

Fort McHenry

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Researching Civil War Ancestors @ Fort McHenry/Baltimore

Library Field Guide No. 5

Databases

The following are guidelines for researching your Civil War ancestors who may have served at Fort McHenry or Baltimore. It is best to start with the soldier's full name, his military unit (i.e. regiment, etc.), and the state he enlisted in. Then, the following may yield more information for you.

Confederate Soldiers, Bushwackers, Spies, Pirates and Political Prisoners: Fort McHenry Military Prison during the Civil War, 1861-1865. A database provides a listing of those Confederate and citizens imprisoned at Fort McHenry, and subsequently transferred to other prisons. This database is currently available only through Fort McHenry.

NPS Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System – This national computerized data base provides basic facts about soldiers in the federal and confederate armies, a total of 5.4 million, with links to cemeteries and prisoners of war records. www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/index.html

Published Sources

- *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* by Frederick L. Dyer (Morningside Books, 1978)
- *Baltimore During the Civil War* by Daniel C. Toomey and Scott S. Sheads (Toomey Press, 1997)
- *Civil War Burials in Baltimore: Loudon Park Cemetery* by Anna M. Watring (Baltimore, 1996)
- *Selected Records of the War Department Relating to Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-1865 – Fort McHenry Military Prison* (National Archives, M-598, Roll 96).
- *The Union: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War* By K. Munden and H. Beers (NARA, 1986)
- *The Confederacy : A Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate States of America* By H. Beers, (NARA, 1986)
- *Military Service Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm publications* (National Archives, 1985)
- *The War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*

Archival Institutions

National Archives & Records Administration (ATTN: NWCTB), 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20408

Request several copies of Form NATF-80. You will need to fill out a separate form for each piece of information. Fill out two copies, one for **military records** (Form 86) and one for **Pension and Land Warrant Bounty Records** (NATF-Form 85). The archives will search and let you know the results, then you may purchase copies. If possible, go to the Archives in person, it is easier to do your research in person. <http://www.nara.gov>

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