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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

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As I write this message, I am reminded of our mentor and original President- Richard L. Herrick. Richard was determined to revise the 1846 and 1885 editions of the Herrick Genealogical Register (HGR) and he did it! It took him 12 years and many collaborations with many people to get the job done. I was one of the people that helped to review and edit, and it turned out to be my greatest honor to work on it. It was published in 2012 and had 4 volumes.

Shortly after that Richard's health began to decline and our first Vice President- Ken Herrick stepped to and completed an addendum to that 2012 register. The HGR3 was republished in 2016 with the corrections and additions with Ken's help. These additions made this edition 5 volumes. Once again, I was proud he asked me to be one of the reviewers of that project. Ken helped to put these 5 volumes onto a flash drive that I have sent out to many people since 2016.

When I became President, I took over the job of answering genealogy questions as Richard did and began accepting corrections and additions as Ken did. Through all these years- 25 in all, we have met most of our goals, visions and most of all, we have helped many learn about their Herrick family history. At the same time, we have slowly investigated the rest of our Herrick family history- for instance, we learned in 2009 that we have Viking DNA. At that time, we were working with the University of Leicester and the Leicester Cathedral. Since then, we have kept those relationships going. We have also tried to delve into that Viking line- even in 2022 going to England to learn more about the Vikings with tours, and speakers.

We now have an opportunity to move on to another project, as you will learn about later. I am extremely excited to be moving onto another project and will try to keep the members apprised of all future endeavors.

As we look into the future, we hope to have our next HFA meeting in 2027, possibly in Salt Lake. Here there are many opportunities to learn more about your family history- not just Herrick ancestry and learn more about research in general. If you are interested in helping with the planning- please let me know at yoeda@comcast.net.

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Membership report

Jim Hilton, HFA #168

Membership Chair

Following is the report of the membership of the Herrick Family Association as of March 2026.

244 people have joined since our beginning in 2001. As of this report we have 162 active members including 3 new members who joined in 2025. Welcome! The others have previously passed away, resigned, or we have lost touch and have been unsuccessful in contacting them. Please continue to update me with any information that will help us keep in touch.

We are honored to have had ten life members since we were founded. We are grateful for their devotion to the organization. They are:

HFA 001 - Richard Leon Herrick (deceased)

HFA 003 - Alice Reynolds

HFA 020 - Stephen Herrick

HFA 062 - Dale Yoe

HFA 078 - Susan Fogg Eisdorfer

HFA 100 - Curtiss Herrick, Jr.

HFA 169 - Merrill Herrick

HFA 174 - Mary Joy Stead

HFA 184 - Stephen W. Rollins

HFA 197 - Caitilin Embree

Any member 50 years of age and over can become a life member for a one-time contribution of \$400.

Dues notices were sent out last month for those who haven't yet paid their 2026 dues. Thank you to those members who keep up to date on their membership. Again, we are more interested in your participation than in your money, but your dues help support all the efforts to fulfill the mission of the Herrick Family Association including our membership meetings. Our last one was in October 2025 in Philadelphia. It was highlighted in the last HFA newsletter in December.

Happy researching! And as Mark Twain suggested: "Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

Jim Hilton, Membership Chair

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Developments at the Leicester Cathedral and an Invitation

By Alice Reynolds HFA #003

On Jan. 21, 2026, Curt Herrick, DNA Projects leader for the Herrick Family Association, received a letter from Irene Turlington, our dear guide and friend in Leicester, England. She introduced us to Richard Norman who is the new Chief Operations Officer at the Leicester Cathedral. The Cathedral is in the process of 1) making repairs and improvements to the Cathedral and grounds, 2) maintaining the Herrick Chapel and the Richard III tomb area, 3) establishing a Learning Center, and a major emphasis, 4) participating with the University of Leicester to explore the DNA and family stories of the 1,237 remains that have been exhumed from the graveyard during construction.

There is 850 years of burials in their courtyard – that means since AD 1170 – the late Saxon period to the Victorian Age. They hope to use the DNA to create new vaccines for the future and explore the history of the people living in Leicester during those periods. Perhaps film or media will be created to show the people of Leicester during the medieval period and especially during the time of Richard III. We know the Herricks were in Houghton-on-the-hill and in Leicester during this period. There could be very interesting Herrick connections.

Richard requested a meeting with members of the Herrick Family Association on March 9, 2026 to talk about the Leicester Cathedral Project and ways the HFA might help. An initial team has been formed to meet with Richard and learn more. The team will share what we learn. In the meantime, if you'd like to know more, check the Leicester Cathedral websites:

<https://leicestercathedral.org/project-directors-updates>

<https://leicestercathedral.org/archaeology-discoveries>

<https://leicestercathedral.org-leicester-uncovered>

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Editors note – The links in this article don't work but you can find them online at <https://www.americanancestors.org/>

significant and transformative events in United States history. The conflict was characterized by major battles, such as the battles of Bull Run (Manassas), Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg, with both sides experiencing significant casualties. The Union army, under the leadership of generals including Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman, gradually gained the upper hand, implementing strategies like the Anaconda Plan to blockade Southern ports and control the Mississippi River. The aftermath of the Civil War resulted in over 600,000 deaths and left the nation deeply divided. The Civil War brought about significant changes, including the abolition of slavery through the 13th Amendment, and laid the groundwork for the United States to become a more unified nation.



Washington, D.C. Officers of 3rd Regiment Massachusetts Heavy Artillery [Library of Congress].

Did My Ancestor Serve?

Do you have an ancestor born between the years 1820 and 1847 and living in the United States during the Civil War? There is a strong possibility that this ancestor may have served in either the Union or Confederate forces. To confirm their participation in the war:

1. Search the 1890 Veterans Schedules (part of the and U.S. Federal Census for that year) and the U. S Federal Census for the years 1910 and 1930. These records provide details regarding an individual's veteran status.
2. Examine Civil War Service Records for the U.S. and Confederate armies, the U.S. Navy, and Marine Corps on the [National Parks Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#).
3. Your ancestor may have received a pension for their service. Check pension records to see if they applied and were granted. NOTE: Union veterans received pensions from the federal government and Confederate veterans received pensions from state governments.

Searching for Clues in the United States Federal Census

1890 Veterans Schedule

One of the major resources available for finding information about veterans of the Civil War is the 1890 Veterans Schedules. While much of the 1890 Federal Census has been lost, the Veterans Schedules have survived and provide valuable insight into the lives of veterans who lived into the 1890s.

Each page of the 1890 Veterans Schedule has two parts: a top and bottom. The top section provides a soldier's regiment, enlistment date, separation date, and rank. Use the register number next to the soldier's name to cross reference additional information at the bottom section of the sheet. The bottom half lists any disease or ailment the veteran contracted during his service.



1910 U.S. Census

Column 30 of the 1910 Census Population Schedule asks “Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy.” Veterans in the Union army will be listed as “UA” and navy as “UN,” and Confederate army will be listed as “CA” and navy as “CN.”

1930 U.S. Census

Like the 1910 Census, the 1930 U.S. Federal Census Population Schedule includes two columns for veterans. The two-part question asks, “Whether a veteran of U.S. military or naval forces.” Column 30 asks “Yes or No” and Column 31 asks “What war or expedition?,” The Civil War will be listed as “Civ.”

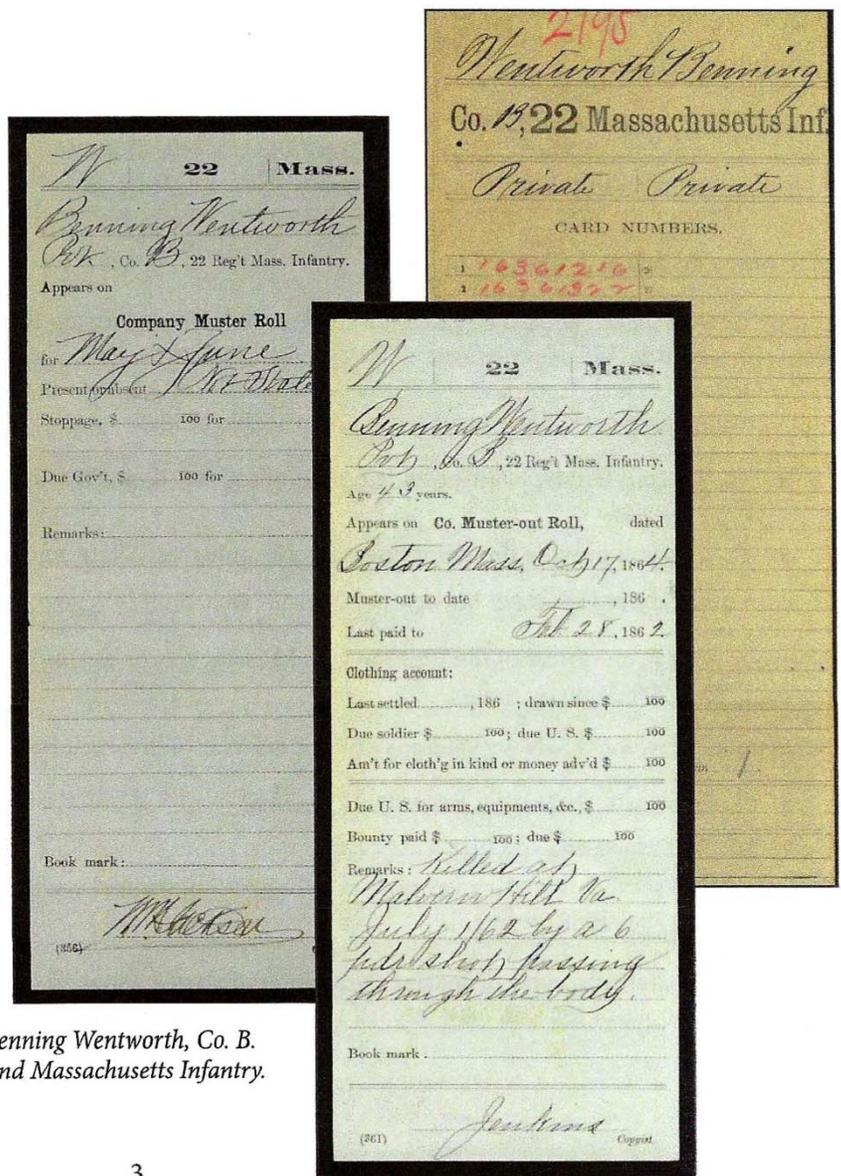
Civil War Service Records

The index to soldiers and sailors of the Union and Confederate armies and navies can be found online from the [National Parks Service’s Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#).

U.S. Army

If your veteran served in a state regiment (not the U.S. Regular Army) begin your search in the Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers. This index was created from muster rolls for the years 1861–1865. These index cards supply the soldier’s name, rank, military unit, and various other details. You may locate more than one enlistment for your veteran as they sometimes re-enlisted in other units. Currently, there is no compilation to cross reference multiple enlistments other than comparing his later pension file.

Some compiled military service records are available on Fold3.com, otherwise you will need to purchase copies of records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, D.C. To order a copy of the record, use the [NATF-86 form](#).



Benning Wentworth, Co. B.
22nd Massachusetts Infantry.



What information do the service records contain?

- Name of soldier
- Rank and any promotions
- Unit the soldier served
- Dates of enlistment
- If in the hospital or prisoner of war
- If killed in action

If your ancestors served in the U.S. Regular Army, consider searching:

- [US, Discharge Certificates and Misc Records of the Regular Army, 1792–1815.](#)
- Did your veteran attend U.S. Military Academy Cadet at Westpoint, New York? You can search them for their [application papers, 1805–1908.](#)
- If your veteran was an officer in the U.S. Regular Army, the [published registers of U.S. Army Officers, 1798–1969](#) will provide you with short biographies of those Union Civil War officers who served.

Confederate Army

Compiled service records of the Confederate soldiers also exist for those who served in organizations raised directly by the Confederate government. These cards from the U.S. War Department Collection of Confederate Records, National Archives Record Group 109, are available online from [Ancestry.com](#).

U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps

If your veteran served aboard a vessel or a shore establishment during the Civil War, consult original records at the National Archives. U.S. Navy Muster and Payrolls, 1798–1939, Record Group 45, are part of the Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library. Most of this collection is available to consult in person at the National Archives on microfilm. Currently these records are not available online.

- Muster rolls will typically provide the sailor's name, their ship or shore establishment they are based at, and service dates.
- Payrolls will provide the sailor's name, rank, enlistment date, and length of enlistment.

To learn more about U.S. Navy Muster and Payrolls visit: [Archives.gov/research/military/navy/muster-rolls](#)

Was your veteran an officer of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during the Civil War? Consult the [U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, 1775–1900 database online.](#)

Other collections for U.S. Navy veterans of the Civil War online include:

- [US, Navy Courts Martial Records, 1799–1867](#)
- [US, Navy Casualty Reports, 1776–1941](#)

If your veteran served onboard a vessel or at a shore establishment with the US, Marine Corps, search U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798–1958, [online.](#)

If your Union Civil War navy or marine corps veteran served aboard a U.S. naval vessel, you may be able to examine the logbook. Logbooks of the U.S. Navy are held at the National Archives and are beginning to be digitized and available [online.](#)

If you do not find a logbook online for your ancestor's vessel, you can send questions to the textual reference staff at the National Archives at: archives1reference@nara.gov.

For further information on U.S. Navy vessels from the 18th to 21st centuries, search for the vessel online at the [Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships](#).

Civil War Pensions

Union Pension Files

Types of Civil War Pensions

There are three types of pension records that were issued for the American Civil War:

- Invalid pensions
- Widow's pensions
- Minor's pensions

Civil War Pension records are available to order from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Each pension has two parts: the Application and the Certificate. When the soldier or widow applied for a pension, they would be issued an application number.

Civil War Pension Indexes

One of the best resources for finding preliminary information about the service of a Civil War veteran are the Civil War pension indexes. They are searchable using two separate indexes:

- **U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934 (T288):** An alphabetical index arranged by soldier's name; searchable on [Ancestry.com](#).
- **US, Civil War Pensions Index, 1861–1900 (T289):** An organizational index by each regiment and company; searchable on [Fold3.com](#).

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Crowd, Alfred</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow, Minor, <i>Britton, Henry H. (son)</i>				
SERVICE: <i>H. 5 Mass. Cav.</i>				
DATE OF FILING: <i>1870 July 9</i>	CLASS: <i>Invalid, Widow</i>	APPLICATION NO. <i>159.015</i>	CERTIFICATE NO. <i>115.324</i>	STATE FROM WHICH FILED: <i>Mass.</i>

DEAD <i>Crowd, Alfred</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. 10, 1 regt Mass. Cav.</i>				
TERM OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted 1 Discharged 1</i>				
DATE OF FILING: <i>1870 July 9</i>	CLASS: <i>Invalid,</i>	APPLICATION NO. <i>159.015</i>	LAW <i>4</i>	CERTIFICATE NO. <i>115.324</i>
<i>1920 Feb. 18</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>1152798</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>890128</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS: <i>He was KIA on Mar 1, 1917, in Canton, Mass.</i>				

Example of a T288 index card.

Example of a T289 index card.

Invalid Pension Records

Veterans who suffered a disability during the war were often called “Invalid Soldiers” on 19th-century records. To receive an invalid pension successfully, a soldier needed to prove:

- Military service
- Service-related disability
- Medical history

Currently, very few invalid pensions have been digitized. They must be ordered from the National Archives and can be several pages long. Depending on the length of the soldier’s life and difficulty in receiving a pension, some pensions are under 25 pages, while others are several hundred!

Widow’s Pension Records

After the death of a Civil War veteran, the soldier’s widow was eligible for a pension if she required government assistance. US, Civil War “Widows’ Pensions”, 1861–1910 are available at the National Archives and partially indexed and searchable online at Fold3.com.

Pension Records for Minor Children

If the veteran and his spouse died and left children under the age of 16, the children’s guardian was eligible to apply for a minor’s pension on behalf of the children. Minor children’s pensions must be ordered from the National Archives.

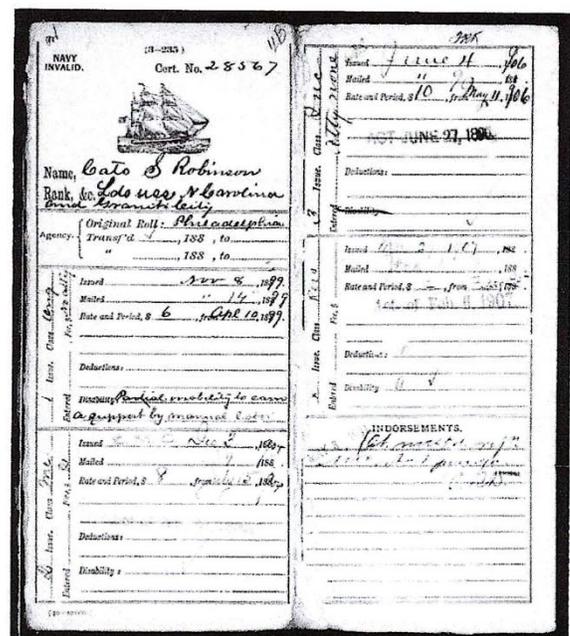
How to Order a Full Pension Record

All Civil War pension files for those who served in the Union army are held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. You can either view them in person at the Archives or order them from the [website of the National Archives](http://www.archives.gov).

United States Navy Pensions

All images for U.S. Navy pensions are available online at Fold3.com in three separate collections. Note: Pensions for U.S. Marine Corps veterans who at the time of the Civil War were attached to the U.S. Navy are also included.

- [US, Navy Survivors’ Certificates, 1861–1910](#)
- [US, Navy Widows’ Certificates, 1861–1910](#)
- [US, Navy Widows’ Originals \(Disapproved\), 1861–1910](#)



NAVY INVALID. (18-2215) 110
Cort. No. 28567

Name: *Cato S. Robinson*
Rank: *Soldier, 1st Battalion*
Agency: *Original Roll: Philadelphia*

Issued: *Nov 5, 1899*
Mailed: *14, 1899*
Rate and Period, \$ *6* *April 1899*

INDORSEMENTS:
See original for details

U.S. Navy pension case file wrapper.



Confederate Pension Records

Confederate veterans were eligible to apply for a pension from the state in which they resided, even if they served in a unit from a different state. Many of the Confederate pension records are available online. Some other related records for Confederate service and pensions can be [accessed online](#).

State	Link to Index Cards
Alabama	Ancestry.com/search/collections/1593
Arkansas	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1837922
Florida	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1913411
Georgia	Vault.Georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/TestApps
Kentucky	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1916017
Louisiana	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1838535
Mississippi	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1936413
Missouri	S1.Sos.Mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/soldiers/
North Carolina	FamilySearch.org/search/collection/1911763
Oklahoma	DigitalPrairie.ok.gov/digital/collection/pensions
South Carolina	Scdah.sc.gov/research-and-genealogy/online-research/digital-collections
Tennessee	Sos.Tn.gov/tsla/guides/tennessee-confederate-pension-applications-soldiers-widows
Texas	Tsl.Texas.gov/arc/pensions/introcpi.html
Virginia	Lva-Virginia.Libguides.com/confederate-pensions

Suggested Reading

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- George K. Schweitzer, *Civil War Genealogy: A Basic Research Guide for Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors, with Detailed Sources* (Knoxville, TN: G.K. Schweitzer, 1984).
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Message from the Editor:

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062, Alice Herrick Reynolds, HFA #003, and Jim Hilton, HFA #168, for contributing to this newsletter.

I'd like to remind everyone that I'm happy to accept articles and stories for the next newsletter at any time.