

The American Civil War Research Database

The American Civil War Research Database[®] is the definitive online resource for researching the individuals, regiments, and battles of the American Civil War. It contains up to twelve combinable fields for searching more than 4.3 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with more than 16,000 photographs. It contains all known American Civil War regimental rosters—more than 4,600; 3,461 regimental chronicles; and 1,010 officer profiles. Hundreds of individuals have contributed more than 100,000 hours to its creation.

Two hundred twenty-two volumes of the state rosters published by the Adjutants General for each state involved in the War form the basis of the collection. Included are the military records for each member of that state's forces; the Official Records; pension index records; 1860 census records; GAR records; Roll of Honor records; Medal of Honor records; and regimental histories. Volunteers have submitted information located in personal items, copied from graveyards, and culled from newspaper reports. The resulting database contains a wealth of information unavailable until now, in a format for exploring and manipulating the data in new ways.

How complete is the database?

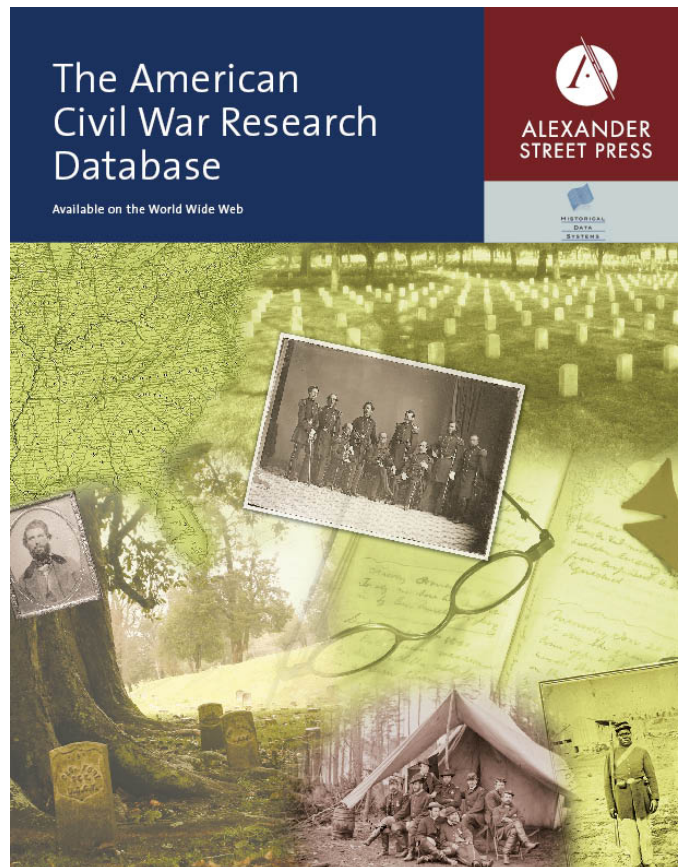
The American Civil War Research Database[®] includes a record for virtually every soldier in the war. For the more famous individuals, there are several pages of narrative and multiple photographs. Some data, not collected by the rosters themselves, have been assembled from other sources, providing at least basic information on every soldier. There are descriptions of thousands of battles, with detailed multi-page battle orders and reports for significant battles such as Gettysburg, Shiloh, and Antietam.

The file is refreshed bimonthly—approximately 35,000 records are updated every year, including some 600 new photographs and 500 corrections. Within the next 12 months *Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War* and records from *Confederate Veteran* magazine will be added.

How can the file be used?

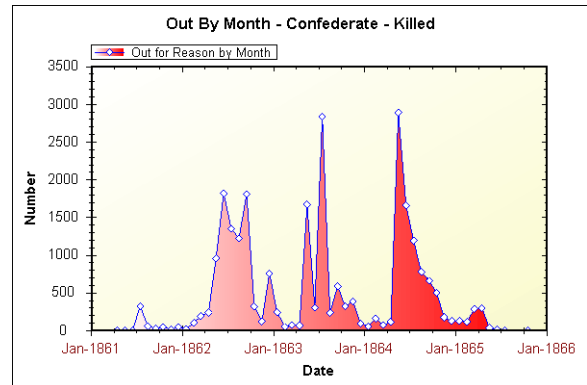
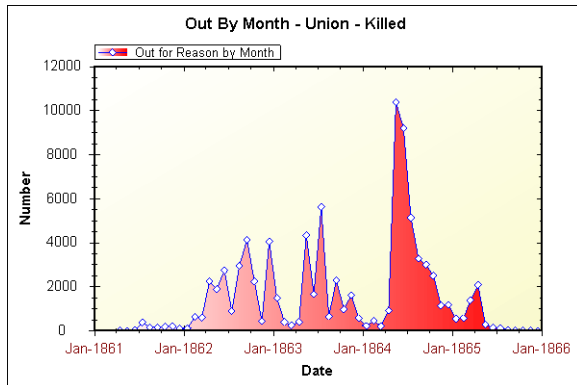
Examine the military record for each soldier. Trace the war effort, using critical statistics including average age, method of entry into and exit out of the military, war engagements, and associated loss and prisoner statistics. Search the entire database by person, regiment, state, town, and battle.

Go below the big picture to analyze the details of specific regiments—where they saw combat, their casualty statistics, and the effects of disease. Use census information to decipher the impact on a particular soldier's home town. Cross-reference variables in new ways.



Analytical tools

A distinctive feature of *The American Civil War Research Database*[®] is the ability to identify a large-scale trend and then focus down to the regiment or individual soldier. For example, after locating the number killed per month, from both the Union and Confederate sides, you can then see exactly who was killed, the soldier's background, and his cause of death.

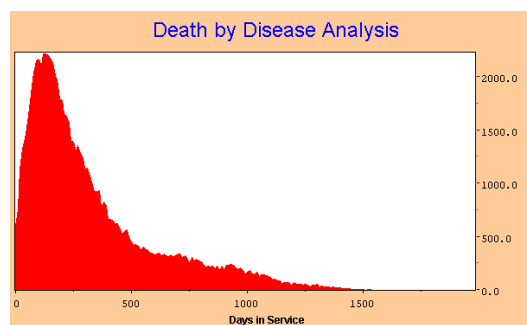


Uncover new areas of research by highlighting regiments whose experiences were unusual and haven't been included in traditional historical writings. What is the story behind the soldiers who enlisted at the age of 14? Which regiments had the highest desertion rates, and what accounts for the desertions?

Among the many other tools are:

- *Regimental Assignment Chart* showing, by time period, the regiment's command assignments;
- *Regimental Casualty Chart* listing, by date and place, each documented regimental engagement and those killed, wounded, taken prisoner, or missing;
- *Regimental Roster*;
- *Regimental History*.

Dozens of charts and graphs give an immediate visual understanding of complex data. During a soldier's first five or six months of service, he was especially vulnerable to dying by disease. What was happening and why? Which regiments suffered the most? Users of the database can explore, for example, the *Regimental Casualty Analysis* and the *Regimental Assignment* charts for clues.



Historical Data Systems, Inc., a Massachusetts-based company whose focus is the American Civil War, created the database. Alexander Street is pleased to present the library version of *The American Civil War Research Database*[®]. For more information, and to learn about other titles in Alexander Street's *The American Civil War Online* series, go to <http://alexanderstreet.com>.

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