

Unusual Sources.....or.....this is some really cool “stuff”

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We need variety in our research. The sources presented and listed below might give you some ideas for new avenues to take when you hit a brick wall. We can't rely on one record, and these might just be the ones that you have been looking for.

PERIODICALS

Using genealogical and historical periodicals can further your research. Nearly 25% of available genealogical research sources are in periodicals. Finding gems such as land records, funeral records, vital records and more, can be a brick wall breaker. Using PERSI . The Periodical Source Index via the Heritage Quest database will often be profitable.

SCHOOL RECORDS

School histories, class lists, report cards, student profiles, photographs are things that can add information to ancestors that previously were just names and dates. Alumni directories can list the year of graduation.

School censuses count the child of school age, and might be arranged in family unites with parents name included. Some simply list the children with their age. Those censuses that were taken in 1890 are valuable to replace the missing 1890 federal population census.

These records might be found at local school boards of education, county clerksoffices, historical societies, local and state archives, in books, or on microfilm from the Family History Library.

Kory L. Meyerink and Johni Cerny. *Research in Business, Employment and Institutional Records*. in: Szucs, Loretto Dennis. *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. Ancestry. Salt Lake City, UT. Revised edition. 1997. pp. 375 . 377.

White, Gifford. *Texas Scholastics, 1854-55*. Austin, TX. G. White. 1981

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

On both sides of the conflict, soldiers were killed and soldiers were maimed. Response to the maimed by governments, federal and state was to provide of artificial limbs to replace those appendages lost during the Civil War. Documents survive in Federal Government document repositories, at state archives and in published sources. Digital images are also available on the internet.

House of Representatives executive document [39th Congress, 1st Session, Ex. Doc. No. 108]. This government document contains a list of Civil War soldiers and artificial limbs furnished to them.

The Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation, effective in 1867 and ending in 1894, to provide artificial limbs and other disability benefits to Virginia veterans of the Civil War. This site includes a searchable database of the applications.

Library of Virginia: Digitized images . Search catalog %confederate disability+

Wegner, Ansley Herring. *Phantom pain : North Carolina's artificial-limbs program for Confederate veterans : including an index to records in the North Carolina State Archives related to artificial limbs for Confederate veterans*. Raleigh [N.C.] : Office of Archives and History, N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources, 2004.

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Confederate artificial limbs list. June 1993 vol. 5 no. 1

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Library of Virginia
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/index.htm>

Photographs:
Amputees: <http://www.69thnewyork.co.uk/Medical.htm>

Google Search
artificial limbs war department document

OTHER CENSUSES

In addition to the federal population schedules, there are other, not so common schedules that were also accumulated in federal census years. Called the Non-population Schedules, these lists of agricultural, manufacturing, mortality, disabled, delinquent, and defective (DDD) individuals add to the picture of our ancestors. Found in larger repositories or available through interlibrary loan, FamilySearch.org or Ancestry.com, these schedules help complete the picture of our ancestors.

In this lecture, the censuses covered include the DDD, the Agricultural Census, and Mortality Schedules at the US Federal Government level, and State Censuses at the State Level.

National Archives description of non-population census
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/nonpopulation/>

Lainhart, Ann S.
State Census Records. Baltimore; Genealogical Publishing Company. 1992

DIGITAL BOOKS

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