



Was My William Smith in the Civil War?

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Online resources to find your ancestor in the Civil War:

- The 1890 Union Veterans' Census lists the names of all surviving Union veterans or their widows.
- The 1910 Federal Census specifically asked if the men were involved in the Civil War.
- The 1930 Federal Census also asked about military service.
- The National Park Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors' Database (free site): <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>. All soldiers from both sides should be represented in this database.
- Chronicling America (free newspaper site): <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Find a Grave (free site): www.FindAGrave.com
- Civil War pension index cards: www.Ancestry.com, www.Fold3.com (paid sites), or www.FamilySearch.org (free site)
- County histories on Google Books, HathiTrust, and archive.org. Many of the county histories had chapters devoted to Civil War soldiers.
- Draft registrations on www.Ancestry.com (paid site). This not a proof of service; look specifically for previous service mentioned.
- Homestead records <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/> This is a free index, but the files themselves are at the National Archives.