The American Civil War and Reconstruction: A Bibliography of Resources in the Erwin Library, Wayne Community College

Scope of the Bibliography:

The years between 1860 and 1877 were full of upheaval, war, reconstruction and a time of healing for the United States. The American Civil War caused a major rift in the history of our country but many things, good and bad, came out of the war and this time period.

Internet Resources lists websites with general information about the Civil War and Reconstruction as well as specialized websites about topics like Abraham Lincoln or Civil War trails. A separate group of websites have been added for the 2011-2015 Sesquicentennial observances, many specific to either a state or a campaign or battle.

The Books section is divided into topical sections generally based on the following “Top 200 Civil War Books & Articles” list compiled by the Civil War Era Studies Department of Gettysburg College:

http://www.gettysburg.edu/academics/cwes/resources/literature/top200.dot

These topical sections for Books include:

- Battles
- Emancipation and the Black Experience
- The Experience of War
- General Histories of the Civil War
- The Home Front
- Prominent Civil War Figures (primarily biographies)
- The War in North Carolina
- Reconstruction and the End of the War

The Erwin Library call number is listed for each item. If a book Call Number begins with Reference, the book is located in the Reference section of the Erwin Library and may be used and photocopied only within the Library. A few historical Fiction Collection titles are also listed in Books, including titles from the Easy (Children’s literature), Juvenile, and Young Adult Collections and reading levels. If available, Permalink URLs are included for electronic book versions.

Audiovisual items owned by the Erwin Library may be viewed in the Erwin Library, or checked out for a week by WCC faculty. WCC faculty may request an educational copy of a videorecording be made in the WCC Educational Support Technology Department (Media) for use in classrooms. Video Permalinks or Bookmarks are included for those titles also accessible in our library’s video streaming resources.
Many more videos are available in our video databases, available from the Erwin Library homepage through a WCC Single Search (check the Videos category), or, for databases which are not yet included in the integrated search, from the Other Databases link (click Videos). All will require a simple Erwin Library barcode number for authentication, should you be on a computer outside the library lab.

The Journals section lists titles of significant periodical publications in the field with Permalink URLs given for entire ranges of issues, which can then be browsed or searched.

Journal Articles gives a sample of the thousands of articles available in the many research databases from the Erwin Library’s webpage using the WCC Single Search (by subject, article title, keyword, or author to locate a list of related articles), or Journals A-Z (by journal title to browse all issues) search boxes. Permalinks or Article Stable URLs are also included in entries for these listed articles.

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The Library of Congress Subject Headings may be used to search various databases including other libraries’ online catalogs, to find more materials in various formats to aid you in either searching for or applying for a job. To search by subject heading, choose the subject search option and type the subject heading into the search box without any punctuation.

Internet Resources:


This website gives information about the PBS program as well as links to special features, primary sources and other helpful resources. “Spanning the momentous years from 1863 to 1877 ... Reconstruction shows how, in just a few years, a series of stunning events -- the Emancipation Proclamation, the Fourteenth Amendment granting ex-slaves citizenship in 1868, the enfranchisement of blacks the following year -- reversed centuries-old patterns of race relations in America. People who for generations had been the property of others were now free to run their own lives.” See the Audiovisuals section of this bibliography for links to this film.


“If a picture is worth a thousand words, a good animation is worth ten thousand. After reading book after book about the US Civil War and finding only complicated maps with dotted lines and dashed lines crisscrossing the pages, we decided to depict the key naval and land battles using animation technology.” This website covers a collection of key Civil War battles and brings them to life with animation. Also included are important Civil War figures and the battles that made them famous.


The Civil War Preservation Trust is devoted to the preservation of our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields. It also promotes educational programs and heritage tourism initiatives to inform the public of the war’s history and the fundamental conflicts that sparked it.

This website has information about the Civil War trails in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Tennessee. It has information about tours as well as merchandise.


This LibGuide, maintained by Duke University Libraries, has links to diaries of women involved in the Civil War as well as links to photographs and prints.

Documenting the American South. The Southern Home Front 1861-1865. http://docsouth.unc.edu/imls/

Maintained by the UNC Library System, this website “presents documents related to all aspects of Southern life during the Civil War. In particular, government and civilian publications demonstrate the Confederate States of America’s unsuccessful attempt to create a viable nation state. This collection includes over four hundred Civil War era maps, broadsides, photographs, printed works, Confederate currency, and manuscript letters and diaries.”


“The original of the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, is in the National Archives in Washington, DC ... with the text covering five pages.” This website offers images of the digitized original document, along with a Transcript.


This website includes information about the Ken Burns documentary and resources about the Civil War for students and teachers. See the Audiovisuals section of this bibliography for links to the film.


This museum is located in Richmond, Virginia. The website includes information about the collections of the museum, its programs and podcasts of tour exhibits.


This website gives information about the Center, located in Cincinnati, Ohio as well as the Underground Railroad and slavery.


This website gives information about upcoming state-sponsored events, exhibits, and talks on the Civil War given throughout North Carolina. Also included are maps, historical information, and links to a variety of Civil War resources.
http://moh.ncdcr.gov/exhibits/civilwar/index.html

This website gives information about the artifacts found in this museum collection. Also included is a virtual tour, audio excerpts of primary source documents and other interesting resources.

The Papers of Jefferson Davis.  http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/

This website is a documentary editing project based at Rice University in Houston, Texas. These papers have been published in multi-volume editions that can also be found on this website. The site also provides extensive information on Davis and his family and numerous images.


This website contains 1,118 photographs and most of the images were made under the supervision of Mathew B. Brady. They include scenes of military personnel, preparations for battle, and battle after-effects. The collection also includes portraits of both Confederate and Union officers, and a selection of enlisted men.

The Smithsonian’s Civil War Homepage.  http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/cw/npgcivilwar.html

This website is produced by the National Portrait Gallery and is dedicated to examining the Civil War through the Smithsonian Institution’s extensive and manifold collections.


This is the official website of the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War. It includes information about membership, research and an online store.


This is the official website of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The website gives information about the group, becoming a member, activities and other important items.

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. Pictures of the Civil War.  
http://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/photos/

Includes photographs of Civil War activities, places, portraits, and Lincoln’s assassination.

Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary)


“Our Mission: The Civil War Trust is America’s largest non-profit organization (501-C3) devoted to the preservation of our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields. The Trust also promotes educational programs and heritage tourism initiatives to inform the public of the war's history and the fundamental conflicts that sparked it.”

“The Battle of Gettysburg changed the direction of the war and the morale of the nation. After a long string of victories by the Confederacy, the war moved north as troops sought supplies and looked to secure key victories with Southern occupation in Union territory.

For three hot days in July 1863, this small Pennsylvania town was the scene of hard-fought battles, esteemed bravery and the bloodshed of 51,000 men. When the fighting ended, Gettysburg was crippled by the devastation and the thousands of wounded soldiers left behind. The 2,400 residents of Gettysburg were left with 22,000 dead and wounded soldiers, 5,000 dead horses and a town ravaged by war.

The American Civil War raged on for nearly two more years, but the Confederacy never recovered from the loss at Gettysburg.”


“The National Park Service commemorates a defining event in our nation’s history and its legacy in the continuing fight for civil rights. Join us ... Civil War 150, State by State: The following is a list of states that have sought to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. Please keep in mind that not all of the states that played a role in this historical event have chosen to establish an official commemorative effort.”


“In preparing for the anniversary of the war, some states have formed legislatively authorized and funded commissions. North Carolina has not. In light of uncertainty as to whether a commission would take shape, the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, part of the Department of Cultural Resources, in 2006 formed an in-house committee to guide and promote agency-sponsored observances. Organizers, with the counsel of a panel of academic advisers, endorsed a wide range of programs intended to appeal to diverse audiences. The themes of Freedom, Sacrifice, and Memory encompass a wide range of topics and points of view.”


“A cornerstone of the commemoration, www.PACivilWar150.com is a comprehensive Web site containing an interactive timeline, a statewide events calendar and many in-depth stories recounting the experiences of real Pennsylvanians during the Civil War.”


“Congress established Vicksburg National Military Park in 1899 to commemorate the campaign, siege, and defense of Vicksburg, and to preserve the history of the battles and operations conducted on the ground where they were fought. In 1990, Congress expanded the park’s interpretive mandate to include the campaign and siege of Vicksburg from April 1862 to July 4,
1863, and the history of Vicksburg under Union occupation during the Civil War and Reconstruction.”

Books:

Battles


   eBook Permalink:


   eBook Permalink:


**Emancipation and the Black Experience**


Coddon, Karin S.  

*Slavery (Great Speeches in History).* San Diego, Calif: Greenhaven Press, 2002.  
Call Number: E449 .S624 2002

Coffin, Levi.  

Call Number: E450 .F535 2004

Hagedorn, Ann.  

Call Number: E450 .H165 2002

Jewett, Clayton E.  

Call Number: E441 .J49 2004

Kennedy, Walter Donald.  

Call Number: E441 .K46 2003

Litwack, Leon R.  

Call Number: E185.2 .L57 1980

Redkey, Edwin S.  

Call Number: E540 .N3 G74 1993

Singleton, William Henry.  

Call Number: E445 .N8 S56 1999

Tobin, Jacqueline.  

Call Number: E450 .T63 1999

Washington, Versalle F.  

Call Numbers: E492.94 5th .W37 1999

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**The Experience of War**

Allen, Thomas B.  

Call Number: E468.9 .A44 2009

Bonds, Russell S.  

Call Number: E473.55 .B66 2007

Bruchac, Joseph.  

Call Number: PZ7 .B82816 Mar 2008 (Young Adult)

Catton, Bruce.  

Call Number: E672 .C293

Catton, Bruce.  

Call Number: E672 .C295


**General Histories of the Civil War**


**The Home Front**


**Prominent Civil War Figures**


The War in North Carolina


  
  eBook Permalink:


The American Civil War and Reconstruction: A Bibliography


**Reconstruction and the End of the War**


Audiovisuals:


Video Bookmarks:


Video Permalink:


Video Bookmarks:
The American Civil War and Reconstruction: A Bibliography

[Episode 9]


Frederick Douglass. New York: New Video, 2005. 1 DVD (42 min.) Call Number: E449 .F74 2005


Video Bookmarks:
[Episode 1]
[Episode 2]


Video Bookmark:


Video Bookmark:
[Part 1]
[Part 2]

Video Permalink:

Journals:

America’s Civil War

Permalink to browse all issues: 1996-present

Civil War Times (Illustrated)

Permalink to browse all issues: 1996-2002

Civil War Times (continues Civil War Times Illustrated)

Permalink to browse all issues: 2002-present

Journal of American History

Permalink to browse all issues: 2003-present

Journal of Southern History

Permalink to browse all issues: 2003-present

Journal Articles:


Article Permalink:

Article Permalink:


Article Stable URL:


Article Stable URL:


Article Permalink:


Article Stable URL:


Article Stable URL:


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Library of Congress Subject Headings:

The Civil War, 1861-1865

Chattanooga, Battle of, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863

Confederate States of America

Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863

Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

North Carolina. History. Civil War, 1861-1865

Reconstruction, 1865-1877

Secession. Southern States

Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862

United States. History. Civil War, 1861-1865

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

United States. History. Civil War, 1861-1865. Naval operations

United States. History. Civil War, 1861-1865. Personal narratives

United States. Politics and government. 1861-1865

Vicksburg (Miss.). History. Siege, 1863