

The American Civil War: A Guide to Nonfiction Materials at Madison County Public Library and Selected Websites

The American Civil War (sometimes called The War Between the States, or even The War of Northern Aggression!) was fought between 1861 and 1865. There have been countless books written about all aspects of the war: its causes and repercussions, military strategy, social aspects, biographical studies of famous Civil War participants, accounts of the everyday experiences of anonymous soldiers on both sides of the conflict, and much, much more. The Civil War also inspired novelists, filmmakers, artists, and poets. People collect Civil War memorabilia, and some enjoy participating in Civil War reenactments. Madison County was the site of an important battle--the Battle of Richmond--and the battlefield is now preserved as a Memorial Park. A Battle of Richmond reenactment has been held annually for several years, and it continues to draw large numbers of people who want to take part in the Battle or who just want to watch history unfold before them.

In 2011, Madison County Public Library (MCPL) received a large Civil War collection from local historian Paul Owens. This guide is largely the result of the gift of the Paul Owens History Collection and the ensuing interest in Civil War materials at the public library. This guide contains just a sampling of the books and films the library has to offer the Civil War buff, and it also contains a list of websites that will be of interest.

Most nonfiction Civil War books are found in the Dewey Decimal area 973.7. The following subject headings are useful when searching the computer catalog:

United States-History—Civil War, 1861-1865.

American Civil War, 1861-1865

Civil War, U.S., 1861-1865

Confederate States of America

Southern States—History

Reconstruction (1865-1876)

See also names of battles, e.g. Gettysburg (Pa.), Battle of, 1863, and individuals, such as Robert E. Lee or Abraham Lincoln.

If you are looking for a good overall single-volume history of the Civil War, one of the best is generally considered to be James McPherson's Pulitzer Prize winning ***Battle Cry of Freedom*** (973.7/McP in Berea and Richmond). One of the best introductory *military* histories of the Civil War is ***Shades of Blue and Gray*** by Herman Hattaway (973.7/Hat in Berea). Both of these books contain bibliographies arranged by different aspects of the Civil War. Although MCPL doesn't own all of the titles listed in these bibliographies, we can usually obtain a copy of titles we don't have through our free ***Interlibrary Loan*** service.

Another important and unique work for understanding how we have come to view and interpret the Civil War, and how it has affected us as a country, is ***Writing the Civil War: The Quest to Understand*** edited by James M. McPherson and William J. Cooper (973.7/Wri in Berea). From the book jacket: "Fourteen distinguished historians present a wide-ranging discussion of the vast effort to chronicle the Civil War--an undertaking that began with the remembrances of Civil War veterans and has become an increasingly prolific field of scholarship."

The Civil War: An Illustrated History by Geoffrey C. Ward (973.7/War in Berea, Bookmobile, and Richmond) is the companion volume to a popular PBS series. It includes photos, engravings, and paintings as well as essays by well-known historians like James McPherson and Ken , which enable readers to understand more about the era through its artifacts and the words of the people who lived it. This book won the Lincoln Prize, given for the best non-fiction historical work of the year on the American Civil War, in 1991. (See below for a list of other Lincoln Prize winners held by the library). The ***Centennial History of the Civil War*** by Bruce Catton is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, and is comprised of 3 volumes: Volume I: ***The Coming Fury*** (BER/973.7/Cat). "A thrilling, page-turning piece of writing that describes the forces conspiring to tear apart the United States--with the disintegrating political processes and rising tempers finally erupting at Bull Run. "...a major work by a major writer, a superb re-creation of the twelve crucial months that opened the Civil War."(--*The New York Times*.) Volume 2: ***Terrible Swift Sword*** (973.7/Cat in Richmond) and Volume 3: ***Never Call Retreat*** (973.7/Cat in Richmond).

Shelby Foote's ***The Civil War: A Narrative*** (973.7/Foo/Volumes 1,2, and 3 in Berea and Richmond) is, according to Walker Percy, an "unparalleled achievement, an American *Iliad*, a unique work uniting the scholarship of the historian and the high readability of the first-class novelist." It covers *Fort Sumter to Perryville* (volume 1), *Fredericksburg to Meridian* (volume 2) and *Red River to Appomattox* (volume 3).

Bruce Catton is one of the most well-known Civil War authors. His ***Stillness at Appomattox***, (973.736/Cat in Berea and Richmond) which explores the last year of the war, won the 1954 Pulitzer Prize for History and the 1954 National Book Award.

Many books discuss particular battles of the Civil War. ***Battle at Bull Run: A History of the First Major Campaign of the Civil War*** by William C. Davis (BER/973.7/Dav) as well as ***Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*** (BER/973.7/Hen) by John Hennessy are two of the best. Other well-regarded titles include ***Chancellorsville 1863: The Souls of the Brave*** by Ernest B. Furgurson (BER/973.7/Fur), ***Gettysburg*** by Stephen W. Sears (BER/973.7/Sea in Berea), and ***Hallowed Ground: A Walk at Gettysburg*** by James M. McPherson (BER/973.7/McP).

Another book by McPherson, one of our preeminent Civil War historians, is ***Drawn With the Sword: Reflections on the American Civil War*** (K/973.7/McP in Berea, in which he explores such questions as “why the North won and why the South lost,...whether Southern or Northern aggression began the war, and who really freed the slaves, Abraham Lincoln or the slaves themselves.” (--from the book jacket).

Two critically-acclaimed titles dealing with the Confederate States of America are ***An Honorable Defeat: The Last Days of the Confederate Government*** by William C. Davis (973.7/Dav in Richmond) and ***The Confederate War*** by Gary W. Gallagher (973.7/Gal in Berea.) Gallagher is Professor of History of the American Civil War at University of Virginia and one of the top historians of the Civil War, receiving numerous awards for his scholarship. His college course ***The American Civil War*** is available at the public library (DVD/973.7/Gal in Berea) as one of the Teaching Company’s “Great Courses.” In his 48 lectures on 8 DVDs, Gallagher discusses the effect of the war on all Americans, examines the political strategies and consequences of the war, and focuses on the strategic and tactical dimensions of military campaigns. (Description from the “Great Courses” website.) The DVDs include over 1,000 maps, photos, and other illustrations that enhance Gallagher’s rich lectures, and there are 4 booklets that contain lecture transcripts and discussion questions as well as suggestions for “essential” and “supplementary” reading.

Confederate military life is examined in Bell I. Wiley’s ***The Life of Johnny Reb: The Common Soldier of the Confederacy*** (973.78/Wil in Berea.) Wiley has also written a companion book examining the everyday life of a Union soldier, ***The Life of Billy Yank***, also in Berea. In his ***For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*** (973.7/McP in Berea) which won the Lincoln Prize in 1998, James McPherson uses letters, diaries, and other primary sources from common soldiers to explain why men on both sides of the struggle kept fighting against terrible odds and sometimes outright mismanagement by their leaders.

Portals to Hell: Military Prisons of the Civil War (973.7/Spe in Berea) by Lonnie R. Speer. “The military prisons of the Civil War, which held more than four hundred thousand soldiers and caused the deaths of fifty-six thousand men, have been nearly forgotten. Now Lonnie R. Speer has brought to life the least-known men in the great struggle between the Union and the Confederacy, using their own words and observations as they endured a true “hell on earth.” Drawing on scores of previously

unpublished firsthand accounts, *Portals to Hell* presents the prisoners' experiences in great detail and from an impartial perspective. The first comprehensive study of all major prisons of both the North and the South, this chronicle analyzes the many complexities of the relationships among prisoners, guards, commandants, and government leaders.”
(--from the publisher)

The Civil War: The First Year Told by Those Who Lived It, edited by Brooks D. Simpson, Stephen W. Sears, Aaron Sheehan-Dean (973.7/Civ in Berea), part of the *Library of America* series, is a collection of diaries, letters, and eyewitness accounts of individuals from all walks of life on such topics as Lincoln's election, the firing on Fort Sumter, and the battle at Shiloh. “An excellent primer on why the Civil War mattered to those living it.” --Randall Miller, Feb. 1, 2011 in *Library Journal*. Another volume of Civil War era writing is ***The New York Times Complete Civil War 1861-1865*** (973.7/New), a compilation of “coverage of every campaign and battle, 104,960 eyewitness accounts and articles,” which includes 600 articles, political cartoons, illustrations, and engravings arranged chronologically. A companion DVD-ROM contains every single article on the war published by The New York Times during the war years. ***Kentucky Soldiers and Their Regiments in the Civil War: Abstracted From the Pages of Contemporary Newspapers*** (R/K/973.7/Ken in Berea; 5 volumes 1861-1865) by Steven L. Wright is a series of reports and narratives from various issues of Kentucky newspapers, arranged chronologically. The author's purpose is to allow his readers “to see Kentucky's evolution...from untenable neutrality to inevitable war, and its amateur citizen soldiers, of every political stripe, develop into seasoned warriors.” ***Mary Chestnut's Civil War*** (BER/973.7/Che), edited by C. Vann Woodward, is the diary of the wife of a high-ranking Confederate government official. She was an abolitionist, a feminist, and a great writer. This edition of her diary won the 1982 Pulitzer Prize in History. Another Pulitzer Prize winning book about the Civil War is Garry Wills' ***Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America*** (BER/973.7/Wil), about the Gettysburg Address as literature and its historical significance. ***Everyday Life During the Civil War: A Guide for Writers, Students, and Historians*** (973.7/Var in Berea) by Michael J. Varhola instructs its readers on the lives of folks on the homefront, including information about what people wore, what they ate, what they said and how they said it (dialect and slang), as well as how they entertained themselves.

Hardtack and Coffee: or, The Unwritten Story of Army Life by John Davis Billings (BER/973.78/Bil) was published in 1887, based on his war years diary, his 300-some detailed letters sent back home, and his recollections. ***Hardtack and Coffee*** was a bestseller when it was published. Another book of recollections is ***Battles and Leadres of the Civil War*** (BER/973.7/Bat) compiled by Ned Bradford, and containing first-hand testimonials from officers, soldiers, and civilians, accompanied by black and white line drawings, etchings, and maps. Covers battles from Bull Run and Gettysburg to the surrender at Appomattox, with words from Lee, Grant, Sherman as well as lesser known participants such as medics and nurses.

Like Men of War: Black Troops in the Civil War, 1862-1865 by Noah Andre Trudeau (973.7 in Richmond) contains “the fullest study of the battlefield experiences of black Union regiments” (Brooks D. Simpson, *Library Journal* review). The 1998 film ***Glory*** (DVD/Glo in Berea) is the story of the first black regiment to fight for the North in the Civil War. ***Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee 1861-1865*** by Steven E. Woodworth (973.7/Woo in Berea) focuses on a particular group of soldiers. “A veteran Civil War military historian, Woodworth specializes in the western campaigns, in which the Union's premier force was the Army of the Tennessee. Raised from Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, its commanders over time were Grant, Halleck, Sherman, and McPherson, and Woodworth's narrative duly oscillates between the headquarters tent and the soldiers' campfire.” (--Gilbert Taylor, *Booklist*)

A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War by Amanda Foreman (973.7/For in Richmond) was named a best book of the year by *Library Journal* and the *New York Times* in 2011. Foreman explores how the Union worked to block diplomatic relations between England and the Confederacy, and, by looking at social relations between the “movers and shakers” in London and Washington, she shows how personalities and social interactions have as much effect in shaping history as do battles and politics.

America Aflame: How the Civil War Created a Nation by David R. Goldfield (973.7/Gol in Berea) explores the role evangelical Protestantism played in creating a mood of intense anti-slavery feeling in America. “This sweeping, provocative history of America from the 1830s through Reconstruction has two grand themes. One is the importance of evangelical Protestantism, particularly in the North and within the Republican Party, in changing slavery from a political problem to an intractable moral issue that could only be settled by bloodshed. The second is the Civil War's transformation of America into a modern industrial nation with a powerful government and a commercial, scientific outlook, even as the postwar South stagnated in racism and backward-looking religiosity.” (*Publishers Weekly*, Jan. 3, 2011)

April 1865: The Month That Saved America by Jay Winik (973.7/Win in Berea) “Winik offers not just a study of four weeks of war, but a panoramic assessment of America and its contradictions. The opening Jeffersonian question is: does the good of the country take precedence over that of the individual states? The question of civil union or civil war is the central question of this new work. Winik goes on to describe how a series of events that occurred during a matter of weeks in April 1865 (the fall of Richmond; Lee's graceful surrender to Grant at Appomattox, and Grant's equally distinguished handling of his foe; Lincoln's assassination), none of them inevitable, would solve Jefferson's riddle: while a loose federation of states entered the war, what emerged from war and Reconstruction was a much stronger nation; the Union had decisively triumphed over the wishes of individual states. Winik's ability to see the big picture in the close-up (and vice versa), and to compose riveting narrative, is masterful.” (--*Publishers Weekly*)

To Appomattox: Nine April Days, 1865 (BER/973.7/Dav) by Burke Davis explores the last days of the war, leading to Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

Reconstruction: America's unfinished revolution, 1863-1877 (973.8/Fon in Richmond,) winner of the 1988 Los Angeles Times Book Award in History, is Eric Foner's definitive history of the post-Civil War Reconstruction period, describing the changes brought about by the war, the impact of the end of slavery, and the role blacks played in setting the political and economic agenda of the era.

American Brutus : John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies (364.152/Kau in Richmond) by Michael W. Kauffman. "Kauffman, an independent Lincoln assassination scholar, offers a beautifully written, exhaustive and well-reasoned reassessment of John Wilkes Booth and the murder of America's 16th president. The story Kauffman tells, though highly familiar, is also byzantine enough to still capture our attention. More importantly, Kauffman puts a new spin on well-worn data, adding a riveting reinterpretation that paints Booth as a ruthless player of complex games: a darkly brilliant manipulator of people, not all of whom realized what they were a part of until after Lincoln lay dead." (— *Publishers Weekly*)

One very interesting--and often humorous--study of the various ways in which Civil War interest still manifests today is Tony Horowitz's award-winning ***Confederates in the Attic: Dispatches from the American Civil War*** (973.7/Hor in Berea.)

Biographies—

A well-regarded and concise biography of the Confederate General ***Robert E. Lee*** by Roy Blount can be found at Berea; perhaps the best one-volume biography of Lee, by Emory Thomas, also entitled ***Robert E. Lee***, is also available in Berea. Both are in the Biography (B) section. ***Lee Considered: General Robert E. Lee and Civil War History*** by Alan T. Nolan (B/Lee in Richmond) presents a less flattery view of its subject. ***R.E. Lee*** (BER/923.573/Fre/Volume 1, 2, 3, and 4), by Douglas Southall Freeman, winner of the 1935 Pulitzer Prize, is a four part biography of Lee the man and Lee the general, and some say it is the best biography of Lee ever written.

Madison County author and historian Charles Bracelen Flood's ***Grant and Sherman: the Friendship that Won the Civil War*** (973.7/Flo in Richmond) was one of the *Booklist* Editors' Choice Best History Books of 2005. It is the first book to explore the relationship between these two Civil War generals and how their friendship influenced the outcome of the war. Part of the acclaimed Library of America series, ***Memoirs and Selected Letters: Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant, Selected Letters 1839-1865*** (973.8/Gra in Richmond, BER/973.8/Gra in Berea) is a good source of primary documents written by General Grant

himself. A short biography, *Ulysses S. Grant: The Unlikely Hero* by Michael Korda (B/Gra in Berea,) attempts to debunk some of the stereotypes surrounding Grant the general and the president and to explore the psychology of one of the most important Civil War figures. Bruce Catton's *Grant Takes Command* (973.73/Cat in Berea and Richmond) is an in-depth profile which focuses on Grant's activities and trials during the last one and a half years of the Civil War.

Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power, the 2004 Lincoln Prize winner by Oxford historian Richard Carwardine (CD/B/Lin in Richmond, B/Lin in Berea) is one of many books available at the library on our 16th president. *Lincoln* (BER/B/Lin in Berea), by Pulitzer Prize winning biographer David Herbert Donald, is a significant contribution to Lincoln scholarship, and focuses mainly on his war years, although Donald also examines Lincoln's early life and years as a lawyer. This book won the *Lincoln Prize* in 1996.

Abraham Lincoln and the Second American Revolution by Pulitzer Prize winning historian James M. McPherson (B/Lin in Richmond) is a collection of seven essays on "how Lincoln effected the most fundamental transformation of American society since the American Revolution" (Kirkus Reviews, January 1, 1990.) McPherson has written several highly-regarded books on the Civil War, including his Lincoln Prize winning biography, *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief* (973.7092/McP in Berea and Richmond). *Land of Lincoln: Adventures in Abe's America* (BER/973.7092/Fer) by Andrew Ferguson takes a humorous, yet respectful, look at the impact Lincoln continues to have on America. Finally, Carl Sandburg wrote one of the most well-known biographies of Abraham Lincoln, published in several volumes, including *The Prairie Years* (B/Lin in Richmond, BER/B/Lin volume 1 and 2 in Berea) and *The War Years* (BER/B/Lin volume 3, 4, 5, and 6), winner of the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for History.

Jefferson Davis, American by William J. Cooper (B/Dav in Berea) won the 2000 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Biography. This book traces Kentuckian Jefferson Davis from his original reluctance to support succession through his embrace of the independent Confederate States of America, of which he was the president.

Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend (BER/B/Jac in Berea and B/Jac in Richmond) by James Robertson

Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War by Pulitzer Prize winning Tony Horowitz (B/Bro in Berea and Richmond) examines a non-military figure whose actions stirred both southern secessionists and northern abolitionists. *Library Journal* named this as one of the top 10 books of 2011, and the *New York Times* listed it in their 2011 Nonfiction Notable Books list.

Mothers of Invention: Women of the Slaveholding South in the American Civil War by Drew Gilpin Faust (973.8/Fau in Richmond) analyses the impact of secession, invasion

and conquest on Southern white women. Another look at the lives of women in Civil War times is Carol Berkin's *Civil War Wives: the Lives and Times of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis, and Julia Dent Grant* (973.7082/Ber in Berea). Angelina Grimke grew up in a slave-holding family but rejected the southern culture and married an abolitionist, Varina Davis was married to Jefferson Davis, and Julia Grant was America's First Lady during her husband's presidency. Also see *A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War* by Ina Chang (BER 973.7/Cha in Berea)

My Confederate Kinfolk: A Twenty-first Century Freedwoman Discovers Her Roots (929/Dav in Berea) by Thulani Davis is a surprising account of how African-American novelist Thulani Davis discovered the confederates in her family lineage. "Davis illuminates the contemporary conundrum of race by exploring the lives of her generation's past relatives: black, white, and Native American people whose lives intersected during slavery and thereafter."(—Shirlee Taylor Haislip) Another contemporary look at the way Southern roots and history still affect and shape lives, and how the War is still alive in Southern culture today is *Marching Through Georgia: My Walk with Sherman* (917.5504/Ell in Berea) by Alabama native Jerry Ellis.

Lincoln Prize Winners Owned by Madison County Public Library

The Lincoln Prize, administered by the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, has been awarded annually since 1991 for the best non-fiction historical work of the year on the American Civil War. Although MCPL does not own all of these prize-winners, we do have a number of them, including:

- *The Destructive War: William Tecumseh Sherman, Stonewall Jackson, and the Americas* (BER/973.7/Roy) by Charles Royster
- *Honor's Voice: The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln* (BER/973.7/Wil) by Douglas L. Wilson
- *Runaway Slaves: Rebels in the Plantation* (975/Fra in Richmond) by John Hope Franklin and Loren Schweninger
- *A Great Civil War: A Military and Political History, 1861-1865* (973.7/Wei in Richmond) by Russell F. Weigley
- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* (973.7092/Goo in Berea) by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery* (973.7092/Fon in Berea) by Eric Foner
- *Lincoln and the Border States: Preserving the Union* (973.7/Har in Berea) by William C. Harris
- *Lincoln's Forgotten Ally: Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt of Kentucky* (973.7/Leo in Berea) by Elizabeth D. Leonard

Photography, Art, and Atlases—Witnessing the War

Photography was developed around the time of the Civil War, just in time to give us the first ever visual history of a major historical event. Matthew Brady was the most well-known Civil War photographer. Although he did not actually take all of the photos credited to him, Brady organized groups of war photographers to bring back thousands of pictures which Brady then printed, exhibited, and preserved for posterity. MCPL has two sets of Civil War photography books. One, *The Photographic History of the Civil War*, is considered the work of record in the area of Civil War photographic compilations. It is arranged by topic, and was originally published in 1911 in 10 volumes. It has been reprinted in 5 double volumes: *The Opening Battles; Two Years of Grim War Volume 1 (BER/973.74/Ope); The Decisive Battles; The Cavalry Volume II (BER/973.74/Dec); Forts and Artillery; The Navies Volume III (BER/973.74/Pho); Soldier Life and Secret Service; Prisons and Hospitals Volume IV (BER/973.74/Sol); The Armies and Leaders; Poetry and Eloquence Volume V (BER/973.74/Arm*. The second set at the library is *Civil War Times Photographic History of the Civil War* (BER/973.7/Pho/vol.1 and vol. 2.) This set is arranged chronologically. It includes photographs from sources not available in 1911, and also takes advantage of more up-to-date scholarship to correct mistakes found in the 1911 set.

One of the best visual histories of the Civil War has already been mentioned in this guide, *The Civil War: An Illustrated History* by Geoffrey C. Ward (973.7/War in Berea, Bookmobile, and Richmond). *The American Civil War 365 Days From the Library of Congress* (973.7022/Wag in Berea) by Margaret E. Wagner contains photographs, lithographs, battlefield drawings, political cartoons, posters, maps, and paintings, along with explanatory text. Also of interest is *The American Heritage Century Collection of Civil War Art* edited by noted Civil war scholar Stephen W. Sears (973.7/Ame in Berea), and *The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War* (973.7/Cat in Berea) edited by Bruce Catton.

The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War (R/911/Off in Richmond) by George Davis. Contains maps from both sides of the conflict, drawn by the people who fought in the war. Since these were often drawn up by soldiers, not cartographers, the quality varies, as did their actual military usefulness. These maps are from the US War Department archives.

The Atlas of the Civil War (973.9/McP in Richmond) edited by James McPherson This atlas has been called the definitive reference to the battles of the Civil War. It was edited by James M. McPherson, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Civil War book *Battle Cry of Freedom*. Includes eyewitness accounts, time-lines, photographs, and personal accounts of soldiers, plus specially commissioned, full-color maps that detail all of the major campaigns and many of the smaller skirmishes of the War Between the States.

Books to Test Your Knowledge--

Once you have read all of the books listed above, you will be ready for *The Civil War Quiz and Fact Book* by Rod Gragg (BER/973.7/Gra) and *The Civil War Quiz Book : 2,000 Questions and Answers to Test Your Knowledge of America's Most Divisive Conflict* by Blake Magner (973.7/Mag in Berea)!

Local and Online Resources

- The Battle of Richmond Association (BORA) website: (<http://battleofrichmond.org/>) Includes information on the Battle of Richmond, the Association that has been created to preserve the battlefield and its history, lists events such as the Battle of Richmond reenactment, and contains an eBook about the Battle of Richmond and BORA: http://www.branchsmith.com/ebook/cnhi/28781_CNHI/index.html#/o/.
- Battle of Richmond Self-Guided Driving Tour: (859) 626-8474 or (800) 866-3705 Richmond Visitor Center, 345 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475: The Battle of Richmond tour is part of the National Civil War Trust Discovery Trail. Follow the path of the Civil War Battle of Richmond on a self-guided driving tour of the battlefields and skirmish areas. Audio CD's available for sale or refundable deposit. Complete tour lasts approximately two hours.
- Battle of Richmond Visitors Center and Battlefield Park: (859) 624-0013 101 Battlefield Memorial Hwy., Richmond, KY 40475: The Rogers House serves as the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center. It was surrounded by fighting during the Battle of Richmond on August 29 and 30, 1862. Pleasant View, the home of the Armstrong family, served as a hospital during and after the Battle of Richmond. Home and original slave quarters are located in Battlefield Park. Open on a limited basis. Call for hours.

General Recommended Websites

It would be impossible to list all of the excellent websites for the Civil War enthusiast, but here is a very small sample of recommended sites:

- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/tl1861.html> Is an illustrated timeline of the events in the Civil War
- <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html> includes the Library of Congress's collection of Mathew Brady's Civil War photographs.

- [U.S. Civil War Center](http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/): (http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/) This web site, maintained by Louisiana State University, was created for the express purpose of indexing every single internet resource concerning the Civil War. Last updated 2007.
- [The Civil War Archive Files](http://www.civilwararchive.com/files.htm): (http://www.civilwararchive.com/files.htm) A browsable collection of links organized by topic, designed to meet the needs of "historians, educators, reenactors, and the interested public". Contains links to a variety of Civil War resources, but emphasizes military information such as orders of battle, regimental histories, and battle summaries. A good source to turn to if you have a military related question. Last updated 2009.
- [American Civil War Homepage](http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/): (http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/) A browsable index of "hypertext links to the most useful identified electronic files about the American Civil War (1861-1865)". Organized by topic. Last updated July 2011.
- [Yahoo's Index of Civil War Sites](http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/U_S__History/By_Time_Period/19th_Century/Military_History/Civil_War__1861_1865_/) :
http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/U_S__History/By_Time_Period/19th_Century/Military_History/Civil_War__1861_1865_/) The main index page for Civil War related sites listed in Yahoo!. A number of different categories are listed, of both historical and commercial interest. A final useful source when looking for Civil War information on the Internet.
- [Comprehensive American Civil War site with forums](http://www.factasy.com/civil_war/index.shtml):
http://www.factasy.com/civil_war/index.shtml
- [H-Net Civil War Listserv](http://www.h-net.org/~civwar/) (http://www.h-net.org/~civwar/). This is an e-mail discussion group for professional scholars of the conflict.
- Civil War USA Group: (http://groups.google.com/group/alt.war.civil.usa/about) An active group that can be accessed through Google Groups.
- In addition, there are several other Civil War related Google Groups, including a Civil War Relics group: <http://groups.google.com/groups/dir?q=us-civil-war>
- <http://www.cwreenactors.com/index.php> Contains information about re-enacting, and has numerous links to specialized sites related to re-enactments of particular battles, as well as information on purchasing period clothing, weaponry, etc.
- Harper's Weekly online: <http://www.harpweek.com/>
- The Best of History Websites website "aims to provide quick, convenient, and reliable access to the best history-oriented resources online in a wide range of categories and has been designed to benefit history teachers and their students; however, general history enthusiasts will benefit from the site as well. Ranked #1 by Google for *history web sites*," and recommended by the Library of Congress: <http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/american-history/1800> See sections on Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction. (For more history recommendations by the Library of Congress, see <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html#generalhistory>)

Kentucky Civil War Websites

There are many thousands of websites dedicated to the Civil War, and a number of them deal specifically with Kentucky battles, Kentucky regiments, and other topics. A Google search for “Civil War Kentucky” on May 4, 2012 returned over 50 pages of mostly relevant hits (not counting the several sites dedicated to the “Civil War” battle of UK vs. U of L!). Here are just a few of the many, many websites on the Civil War in Kentucky, and Kentuckians in the war.

- Battle of Richmond: <http://battleofrichmond.org/>
- Battle of Perryville: <http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/>
- Kentucky's German-Americans in the Civil War (<http://kygermanscw.yolasite.com/>)
- Kentucky in the Civil War Message Board : (http://history-sites.com/cgi-bin/bbs53x/kycwmb/webbbs_config.pl?index) A searchable message board with posts from Civil War enthusiasts. “Battle of Richmond Kentucky” brings up 2,599 posts.
- Camp Nelson: Union Army Supply Depot (<http://www.campnelson.org/home.htm>)
- Civil War Era National Cemeteries: Honoring Those Who Served: Kentucky Sites http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/national_cemeteries/
- Civil War in Lexington, KY: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/lexington/civilwar.htm>
- KET's Kentucky in the Civil War Education Site: (<http://www.ket.org/civilwar/>) Continues information about the Civil War in Kentucky and includes links to *Kentucky Life* programs on the Civil War that you can watch online.
- Kentucky Heritage Council's Civil War Page: (<http://heritage.ky.gov/milsites.htm>)
- Kentucky Historic Tours: Civil War Tours/Sites (http://www.kentuckytourism.com/explore/tours_byways_trails.aspx) Lists 29 Kentucky Civil War related driving and walking tours and sites to visit.

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