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Next VCGS Meeting will be Thursday April 15, 2010 at 6pm

Ari S. Morse an expert in on investigative techniques for locating missing and unknown heirs to estates and missing persons. Court approved expert in genealogical research matters as it pertains to missing, unknown and additional heirs to estates including missing person matters.

Cherie Brumfield spoke on "Finding Your Elusive Civil War Ancestor." detailing where to go and how to find the ancestor noting that an individual sometimes served on both sides. One source for finding a Southern ancestor is "The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865" edited by Janet B. Hewett who also edited "The Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865." Both books are available in the genealogy section of the Orlando Public Library. Another useful source is Robert E.L. Krick's "Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia" which has capsule biographies of 2300 of General Lee's staff officers and appendices for another 3000 staff officers.

Noting that Union records are not as easily accessible, information about the Regular Army can be found at <http://www.usregulars.com/armyhome.html>

Two other websites, both fairly comprehensive and helpful are: The National Park Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Program at www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/soldiers.cfm and the American Civil War Research Database (a subscription database) at <http://civilwardata.com/active/index.html>. The latter has a cost of \$25 for an annual subscriber with all data being available and \$10 for a visitor pass member which accesses soldier's military data only. Prison records will show where the person was captured and what prison he was sent to. She indicated that pension records are the last place to search.

Some Civil War records are available at both Footnote.com and ancestry.com. Footnote.com charges \$69.95 a year or \$11.95 a month. Ms. Brumfield recommended checking out what records they have and then taking a one month subscription. A question and answer period followed the talk.

Thanks to Cherie Brumfield for providing her handout pg.7-13 this NL.

VCS Society Calendar

Thursday April 15 5pm Board meeting
6pm Program **Ari S. Morse** an expert in on investigative techniques for locating missing and unknown heirs to estates and missing persons.

Thursday May 20 5pm Board meeting
6pm Program TBA

Thursday June 17 5pm Board meeting
6pm Program Summer Social Please bring food.

\$\$ Treasurer Report \$\$

Feb balance \$1002.43
Receipts \$40.00 dues
Disbursements \$60.00

Balance April \$982.42

Ruth's Membership Corner

It was so nice to have new people join us for our program in March, as well as, our members. What a wonderful size audience for our speaker!

Welcome New Members

Donald and Nancy Wills
5625 Finley Dr.
Port Orange FL, 32127
(386) 767-7643 dwills3@cfl.rr.com

Researching :

Morse Lowe, Will in MA., N.B. CA., and Scotland
Thomas, Williams in Wales
Eleaser, Williams in VT and England.

And welcome returning member:

Susan Norton
1408 Portobello Dr.
Port Orange, FL 32127
386-214-5897 ladygator122@aol.com

Researching:

MAGNUSON and ROOS, in Michigan.

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library Apr 8, 1:30pm Mary Fears – a Story Teller, Civil War Re-enactor.

R&B DeLand Library, April 18, 2pm MarLa Levy, Community Coordinator, City of Deland

GSSVC NSB Library, Apr 12, 5pm Paul Encheimayer “Google’s Goodies for Genealogists”.

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - April 22, 5:30pm Jim Allen, well-known tour guide of Flagler County History

DAR Descendants Database

Go to DAR Homepage <http://www.dar.org/>

Click on [Genealogy](#) to go to Library page.

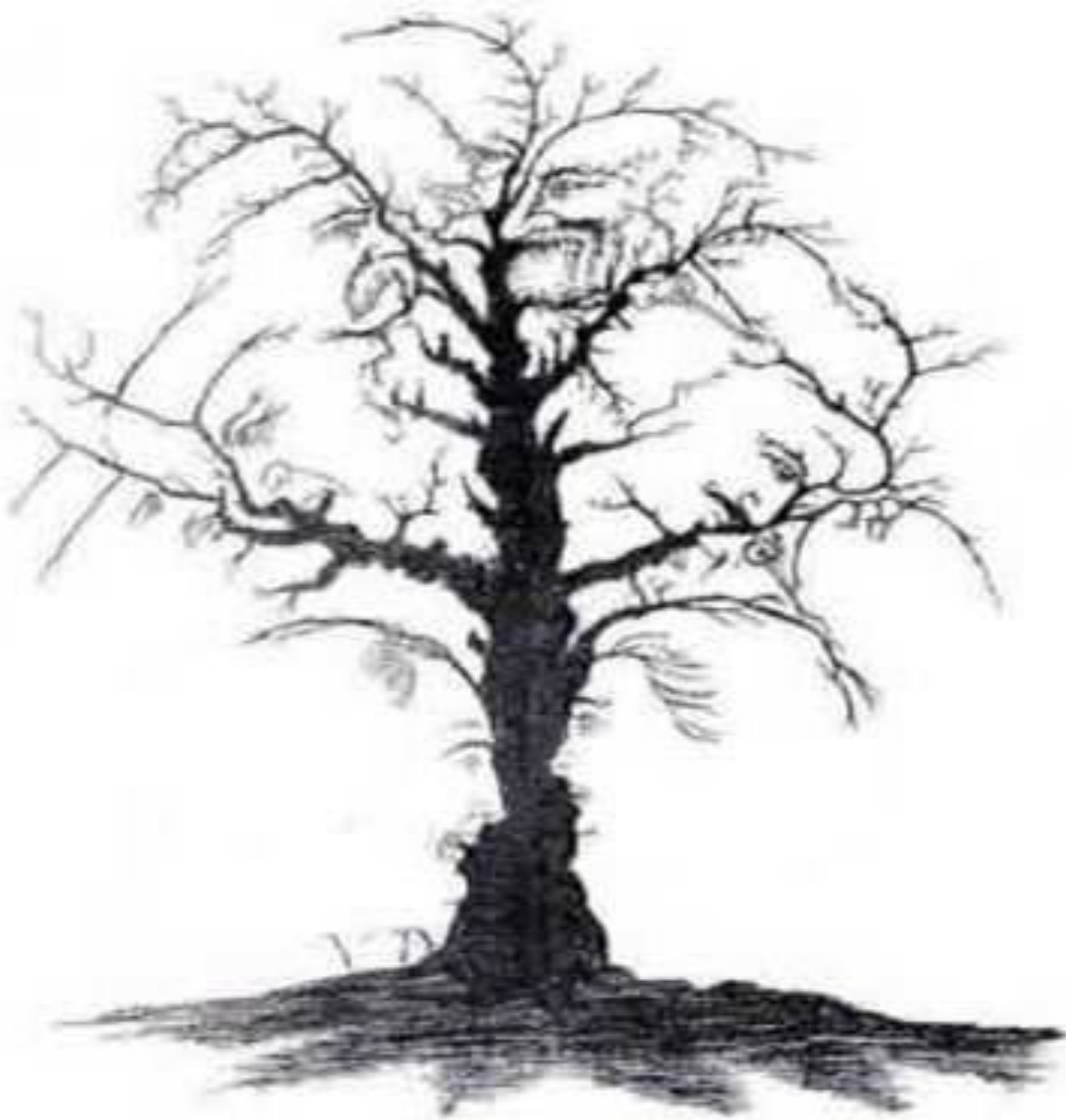
Click on [“Online Research”](#) in left menu

Click on [“Click Image to Open GRS”](#)

Fill in your search criteria. If your ancestor was listed Patriot you will be able to click on DAR Member Application and Ancestor notes. Including corrections that may have been made to the original applications. Very good of the DAR to make this database available to the public.

Find Your Family Military Heroes.

Military records can be some of the most detailed and helpful historical records, telling you everything from service affiliations to physical descriptions — even the hometowns of immigrant ancestors who served in the military. Ancestry.com has millions of [U.S. Military records](#) in a massive collection that spans from before the [Revolutionary War](#), all the way up to [World War II](#) and [other conflicts](#) in recent history.



Family Tree

There are ten faces in the Family tree. Can you find them?

Zoom this view larger if you need to.



Volusia Gen Web Project - Part of the Florida and US Gen Web Projects

<http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/>

Volusia - Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies Newsletter with monthly Gen Society, DAR and SAR meeting announcements on line at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvfcgs/>

Volusia County Genealogical Society has a great loss in the passing of member and active Society Director, Carroll Joseph Ochs. Condolences to Barbara and the rest of her family. The VCGS Board voted to purchase a Genealogical or History book of Carroll's interest, to be placed in the Genealogy Room at City Island in memory of Carroll.



Obituary: Death date: March 13, 2010
Memorial service for Carroll Joseph Ochs, 83, Port Orange FL who died Saturday, March 13, 2010 will be 2:00 PM Saturday, March 20 at St Mary's Episcopal Church Daytona Beach with The Reverend James Taylor officiating.

Carroll was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and came to this area in 1990. He served our nation in the United States Army. He retired as a Nuclear Quality Control Specialist with General Dynamics Corporation Electric Boat Division. He held memberships in St Mary's Episcopal Church Daytona Beach, Veteran's and Business Men's Club, Daytona and Ormond Chapter SAR, Volusia County Genealogy Society. His avid interests included reading, genealogy and history.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Barbara, son David (Fay) of Madison, WI, brothers and sisters Clarence Ochs of Oakfield, WI, Peter Ochs of Eldorado, WI, Evelyn Janis of Daytona Beach, Kay Ochs Franke of Port Orange FL, stepchildren David Vanthoff, Deborah Salimi, Daniel Vanthoff, three grandchildren Rebecca, Ira, Ellyn and step grandchildren Sean, Cory, Kevin and Kelly.

Memorials:

Memorial donations are requested to St Mary's Episcopal Church 216 Orange Avenue Daytona Beach FL 32114 or Halifax Hospice of Volusia 3800 Woodbriar Trail Port Orange FL 32119.

Newly Indexed Books Gen Room City Island March 2010

FL	973.04BLA	The Black Experience	FLDOS
FL	975.923FRA	Early Days of Seminole Co. FL.	Arthur E. Francke Jr.
FL	B-Osceola	Osceola	John. M Goggin
MIL	973.73UNI	Military Operations of Civil War	Dallas Irvine
PA	974.8RUS	Pennsylvania's Boundaries	William Russ Jr.
Quart		Huxford Genealogy Magazine No.1 March 2010 Homerville GA	Huxford
Rare NC	975.603NC	State Records of NC	Walter Clark
Rare NJ	974.95SHE	Historic Morristown NJ - Story of First Century	Andrew M Sherman
SC	975.7WIL	Williamsburg Co. Confederate Enlistment Records 1862-1864	
TN	976.6NC	N.C. Land Grants in Tenn. 1778-1791	Burgner
VA	975.7GEO	Georgetown Co. SC Tombstone Inscriptions	GCHS

Check for books recently indexed into the City Island History and Genealogy Room
online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/newbookscityisland2009.htm>

FINDING ELUSIVE CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS!

You know—or at least are pretty sure—that you have an ancestor that fought in the Civil War. He was the right age, in the right place at the right time—but his name just won't come up on pension lists, and you have no idea what regiment or unit he might have served in.

Or you have identified his regiment but the service files microfilmed by NARA say “absent...on detached service” but don't suggest where you might look for that “detached service”.

And on top of that, there were some area of the country where that ancestor could have fought on either side, or even both sides....

One source for finding your Southern ancestor is *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865* edited by Janet B. Hewett (Broadfoot Publishing Co., Wilmington, NC, 1995). She also edited *The Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865*, and both books are available in the genealogy section, fourth floor, of the Orlando Public Library.

Another useful source is Robert E. L. Krick's *Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia*. His book has capsule biographies of 2300 of General Lee's staff officers and appendices that give the names of another 3000 Confederate staff officers who did not serve with Lee's army and lists all of the officers on the staff of each of Lee's generals. (Krick was Superintendent of Parks in the Fredericksburg, VA, area for a number of years, covering the battlefield parks in Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, and The Wilderness.)

Some reasons for “Detached Service”:

- Assignment to a staff position
- Special duty
- Hospital duty or Medical Corps
- In the Quartermaster Corps
- In the Commissary or Ordnance Depts.
- In the Paymaster Corps
- Special Units including:
 - The Band
 - Signal Corps
 - Corp of Engineers including
 - Engineers
 - Sappers
 - Miners

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NARA microfilm collection M331, *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Officers and Enlisted Men Who Did Not Belong to Any Particular Regiment, Separate Company or Comparable Unit, or Special Corps*, available at Footnote.com:

275 reels of microfilm

Arranged alphabetically by surname instead of unit or department; includes:

- Generals (Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jackson)
- Surgeons not assigned to regiments
- Some hospital Chaplains
- Aide-de-camps
- Staff Officers
- Officers in unusual categories
- Officers & soldiers assigned to various army departments instead of a regiment

These records contain card abstracts of entries relating to each soldier as found in original muster rolls, returns, rosters, payrolls, appointment books, hospital registers, Union prison registers and rolls, parole rolls, and inspection reports. They may also contain the originals of any papers relating solely to a particular soldier. Browse by military unit, then name of soldier, or use the search box related to this title.

An individual file may contain:

- Name, unit and starting and ending ranks
- Pay receipts
- Orders for promotion or transfer
- Reimbursements for travel expenses
- Receipts of purchases

Note: Some soldiers may have a file with a regular unit AND another with a staff department.

NARA microfilm collection M258, *Compiled Service Records of the Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government*, available at ancestry.com:

Consists of 123 rolls

Records of Confederate soldiers in the Regular Army, raised by the Confederate government

Records of organizations formed by:

- Personnel transfers
- Uniting smaller units

Consolidating units from different states

Reasons for creating these organizations, among others:

- The need to strengthen units due to losses
 - Seeking better tactical control
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These records contain the following:

A jacket-envelope for each soldier listing name, rank, unit or special corps

Card abstracts relating to the soldier from

- Muster rolls
- Returns
- Rosters
- Payrolls (“Stonewall” Jackson earned \$310/month; RELee received the \$310 base pay + \$100 for Commanding the Army and \$54 for 30 years military service/month)
- Hospital registers
- Union prison registers
- Parole lists
- Inspection reports

Originals of any other documents relating to the soldier

Other information that **may** be found is:

- Place of residence
- Physical description
- Military service history (date & place of enrollment, length of term, date of discharge)
- Union records are not as easily accessible. Information about the “Regular Army” can be found at the US Regulars Archive at <http://www.usregulars.com/armyhome.html>, as well as rosters of its enlisted men during the Civil War. This site has:
 - United States Official Register of Regimental Officers (1861)
 - Pre-War Organization of the Army (Table)
 - The Regulars in Frederick H. Dyer’s Compendium of the War of the Rebellion
 - Rufus F. Zogbaum “The Regulars in the Civil War.” The North American Review (1896)
 - Roster of Regular Army Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor
 - Rosters of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Regiments

Although you might have to go through the list regiment by regiment, each roster is alphabetized by last name and included the company, and sometimes, the individual’s rank (The 8th Reg’t of Infantry, however, has no surnames, just first names!)

Very few Union records have as yet been digitized and put on-line due to the cost of the digitizing. Therefore, those groups with the smaller number of images at the National Archives were done first; i.e., there are fewer Confederate records at the Archives than there are Union records. There are some Union records available at Footnote.com but they are mostly the Union records of Confederate soldiers who entered the Union army as a result of parole, or pardon, after being imprisoned by the Union forces; and most of

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those soldiers were sent out West, on Grant's orders, because he felt it would be too hard for those men to fight their own families. The Union Soldier Service Records that are available are for Arkansas, Dakota, Georgia, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah; also former Confederate soldiers who served in the 1st thru 6th regiments of the US Volunteer Infantry, and Colored Troops from the 2nd thru 13th Colored Infantry. What you DO find on-line are basically indexes.

Two other websites for finding Union records for staff and "miscellaneous" soldiers, both fairly comprehensive and helpful are:

The National Park Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Program (CWSSP) www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/soldiers.cfm

Online index to NARA's Compiled Military Service Records

When you open the site, unless you already have a name and, especially a Unit No., click on "Main" or "Info" in the upper left-hand corner. That explains the website in more detail. "Tools" tells you how to order copies of any records you find.

If you don't have a name or unit number, click the tab for "Regiments" and then the down arrow under "Function"

Some prison records are also available: Ft. McHenry for Confederate prisoners, Andersonville for Union prisoners

Copies of the actual records are available from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., by filling out forms NATF 85 and 86; current costs are \$25 for military service files; \$75 for Civil War Pension files up to 100 pages and 65¢ per page over 100.

The American Civil War Research Database, a subscription database: <http://civilwardata.com/active/index.html>

\$25 for Annual Subscriber—all data available

\$10 for Visitor Pass member—soldier's military data only

Search by surname or state

Union records have names of men in:

US Regular Army (mostly officers) in

The Commissary Dept.

The Quartermaster Dept.

Paymaster's Dept.

Adjutant General's Dept.

Ordnance Corps

Medical Dept.

Hospital Chaplains

US Volunteers

US Navy

US Colored Troops

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Civilians also have records. Footnote.com has a digitized version of NARA microfilm M346, *Confederate Papers Relating to Citizen or Business Firms*, which is accessed through "The Confederate Citizens File". Most of the files concern individuals or firms that did business with the Confederacy but there are also files pertaining to:

- Clerks
- Purchasing agents
- Contract Surgeons
- Messengers
- Hospital matrons
- Nurses
- Cooks
- Laundresses
- Many African-Americans who worked in hospitals
- Other civilians who worked for the Confederate Army

Files are arranged alphabetically by surname or business name.

Records for civilians employed by the Union Army can be found at the National Archives but, to date, few of the records have been microfilmed. Claire Prechtel-Klusken wrote an article titled "Wagonmasters Serving the Union During the Civil War" which appeared in *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 85, No. 4 (Dec. 1997): 295-311.; it includes a long list of names of Union wagonmasters, and some useful guidance for locating records for civilian employees in the Archives. While it is difficult to predict *which* other records of the National Archives may contain useful information, a series of records from Record Group [RG] 92, Office of the Quartermaster General, are possibilities. The full article can be found on the National Archives website at www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/union/wagonmasters.html.

A new publication by William Dollarhide, *Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era: Online and Published Military or Civilian Name Lists, 1861-1869, and Post-War Veteran Lists* tells how to locate records and documents detailing the lives of civilians in the 1860s. A thorough list of national and statewide resources is given, as well as national and state name lists, and some of the best Civil War research centers. (Cost is about \$33.)

Prison and Pension Records sometimes can help, especially if the ancestor served in such a way as to leave few army records.

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Prison Records: Records from Civil War prisons were heavily searched by the War Department in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when they were putting together the Compiled Military Service Records of all Civil War Soldiers. These records show:

- When and where captured
- Which prison the soldier was sent to
- Any transfers to other prisons, and dates
- When and where released
- Whether exchanged or paroled

Pension Records:

Pension Index cards have at least the soldier's unit or units on them

Pension Files may have

- Extensive notes on the soldier's service
- Date and place of enlistment
- Where he was stationed
- Type of duty performed
- Notes on wounds, injuries, illness, or being captured

Union pensions are on NARA microfilm T288, *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, with 544 rolls

This microfilm can be viewed at Footnote.com and at ancestry.com

The reels can be borrowed from the Family History Library

Confederate pensions were administered by the southern states

Pension documents are held by various state archives or libraries

A list of Confederate pension sources can be found at the National Archives website www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/confederate/pension.html

Several Southern states have online pension indexes

The following Southern states have digitized documents online

- Alabama
 - Georgia
 - Virginia
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Some Civil War records available at Footnote.com:

- Brady Civil War Photos
- Civil War and Later Veterans Pension Index
- Civil War "Widows' Pensions"
- Confederate Amnesty Papers
- Confederate Citizens File
- Confederate Soldier Service Records
- Union Soldier Service Record
- Navy Survivors' Certificates
- Navy Widows' Certificates
- Southern Claims

Some Civil War records available from ancestry.com

- American Civil War General Officers
 - American Civil War Soldiers
 - Andersonville Prisoners of War
 - Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934
 - Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861-1865
 - Confederate Applications for Presidential Pardons, 1865-1867
 - Confederate Research Sources
 - Confederate Service Records, 1861-1865
 - Confederate States Field Officers
 - Official records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865
 - U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles
 - U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865
 - U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865
 - U.S. Southern Claims Commission Master Index, 1871-1880
 - U.S. Southern Claims Commission, Allowed Claims, 1871-1880
 - U.S. Southern Claims Commission, Disallowed and Barred Claims, 1871-1880
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