

Categories of Information in Civil War Genealogy Research

For either Military Service or War-related Civilian Service, five basic categories of genealogical information are needed about each person:

- **Lived** (before the war, up until period of military or civilian service)
- **Served** (what unit(s) or capacity, & when)
- **Lived** (if he or she survived military or civilian service, perhaps multiple locations)
- **Died** (when, cause, where)
- **Buried** (where & whether marked)

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Sub-category</u>	<u>Further Sub-category</u>
Lived (before the war, up to time of military service or war-related civilian service)	Lived in Ohio, but moved out of Ohio before service.	Born in Ohio. Born elsewhere and moved to Ohio.
	Lived in Ohio up to service.	Born in Ohio. Born elsewhere and moved to Ohio.
Military Service:	Ohio unit	Infantry, artillery, cavalry
	Other states' volunteer units Regular Army US Navy US Colored Troops Other (examples)	Infantry, artillery, cavalry Infantry, artillery, cavalry USCI, USCLA, USCHA, USCC US Marines, US Volunteers, Physicians, Hospital Attendants, et al.

<p>War-related Civilian Service:</p>	<p>Elected government officials (twp, county, state, Federal) Government employees, non-elected (twp, county, state, Federal) Political party and community leaders War-related business leaders and employees: manufacturing, transportation, finance, legal County Military Committees District Boards of Enrollment (draft boards) Soldiers Relief Organizations: US Sanitary Commission, US Christian Commission, Ladies Aid Societies, et al. Volunteer medical service: physicians, nurses, support (patient care, patient transportation, administration, commissaries, facilities, cooking, cleaning, et al.) Support to traveling military personnel: “refreshment saloons”, wayside houses, et al.) Other relief organizations (government, church, fraternal organizations, et al.) (Continued): State Agencies, Agents, and Representatives Direct support to military units and personnel: sutlers, suppliers, contractors, teamsters, carpenters, construction, et al. Journalists Underground Railroad Refugee support</p>	
<p>Lived (if he or she survived military service or war-related civilian service)</p>	<p>Lived in Ohio for rest of life</p>	
	<p>Lived in other state(s) or country</p>	
	<p>Lived in veterans’ home (military)</p>	<p>NHDVS: Dayton or other locations. Ohio Veterans Home: Sandusky. Other state veterans home.</p>
<p>Died</p>	<p>Died during military or civilian service (for Ohio military casualty estimates, see <i>OCWGJ</i>, Question 2006-7, Vol. X, 2006, No. 3, pages 136-137)</p>	<p>Killed in action with unit (military). Died of wounds (military): battlefield, field hospital, general hospital, at home. Died of disease: with unit, field hospital, general hospital, at home. Died of accident and other causes: with unit, field hospital, general hospital, at home. Unknown location.</p>
	<p>Survived military or civilian service, and died later.</p>	<p>In Ohio: known location. In other states: known location. In veterans home (military): known location. Unknown location.</p>

Buried	Buried in National Cemetery (military).	Known gravesite; Unknown gravesite.
	Buried in other cemetery, known cemetery location (in Ohio or elsewhere).	Known gravesite: marked (VA headstone or private), unmarked. Unknown gravesite.

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