



Finding the Civil War

at the Washington
County Archives

Finding Guide for the American Civil War

The Washington County Archives contains many records related to the Civil War in its collection, most of which can be discovered through our website: wctnarchives.org

Under the "Collection Guides" tab, researchers will find guides to most of the processed material located in the archives. Below are a few of the areas in which records related to this topic can be found.

NOTE: Topics related to slavery and emancipation can be found in the finding guide titled "Finding African-American History".

Circuit Court

(Circuit Court Clerk)

Within this court's administrative files is a work titled "The John H. Crawford Papers: Letters from the Civil War".

Additionally, there are 70 Circuit Court cases involving Civil War matters, most of which were tried retroactively.

Wills & Guardianship

(Clerk & Master records)

This group of Clerk and Master records can contain information related to individuals who took part in or were somehow involved in the Civil War.

Election Records

(County Clerk records)

Information related to the secession convention, the separation of Tennessee from the Federal Union, and Confederate congressional and presidential elections can be found here.

Military Records

(County Clerk records)

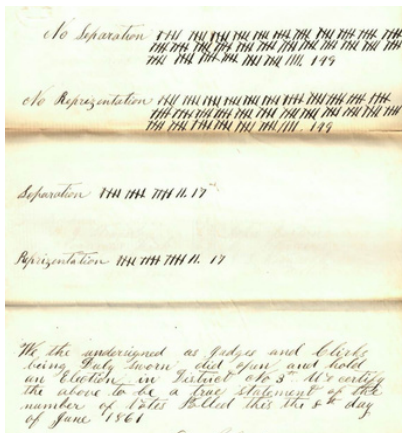
This collection contains one letter detailing injuries sustained during the Civil War.

Tennessee State Court Records

There are 12 cases related to Civil War matters in this court

Manuscript Collection

Accessions 13, 17, 18, 20, and 27 contain items such as poems, correspondence, and photos that relate to the Civil War.



Book Collection

A number of titles can be used as reference for further research on this topic. Some of the titles include:

- *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series I, Volume XXIII, Parts I and II – Correspondence, Etc.* by United States Department of the Army, Department of the Interior Navy Department War Office (1889, reprint)
- *The Admission of Tennessee into the Union* by Samuel Cole Williams (1994)
- *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications* by Tennessee State Library and Archives (1964)

Map Collection

There is one map that relates to this topic.

- *Tennessee Divided Loyalties, How Each County Voted for Secession, June 1861.* Charles A. Reeves, Jr., East Tennessee Historical Society, 1998.