

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Civil War Pensions

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title. City: Publisher, Year.</i>
Woodruff, J.L.D.	<i>Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: A Guide to Understanding Civil War Pension Files and Legislation.</i> El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie, 2026.

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Glasson, William Henry	<i>Federal Military Pensions in the United States.</i> New York: Oxford University Press, 1918.
Glasson, William Henry	<i>History of Military Pension Legislation in the United States.</i> New York: Columbia University Press, 1900.
Gorman, Kathleen	“Confederate Pensions as Southern Social Welfare,” in Elna C. Greene, <i>Before the New Deal: Social Welfare in the South, 1830-1930.</i> Athens GA: University of Georgia Press, 1999.
Logue, Larry M. and Blanck, Peter	<i>Race, Ethnicity, and the Treatment of Disability in Post-Civil War America.</i> Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
Skocpol, Theda	<i>Protecting Soldiers and Mothers.</i> Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press Of Harvard University Press, 1992.

Shaffer, Donald	<i>After the Glory: The Struggles of Black Civil War Veterans</i> . Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 2004.
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Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Center for Population Economics	The Center for Population Economics publishes demographic data on Union Army and US Colored Troops. Its website is http://www.cpe.uchicago.edu/ 5807 S. Woodlawn Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60637 Tel: (773) 702-7709

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/history/brief-history3.html	Social Security On Line provides an historical background to the development of social security in the United States, including the Civil War period.
http://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/civil-war-genealogy-resources/#pension	National Archives pension files include information submitted by individuals in support of union veterans, widows and dependents claims for pensions.
http://www.usgwarchives.net/pensions/civilwar/index.htm	The USGenWeb Archives Pension Project is an endeavor to provide actual transcriptions of Pension related materials for all Wars prior to 1900.
http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/pension.php	Georgia Archives contains applications, supporting documentation, and correspondence for indigent or maimed Confederate veterans or indigent widows of Confederate soldiers. Similar archival data is available for other former Confederate States.

Other Sources

Scholars

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