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Tennessee Virtual Archive

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The Tennessee Virtual Archive (TeVA), is a program of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Included within the digitized collection are items that highlight Tennessee's unique culture and past. Searchers will find photographs, postcards, audio, video, and other print documents.

This wide range of collections means that there is something for everyone who is interested in looking through the digitized materials. Whether you are a genealogist looking for leads on your family's past, or if you are a student who hopes to put together a paper or other multimedia project on Tennessee history for your class, TeVA can be a significant aid.

Sample Digitized Collections

- Tennessee Arts Commission Folklife Program Photographs
- Record of Ex-Soldiers in WWI, Tennessee Counties, 1917-1919
- Old Hickory DuPont Gunpowder Plant Photographs
- Robert H. Cartnell Diaries
- Muster Rolls of the 2nd West Tennessee Infantry Regiment (African Descent)
- Gene. A. Stone Korean War Photograph Collection
- Andrew Jackson Collection
- John Sales Vietnam War Collection
- David Franklin Brock Korean War Photograph Collection
- Over Here, Over There - Tennesseans in the First World War
- Women's Suffrage in Tennessee
- Tennessee World War I Gold Star Records, 1918-1924
- Library Photograph Collections
- Oliver Caswell King and Katherine Rutledge King Papers, 1856-1893
- Southern School News
- Maps at the Tennessee State Library and Archives
- Tennessee State Parks Folklife Project Collection
- Genealogical Research Files of Dr. Barbara Long
- Puryear Family Photograph Albums, 1890-1945
- Revolutionary War
- Tennessee Founding and Landmark Documents
- Women in the Civil War
- Christopher D. Ammons
- Alvin C. York
- Ryman Auditorium
- Tennessee School for the Deaf
- Civil War Military Records
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Looking Back - The Civil War in Tennessee
- Civil War Soldier Photographs
- War and Reunion - The Lost Cause in Southern Memory
- Civilian Life in the Civil War
- Throwaway History - The Broadside in American Culture
- Reconstruction and the African-American Legacy in Tennessee
- Andrew Johnson Collection
- Nineteenth Century Agricultural Resources
- The Scopes 'Monkey' Trial
- Hardy A. Michener, Jr. Journal
- Tennessee State Guard
- Fisk University Scrapbook
- Education Outreach
- Federal Distillery Tax Book for Tennessee, 1796-1801

Getting started



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All Collections

The images in this collection have been collected from a number of different sources, including digital-only donations and images that staff found while working with the Library & Archives' manuscript and photograph collections. We will be adding to this as materials are donated or chosen for the collection.



[Genealogical Research Files of Dr. Barbara Long](#)

Genealogical research files documenting the paternal and maternal ancestry of Barbara Long. The research documents 33 different family lines stemming from East Tennessee and Southwestern Alabama, with origins in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. The files contain original research notes, correspondence, interviews ...

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About the collections

Welcome to the Tennessee Virtual Archive (TeVA), a program of the State Library and Archives to create a digital repository of Tennessee history and culture. Our mission is to bring electronic versions of the state's rich collections to a wider audience. TeVA provides a searchable array of historical records, photographs, documents, maps, postcards, film, audio and other original materials of enduring value.

Items within TeVA are digitized items from manuscript and photograph collections at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Please note that only a small subset of the Library & Archives' collections have been digitized.

This site includes historical materials that reflect the beliefs and perspectives of their times, some of which may be offensive to users. The Tennessee State Library and Archives does not endorse the views expressed in these materials.

STEP 1: Access TeVA at <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org>

This is a good starting point for any collection located at TeVA. Selecting a specific collection on this page can lead the researcher to other collections that may be of use.

STEP 2: Orient yourself to the page:

- A search box for all collections is located at the top of the page.
- An advanced search can be conducted in a link beside of the search box.
- Access is given to all collections on the left-hand column of the page.
- The front page also provides a link to finding aids tied to all materials at the Tennessee State Library and Archives that is both digitized and not digitized. This is located underneath "About the collections" in the right-hand column.

Search across collections

The screenshot displays a search interface with the following elements:

- Left Sidebar:**
 - Add or remove other collections to your search:** A list of collections with checkboxes: Alvin C. York, Andrew Jackson Collection, Andrew Johnson Collection, Arts, Crafts & Folklife Photos, and Bernhardt Wall Etchings. A link for "Show 55 more" is also present.
 - Narrow your search by:** A menu with expandable options for Creator, Coverage, Date, and Subject.
- Search Bar:** "You've searched: All Collections" with a search input field containing "All fields: Claiborne County" and a search button.
- Results Header:** "Sort by: Relevance" and "Display Options" (with a grid icon). A "Display: 100" dropdown is also visible.
- Results Grid:** A grid of 14 search results, each with a thumbnail image and a caption below it:
 - Union County general highway map (1953)
 - Letter from Confederate Wiley Bartlette
 - Discharge certificate of Pvt. Alexander C. Walker
 - Claiborne County [historical map]
 - Page 31
 - Page 41
 - Page 343
 - Claiborne County, Tennessee
 - Page 119
 - Page 59
 - People at Cumberland Gap
 - Carte de Visite of Lt. Thomas C. White, Co. G, 13th Tenn. Cav. Regt., USA
 - See the Pinnacle
 - Letter from Confederate Wiley Bartlette at Vicksburg
- Page Navigation:** "1 2 Next" buttons are located in the top right corner of the results area.

STEP 1: You can choose to search through information located in all digital collections. Access the "Search" feature located at the top of the page. Make certain the top left box reads "Search."

For this exercise, let's start broad and look for "Claiborne County."

STEP 2: The results page will pull up a number of sources that may be of interest.

We note that one source includes the Civil War discharge papers of Pvt. Alexander C. Walker, an ancestor. If we wish to explore this source further, we click on the image.

STEP 3: Broad searches can produce numerous results. In this case, the search produced 149 results. An Advanced Search limits returns. This feature is located beside of the "Search" feature. There, you can limit the search by creator, coverage, date, or subject. You can also do this with the left-hand "Narrow your search" feature that appears with the source.

Search within a collection

TeVA Tennessee Virtual Archive Civil War Military Records Tennessee State Library & Archives

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Civil War Military Records

About this collection

The images found in this section have been gathered from various manuscript collections and offer a glimpse at the wide variety of material available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives that may be of interest to those researching Civil War history and genealogy. These images illustrate the extensive recordkeeping system at work during the Civil War and demonstrate the complex organizational structure needed to handle the massive accumulation of records. From transportation orders to quartermaster records, these items not only provide insight into the soldiers' lives, they also illustrate the costs of war and sacrifices that were made from all facets of society on both the Confederate and Federal sides.

To genealogists and historians, finding enough information to adequately rebuild an individual's military experience during the Civil War can sometimes be a difficult task. Typically, researchers consult the compiled service and pension application records. Occasionally, a muster roll might present a bit of revealing information. There exists, however, a more extensive collection of Civil War materials at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, one that was amassed through the exhaustive recordkeeping system that functioned during the Civil War. The images in this collection are intended to expose researchers to the wide variety of Civil War material available at TSLA, and to provide insight into records that provide more detail than the military information generally found in mainstream Civil War research material. A wealth of information is hidden in various collections at TSLA. A brief look at some of the records in this unit takes the researcher from preparations before the beginning of the war to long after, when soldiers returned home and attempted to rebuild their lives and when states strove to reconstruct and restore.



Tennessee long ago earned the nickname "The Volunteer State." Although Tennessee was divided on issues such as secession and Confederate or Federal sentiment, Tennesseans displayed no hesitancy when it came to defending their cause. With over 186,000 Confederate and approximately 31,000 Federal forces



Recent Additions

Receive updates for this collection.



Purchase by United States from J. W. Wilson and Company, dealer in stoves



Purchase by United States from Alexander Fall, dealer in hardware and cutlery



Tip 1: If you would like to explore a specific collection, you can select it from the home page.

On the collection page, you will find a description of the collection along with recent additions that have been made to the collection.

Tip 2: If you now use the "Search" feature at the top of the page, it will only return results from the particular collection that you selected. You can narrow the search further within the collection by using the "Advanced Search" feature.

Tip 3: If a particular collection is of long-term interest to you, you can ask the State Library and Archives to notify you when new items are added to the collection. Simply click on "Receive updates for this collection" on the collection homepage, located on the left side of the screen.

Tips for search terms



Tip 1: Today's spelling is not always similar to the spelling of the past.

For help with 19th century spelling, visit the Oxford English Dictionary's notes on 19th century spelling variations at

<http://public.oed.com/aspects-of-english/english-in-time/nineteenth-century-english-an-overview/>

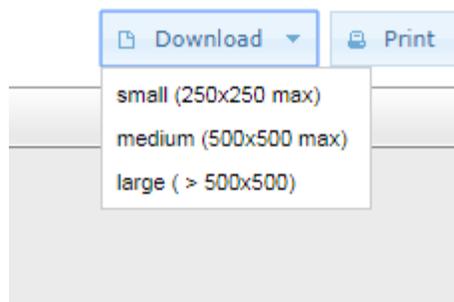
Tip 2: Remember, the present names given to past events were not always the given names in the given period. The Civil War took on a number of names, ranging from "the war" to "the rebellion."

Likewise, the White House was often referred to as the "Executive Mansion."

Tip 3: To maximize the best results, use quotation marks to isolate words or phrases that might appear together.

For example, "the Republican Court" was a common phrase used for the presidential administrations of the 19th century. Writing these words separately can complicate the search results.

How to download & print results



Tip 1: All digital sources at TeVA have a "Download" and "Print" button at the top right corner of the source page.

Tip 2: The "Download" tab is a drop-down button. You can choose the quality of the image that you download - "small," "medium," or "large." Keep in mind how you are using these sources when you download - if it is related to a for-profit project, you will need to receive permission.

Tip 3: To print, simply select the "Print" button. Make certain that your pop-up blocker is disabled for this page, as it will pull up a separate screen in order for you to print.

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