

# Richmond Historian's Toolbox – Useful Links and Sources

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## Online Resources

- **USGS National Map**  
<https://apps.nationalmap.gov/3depdem/>  
Web-based terrain and LIDAR imagery
- **Library of Congress Prints and Photographs:**  
<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/>  
Searchable database of hi-resolution photographs and prints. Click on the Civil War section.
- **Library of Congress Maps:**  
<https://www.loc.gov/maps/>  
Enormous collection of historical maps.
- **Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database:**  
<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>  
Searchable database of all soldiers who have a service record in the National Archives.
- **Library of Virginia Digital Resources:**  
[http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using\\_collections.asp](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using_collections.asp)  
Click on "Databases and eBooks" and select by topics. *All that is needed to login is a state driver's license or a LVA library card.* Among many other things, this gets you access to HeritageQuest Online, Proquest Sanborn Maps (1867-1910), fold3 (which includes Compiled Service Records, the 1860 Census, and many other useful things), HarpWeek (fully-indexed version Harper's Weekly, 1857-71912), and the Proquest newspapers database.
- **Chronicling America (Library of Congress):**  
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>  
Invaluable digital collection of 19<sup>th</sup> and early-20<sup>th</sup> Century newspapers. Heavy on smaller towns. Also included is the National Tribune, filled with (Union) soldier recollections
- **Making of America (Cornell University)**  
<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa/browse.html>  
Include the Official Records of both the Armies and Navies, as well as 19<sup>th</sup> Century periodicals and books.  
**Official Records:** [http://collections.library.cornell.edu/moa\\_new/moawar.html](http://collections.library.cornell.edu/moa_new/moawar.html)
- **Official Records Atlas:**  
<https://www.loc.gov/item/03003452/>
- **1860 Slave Schedule, Henrico & Richmond**  
<https://archive.org/details/populationschedu1392unix>
- **Freedmen's Bureau Records (FamilySearch)**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2721171>
- **Mutual Assurance Society Records (LVA)**  
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/mutual.asp> (policies are the third link under "Guides and Indexes")
- **Official Records**

- **Vol. 11: 2 – Seven Days**  
(<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=coo.31924077730152&view=1up&seq=3&skin=2021>)
- **Vol 36:1 - Cold Harbor**  
(<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=coo.31924097311744&view=1up&seq=3&skin=2021>)
- **Vol 42:1 - Fort Harrison**  
(<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=coo.31924077725905&view=1up&seq=3&skin=2021>)
- **Harper's Weekly (Archive.org)**  
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=harpersweekly>
- **Confederate Veteran Magazine (Internet Archive)**  
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=confedvet>  
Invaluable soldier reminiscences.
- **Southern Historical Society Papers**  
[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Southern\\_Historical\\_Society\\_Papers](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Southern_Historical_Society_Papers)

## Rosters and Unit Information

All Confederate and SOME U. S. compiled service records available on fold3.com (paid site)

- **Connecticut** (Connecticut Adjutant General's Office, 1889)  
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.d0000140178&seq=15>
- **Massachusetts**  
Vol. 1 (1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>): <https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol11931mass/page/n5/mode/2up>  
Vol. 2 (12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>): <https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol21931mass/page/n5/mode/2up>  
Vol. 3 (25<sup>th</sup> – 37<sup>th</sup>): <https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol31931mass/page/n5/mode/2up>  
Vol. 4 (38<sup>th</sup> – 57<sup>th</sup>): <https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol31931mass/page/n5/mode/2up>  
Vol. 5 (58<sup>th</sup> – Misc Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Light – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavy Artillery):  
<https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol51931mass/page/n5/mode/2up>  
Vol. 6 (4<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery – Cavalry):  
<https://archive.org/details/massachusettsol61931mass/page/n3/mode/2up>
- **New Hampshire** (Adjutant General's Office, 1895)  
Vol. 1 (1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>): <https://archive.org/details/cu31924096263128/page/n13/mode/2up>  
Vol. 2 (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, Cavalry, Artillery, Misc):  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924096263136/page/n15/mode/2up>
- **New York** (New York State Military Museum): Muster Rolls, unit rosters and flag information  
<https://museum.dmna.ny.gov/unit-history/conflict/us-civil-war-1861-1865>
- **Pennsylvania** (Bates' History of Pennsylvania Volunteers – multi-volume)  
<http://www.pacivilwar.com/bates.html>
- **Vermont** (Adjutant General's Office, 1892)  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924080774148/page/n13/mode/2up>

## Newspapers

### **New York State Historic Newspapers**

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>

### **Virginia Chronicle (LVA Virginia digital newspapers)**

[Virginia Chronicle: Digital Newspaper Archive](#)

#### **Richmond *Dispatch***

1852-1884: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024738/issues/>

1884-1902: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85038614/issues/>

#### **Richmond Semi-Weekly *Enquirer***

1835-1867: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024735/issues/>

#### **Richmond Semi-Weekly *Examiner***

1850-1867: <https://virginiachronicle.com/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=RSWE>

#### **Richmond *Sentinel***

1863-1866: <https://www.virginiachronicle.com/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=STN>

#### **Richmond *Whig***

1842-1861: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024656/issues/>

1861-1862: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86071866/issues/>

1862-1865: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024669/issues/>

1865-1866: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024660/issues/>

#### **Richmond Commercial Bulletin**

1865: <https://www.virginiachronicle.com/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=TCB>

#### **Richmond *Planet***

1883-1938: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84025841/issues/>

#### **Richmond *Times***

1890-1903: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85034438/issues/>

#### **Richmond News Leader**

1903-1925: <https://www.virginiachronicle.com/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=NEL>

#### **Richmond *Times-Dispatch***

1903-1914: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85038615/issues/>

1914-1922: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045389/issues/>

## Books

### Richmond:

- DeLeon, Thomas Cooper. *Belles, Beaux, and Brains of the 60's*. New York: G. W. Dillingham Company, 1909.  
<https://archive.org/details/bellesbeauxbrain00dele>
- DeLeon, Thomas Cooper. *Four Years in Rebel Capitals: An Inside View of Life in the Southern Confederacy. From Birth to Death*. Mobile, AL: Gossip Print Co., 1890.  
<https://archive.org/details/fouryearsrebel00dele>
- Jones, John Beauchamp. *A Rebel War Clerk's Diary at the Confederate States Capital*. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1866.  
Vol. 1: <https://archive.org/details/rebelwarclerksdi01joneuoft>  
Vol. 2: <https://archive.org/details/rebelwarclerksdi02joneuoft>
- Little, John Peyton. *History of Richmond*. Richmond: Dietz Press., 1933. [Reprinted from 1851]  
<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uva.x000205434>
- Mayo, Joseph. *A Guide to Magistrates: With Practical Forms for the Discharge of their Duties Out of Court. To Which are Added Precedents for the use of Prosecutors, Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Escheators, Clerks, &c. Adapted to the New Code of Virginia*. Richmond: Colin, Baptist and Nolan, 1850.  
  
1850 edition: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uva.x0002047241;view=1up;seq=7;size=125>  
  
1860 edition: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.35112104990017;view=1up;seq=5>
- McGuire, Judith. *Diary of a Southern Refugee, During the War. By a Lady of Virginia*. New York: R. J. Hale & Son, 1867.  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924032778999>
- Mordecai, Samuel. *Richmond in By-Gone Days: Being Reminiscences of an Old Citizen*. Richmond: George N. West, 1856.  
<https://www.loc.gov/item/re01002923/>
- Morrison, Andrew. *Richmond, Virginia: The City on the James: The Book of Its Chamber of Commerce and Principal Business Interests*. Richmond: George W. Engelhardt, 1893.  
<https://archive.org/stream/cityonjames00morr#page/n7/mode/2up>
- Pember, Phoebe Yates. *A Sothern Woman's Story*. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co., 1879.  
<https://archive.org/details/asouthernwomans01pembgoog>
- Putnam, Sallie Brock. *Richmond During the War: Four Years of Personal Observation. By a Richmond Lady*. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co., 1867  
<https://archive.org/details/richmondduringwa01broc>
- Scott, Mary Wingfield. *Old Richmond Neighborhoods*.  
<http://www.rosegill.com/ProjectWinkie/Old%20Richmond%20Neighborhoods.pdf>

## Cemeteries and Burial Information

### Information on local cemeteries and burials

- **Hollywood Cemetery:** <https://www.hollywoodcemetery.org/genealogy/burial-records>
- *Record of the Federal dead buried from Libby, Belle Isle, Danville & Camp Lawton Prisons, and at City Point, and in the field before Petersburg and Richmond.* (United States Christian Commission list, 1865)  
<https://archive.org/details/recordoffederald00unit/page/n5/mode/2up>
- *Roll of Honor. Names of Soldiers Who Died in Defense of the Union, Interred in the National Cemeteries.* Washington: Government Printing Office, 1866  
**Richmond National Cemetery (Vol. 12):**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/356301/?offset=0#page=38&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>  
**(Vol. 16):** <https://archive.org/details/rollofhonornames16unit/page/582/mode/2up>  
**Cold Harbor National Cemetery (Vol. 15):**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/348382/?offset=0#page=153&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>  
**Addenda (Vol. 26):** <https://archive.org/details/cu31924032386892/page/n251/mode/2up>  
**Fort Harrison National Cemetery (Vol. 18):**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/354151/?offset=0#page=11&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>  
**Glendale National Cemetery (Vol. 16):**  
<https://archive.org/details/rollofhonornames16unit/page/562/mode/2up>  
**Harrison's Landing (Vol. 15):**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/348382/?offset=0#page=355&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>  
**Seven Pines National Cemetery (Vol. 12):**  
Addenda: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/348382/?offset=0#page=370&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>

## Photographs

- **National Archives** "Brady" Collection (actually made up of Russell, Brady [E. G. Fowx], and other photographers)  
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/524418>
- **Library of Congress** Prints and Photographs Civil War Collection (includes photos & sketches) – photos include Alexander Gardner and E & H. T. Anthony (Brady & Co., and T. C. Roche) negatives and Russell prints  
<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/civwar/>

## Richmond City Directories

**Richmond City Directories (many more available at Ancestry.com [all postwar] – free sites included here)**

- 1855 <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.hn4hg&view=2up;seq=1;size=125>
- 1856 <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.hn4hl5&view=2up;seq=1>
- 1859 <https://research.archives.gov/id/12499482>
- 1860 [http://www.mdgorman.com/Written\\_Accounts/1860%20Business%20Directory.htm](http://www.mdgorman.com/Written_Accounts/1860%20Business%20Directory.htm)
- 1862 <https://archive.org/details/cityintelligence01vc>
- 1862 <https://archive.org/stream/cityintelligence00vc#page/n1/mode/2up>
- 1862 <https://archive.org/details/06850178.3999.emory.edu>
- 1863 <https://archive.org/stream/strangersguideof02rich#page/n0/mode/2up>
- 1863 <https://archive.org/stream/strangersguideof01rich#page/n1/mode/2up>
- 1863 <https://archive.org/stream/strangersguideof111863#page/n1/mode/2up>
- 1863 [https://archive.org/stream/08245989.4000.emory.edu/08245989\\_4000#page/n1/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/08245989.4000.emory.edu/08245989_4000#page/n1/mode/2up)
- 1876-77 <https://archive.org/stream/hillsrichmondcit00unse#page/n9/mode/2up>
- 1877-78 <https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse#page/n19/mode/2up>
- 1879-80 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse\\_0#page/n15/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse_0#page/n15/mode/2up)
- 1881 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse\\_1#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse_1#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1882-83 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse\\_2#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse_2#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1883-84 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse\\_3#page/n5/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia00unse_3#page/n5/mode/2up)
- 1886-87 <https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse#page/n3/mode/2up>
- 1886-87 <https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse#page/n3/mode/2up>
- 1889 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse\\_0#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse_0#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1889 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse\\_0#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse_0#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1892 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse\\_1#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse_1#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1892 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse\\_1#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse_1#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1893-94 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse\\_2#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse_2#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1893-94 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse\\_2#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse_2#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1894-95 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse\\_3#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia02unse_3#page/n3/mode/2up)
- 1894-95 [https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse\\_3#page/n3/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/richmondvirginia01unse_3#page/n3/mode/2up)

## Michler Map Original Sheets

### Map G204, National Archives: "Portion of South-Eastern Virginia."

Map Index: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160662> (RG77, G204-32) - use this to determine which sheet to access.

Sheet	Link	NARA Citation	Description
1	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160664">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160664</a>	RG 77, G204-33	Hatcher's Run, Vaughan Road
2	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160666">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160666</a>	RG 77, G204-34	Jerusalem Plank Road South
3	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160668">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160668</a>	RG 77, G204-35	Boydton Plank Road/Fort Fisher
4	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160670">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160670</a>	RG 77, G204-36	Fort Sedgwick to Fort Wadsworth
5	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160672">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160672</a>	RG 77, G204-37	Appomattox River West/Matoax
6	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160674">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160674</a>	RG 77, G204-38	Petersburg
7	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160676">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160676</a>	RG 77, G204-39	Swift Creek
8	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160678">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160678</a>	RG 77, G204-40	Appomattox River North/Fort Clifton
9	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160680">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160680</a>	RG 77, G204-41	Richmond & Petersburg R.R. (unfinished)
10	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160682">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160682</a>	RG 77, G204-42	Point of Rocks
11	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160684">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160684</a>	RG 77, G204-43	Howlett Line/Bermuda Hundred
12	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160686">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160686</a>	RG 77, G204-44	Bermuda Hundred/Curles' Neck
13	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160688">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160688</a>	RG 77, G204-45	Chesterfield C. H.
14	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160690">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160690</a>	RG 77, G204-46	Drewry's, Ft. Harrison, Ft. Brady
15	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160692">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160692</a>	RG 77, G204-47	Malvern Hill
16	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160694">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160694</a>	RG 77, G204-48	James River south of Richmond
17	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160696">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160696</a>	RG 77, G204-49	Fort Gilmer
18	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160698">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160698</a>	RG 77, G204-50	White Oak Swamp/Glendale
19	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160700">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160700</a>	RG 77, G204-51	Richmond & Manchester
20	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160702">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160702</a>	RG 77, G204-52	Seven Pines/Fair Oaks
21	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160704">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160704</a>	RG 77, G204-53	Meadow Station/Bottom's Bridge
22	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160706">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160706</a>	RG 77, G204-54	Richmond - west
23	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160708">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160708</a>	RG 77, G204-55	Richmond - north
24	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160710">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160710</a>	RG 77, G204-56	Cold Harbor - south
25	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160712">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160712</a>	RG 77, G204-57	Southeast of Cold Harbor
26	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160714">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160714</a>	RG 77, G204-58	Staples' Mill/Yellow Tavern
27	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160716">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160716</a>	RG 77, G204-59	Mechanicsville/Beaver Dam Creek
28	<a href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160718">https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221160718</a>	RG 77, G204-60	Cold Harbor - north