
| Kentucky | M377 | Texas | M227 |
| Louisiana | M378 | Virginia | M382 |
| Maryland | M379 | | |

___M818, *Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government and of Confederate General and Staff Officers and Non-Regimental Enlisted Men*. 26 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by soldiers name. This series indexes those Confederate soldiers who served in military organizations raised directly by the Confederate Government and those who served above the regimental level. See M258, described below, for the compiled military service records.

A free online index for both Union and Confederate soldiers can be found on the National Park Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System website. It can be accessed at:
www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/

Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs)

The Department of War used numerous sources, such as muster rolls, descriptive rolls, and pay rolls to create compiled military service records. These records generally show when a soldier joined a unit and if he was present when the unit was mustered. The CMSRs in the chart below are arranged by regiment, battalion, or independent company and then alphabetically by surname.

| STATE | CMSR | STATE | CMSR |
|-------------------|------|----------------|------|
| Alabama | M311 | Mississippi | M269 |
| Arizona Territory | M318 | Missouri | M322 |
| Arkansas | M317 | North Carolina | M270 |
| Florida | M251 | South Carolina | M267 |
| Georgia | M266 | Tennessee | M268 |
| Kentucky | M319 | Texas | M323 |
| Louisiana | M320 | Virginia | M324 |
| Maryland | M321 | | |

___M258, *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government*. 123 rolls. DP. Arranged by unit and then alphabetically by soldiers' surnames. This series reproduces the compiled military service records of Confederate soldiers who served in military organizations raised directly or otherwise formed by the Confederate Government, and therefore are not identified with any one state. See M818, described above, for an index to these records.

___M331, *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Generals and Staff Officers, and Non-Regimental Enlisted Men*. 275 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by surname. This series reproduces the compiled service records of Confederate officers and enlisted men who did not belong to any particular unit. See M818, described above, for an index to these records.

Galvanized Yankees

Confederate soldiers who transfer their allegiance to the Federal government were called Galvanized Yankees. For information on a Galvanized Yankee's service, see the following reference report: *Military Service in the U.S. Volunteer Infantry, "Galvanized Yankees," 1864-1866*.

Other Records

___M347, *Unfiled Papers and slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records*. 442 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by surname with cross-references to spelling variations. This series comprises papers relating to Confederate military personnel and civilians accumulated by the War Department. The War Department did not interfile the records relating to military personnel with the compiled military service records.

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