

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR & INDIANA
RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO CIVIL WAR MATERIALS
AT THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) Collections & Library collects, preserves and makes accessible a substantial amount of archival manuscript, printed, and visual materials and online digital collections relating to the American Civil War and especially to the role of Indiana's people in this conflict. This RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO CIVIL WAR MATERIAL AT THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY began in 2011 with the start of the 150th anniversary of the war. The IHS is also a member of the Indiana Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee for Indiana's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration (see <http://www.in.gov/history/CivilWar.htm>). This GUIDE is a living document created and maintained by the IHS Collections & Library that will be periodically updated during and, as a contribution to, the 150th commemoration (2011-2015).

This RESEARCHER'S GUIDE has two primary purposes:

1. Provide a concise and informative guide for all kinds of researchers interested in the Civil War and Indiana, especially showing *how and where* they can navigate related finding aids on the IHS website or in person at the William Henry Smith Memorial Library to explore, discover, and use the vast collection of Civil War materials at IHS.
2. Provide a significantly detailed description of both the *subject areas* and the *format and content types* of the information and images in the vast collection of Civil War materials at IHS. In addition, an Appendix has been created that lists Indiana regiments for which IHS has significant and/or specific original collections.

Researchers are also always encouraged to contact Reference Services at IHS Collections & Library for additional assistance or questions.

B. NAVIGATING AND "PATH FINDING" (finding aids and how to use them)

1. Online Catalog at <http://catalog.indianahistory.org/>

The online catalog is the most comprehensive way to search the IHS collection. The online catalog contains records for most of our manuscript, visual, artifacts, and printed materials. Keyword searches can be effective in searching for individual names, geographic locations, and topics. Keyword searches will search authors, titles, subjects, publication, and note fields. In addition, the Library of Congress subject heading list can be quite useful in narrowing the search for relevant materials.

Online Catalog Searching:

Examples:

Searching by the phrase “*Civil War, 1861-1865*” in the keyword field will return results concerning the Civil War. Please note, researchers must use the quotes when searching the Basic Search feature.

To narrow down the results, use the Advanced Search feature to add an additional search terms.

Civil War, 1861-1865 in the top search box

73rd in the next search box will retrieve records concerning the 73rd Indiana Regiment.

2. Collection Guides Online at <http://www.indianahistory.org/>

The William H. Smith Memorial Library holds over 5,300 processed manuscript and visual collections, ranging in size from one item to many boxes. Online collection guides for more than 2,000 of our manuscript and visual collections are accessible on the IHS website. The collection guides searched through the IHS website include descriptions and detailed lists for various manuscript and visual collections.

Website searching:

To see the references to any name or term in the online collection guides and indexes, researchers can do a search from the search box on any page of our website. (Please note: This does not search the Library Catalog). The key to searching through collection guides is to use the term *processed* in each search. Multiple search terms must include the word AND between them. The search will produce a list of titles, and researchers can click on each one in turn, using the browser's "back" key to return to the list.

Examples:

"Civil War" AND religion AND processed will retrieve collection guides that contain the terms "Civil War" and "religion," though not necessarily near each other.

"Civil War" AND 42nd AND regiment AND processed will retrieve collection guides on the 42nd Indiana Regiment.

3. Card Catalog

The manuscripts card catalog contains information on some collections that are not in the online catalog. The card catalog contains detailed information and subject access for some Civil War regiments and geographic locations. The card catalog is not accessible online but may be consulted in the library.

C. **SUBJECTS AND FORMAT TYPES** – (includes IHS digital and other online resources, both on the website and in the Library).

4. Printed Collection & Artifacts

- Books/pamphlets: The collection, encompassing hundreds of titles, consists of general histories of the war and of specific military campaigns, various published reports, biographies of Indiana figures, and GAR reunion and meeting reports. *Indiana Civil War Manuscripts*, published in 1965, lists manuscript collections available at both the IHS and Indiana State Library.
- Regimental histories: A number of Indiana regiments are represented in original published editions; an assortment of supplemental histories in microfiche format is also available.
- Terrell's Report: It serves as one of the most popular reference sources and as a comprehensive guide to Indiana regiments; includes abbreviated regimental histories, detailed rosters of soldiers and officers who served.
- Maps/atlasses: IHS has a small representation of maps and published atlases from the Civil War era or memorializing the war and some of its campaigns; most of the latter are reprints.
- Broadsides: These are generally described as one sheet of printed text circulated for public notice; the largest representation in the collection includes those calling for volunteers to enlist; also some pertaining to Abraham Lincoln.
- Sheet music: Fewer than ten published songs about the Civil War are represented within the collection; other pieces of sheet music held by large Indiana repositories (Indiana University, Indiana State Library, Indiana State Museum) can be accessed and located through the INHarmony Sheet Music database. <http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/inharmony/welcome.do>
- Newspapers: Some single issue copies of Civil War era newspapers, several pertaining to Lincoln, are contained within a limited representation of Indiana and 19th century newspapers. About 40 issues between 1861-1865 are included, along with other later reproductions or facsimiles.

- Ephemera: IHS has a wide variety of ephemeral materials, including advertising cards, announcements, calendars, flyers, invitations, menus, programs, and assorted other items. Only a few pieces of ephemera pertain to the Civil War, including a funeral card dating from the period and some political election tickets from 1860 and 1864.
- Artifacts: A large variety of small three-dimensional objects and memorabilia associated with the Civil War and later GAR reunions (upward of 475 items) is found in the collection. Most items are part of or were removed from manuscript collections or larger military accessions. The major component includes badges, medals, ribbons, pins, and other small items of related memorabilia. Although a small number of larger items (swords, chests, revolvers, flatware, uniforms/clothing items, and Lincoln sculptures and plaques) are also included, researchers should contact the Indiana State Museum about their extensive artifact collection.

5. Manuscript and Visual Collections

- Letters: The IHS has nearly 500 collections containing Civil War letters. Most are written by soldiers to family members, loved ones, or friends and range in content from descriptive accounts of battles, to camp life, to loneliness and the longing to return home. Since there was no censorship during the Civil War, soldiers could be frank about what they wanted to write about. Most of the collections are of the everyday soldier but a few prominent individuals such as Lew Wallace and Jefferson C. Davis are included.
- Diaries: There are over 200 collections containing diaries written by Indiana soldiers during the war. Some contain daily routines while others contain descriptive accounts of their experiences. These are particularly valuable for researchers wishing to understand the life of the common soldier.
- Reports, Records, and Documents: There are approximately 150 collections containing this type of information. They include muster rolls, supply and foraging reports, official orders, medical records, pension records, and commissions/promotions.
- Visual Items: There are close to 150 individual soldiers' photographic portraits in the collections. These are housed in two main collections: Civil War Carte de Visite Collection containing 89 portraits of soldiers arranged by regiments and the Civil War Cased Image Collection containing 14 images of Indiana soldiers. Other photographs are interspersed among the individual collections. Since photography was limited to posed photographs and had not advanced to the stage of being able to capture "action shots" there are no other types of photographs from this era; however, sketch artists proved to be an important element in recording the images of war. The best source for these

images is the work of Edwin Forbes from *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*. An outstanding representative of the best of these was reproduced in 1876 under the title *Life Sketches of the Great Army*.

1. Digital Image Collection:

<http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/digital-image-collections>

The Digital Image Collection contains several thousand searchable images from the visual, manuscript, and printed collections and is available for viewing from any Internet access point. The Civil War is a topic available to search within the Digital Image Collection. The Civil War Materials Collection contains items that illustrate the lives of the soldiers and major events in the war, along with items that show Hoosiers struggling to support the war and maintain their farms, businesses, and home state. A Civil War “Home Front” Collection has recently been added as a second collection.

2. On-site Databases:

The IHS Library provides on-site access to several online databases that may assist in researching the Civil War. AncestryLibrary and *HeritageQuest Online* can provide information on a specific Civil War soldier. The *American Civil War Research Database* includes soldiers' records, regimental rosters and chronicles, and battle synopses. These databases are free to library users.

Appendix – CIVIL WAR REGIMENTAL LIST

REGIMENT	COLLECTION TYPES
1 st Indiana Heavy Artillery	letters, regimental history, artifacts, records
1 st Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, visual items, diaries
2 nd Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, artifacts, diaries, documents, visual items, ephemera, clippings, regimental records
3 rd Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental records, artifacts, visual items, diaries, regimental history, broadside
3 rd Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, battery records
4 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, regimental history, documents, regimental records, visual items, artifacts
4 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, documents, visual items, battery history
5 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, regimental history, documents, visual items, artifact, memoirs
5 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, battery history, diary
6 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, regimental history, documents, clippings, artifacts, regimental records
6 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, diaries, broadside, documents
6 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, battery records
7 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, records, regimental history, letters, diaries, visual items, article, research materials, artifacts, broadsides, music, memoir, order book
7 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, broadside, diaries, document, regimental history, regimental records
7 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery history
8 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, records, diaries, regimental history, visual items, regimental records, poem
8 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, regimental history, diaries, documents, regimental records
8 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery records
9 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, documents, visual items, regimental history, regimental records, artifact
9 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	regimental history, visual items, letter, records
9 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery records, letters
10 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental history, regimental records, broadside, diaries, clippings
10 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, artifact, diary, documents
10 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery records, letters
11 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, visual items, letters, regimental history, artifacts, diaries, order book, sheet music, memoirs
11 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, regimental history, documents, visual items, artifacts, memoirs

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11 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery history
12 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental history, diaries, artifacts, visual items, regimental records
12 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	letters, diaries, documents, regimental history
13 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	diaries, regimental records, letters, visual items, poem, documents
13 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment	regimental records, visual items, letters, regimental history, documents
14 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents, visual items, diaries, artifacts, regimental records
14 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, memoirs
15 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, regimental records, diary, broadside, documents
15 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	memoirs
16 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental records, visual items, letters, documents, regimental history, clippings
16 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letter
17 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, diaries, regimental records, ephemera, music, documents, artifact
17 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters
18 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, diaries, regimental records, documents, visual items
18 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	battery history, letters, memoirs
19 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, diaries, records
19 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters
20 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, diary, records, artifact, visual items
21 st Indiana Infantry Regiment (see also 1 st Indiana Heavy Artillery)	regimental history, visual items, regimental records, documents, letters
21 st Indiana Battery Light Artillery	memoirs, letters
22 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents, visual items, clippings, diaries, regimental records
23 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diary, documents, visual item, regimental records, regimental history,
24 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, letter, regimental history, visual items
25 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, diaries, clippings, visual item, records, broadside, regimental history, poem
26 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents,
26 th Indiana Battery Light Artillery	letters, battery records
27 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, diaries, clipping, regimental history, regimental records, visual item
28 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 1 st Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	

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28 th United States Colored Troop	regimental history, letters, visual items, documents
29 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental records, documents, letters, visual item
30 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	diaries, letters, documents, regimental records
31 st Indiana Infantry Regiment	artifacts, letters, regimental history, regimental records, visual item, diaries, clippings
32 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, documents, letter, diaries, visual item
33 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, visual items, diaries, regimental records, regimental history, broadsides, music
34 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	visual items, documents, regimental records
35 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, regimental records, correspondence , diary, visual item
36 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, diary, regimental records, documents
37 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, regimental records, regimental history, autograph album
38 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, clipping, visual item, broadside, documents
39 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 8 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
40 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, letters, regimental records
41 st Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 2 nd Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
42 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, visual item, broadside
43 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, music, regimental history, diaries, documents, visual items, regimental records, reunion speeches
44 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental records, regimental history, letters, documents, ephemera, artifacts, visual items, music, diaries
45 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 3 rd Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
46 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, artifact, letters, clippings, diary, regimental records,
47 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental records, documents
48 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	diaries, letters, artifacts, documents, regimental history, regimental records
49 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental records, regimental history, diary, visual items
50 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, visual items, documents, articles
51 st Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, regimental records, documents

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52 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letter, regimental records
53 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, diary, documents
54 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental records, diary
55 th Indiana Regiment	letters, visual items, artifact
57 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents, regimental records, diaries
58 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	diaries, visual items, documents, regimental history, regimental records, letters, poem
59 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, diary, regimental history
60 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letter, regimental records, diary
63 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries
65 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	broadside, document, regimental history, letters, diaries
66 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	clipping, broadside, letters, documents, visual items, ephemera, diary
67 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, regimental records, visual items
68 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, diaries, broadside, visual item
69 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, regimental records
70 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	broadside, regimental history, letters, diaries, visual items, artifacts, poem,
71 st Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 6 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
72 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, broadsides, regimental history, visual items
73 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents
74 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, diaries, visual items
75 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, artifacts, regimental history, diaries, documents, visual item
77 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 4 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
78 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents
79 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental history, diaries
80 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, documents, visual items
81 st Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, visual items, regimental history, clipping, documents
82 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diaries, visual items, artifacts, regimental history, regimental records
83 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, diary, regimental records
84 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	document, regimental history, letters, diary, visual item
85 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	diary, regimental history, letters, visual item
86 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents, diary

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87 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diary, documents, regimental history
88 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, diary, regimental history
89 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, visual items, documents, broadsides, diaries, artifact, regimental records
90 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 5 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
91 st Indiana Infantry Regiment	diary, regimental records, documents, visual item
93 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, speeches
96 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	broadside
97 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental history, music, document, visual item
99 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	broadside, regimental history, letters, documents, regimental records, visual item
100 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, artifacts, diaries, ephemera, regimental history, regimental records, visual item
101 st Indiana Infantry Regiment	diaries, regimental records, regimental history, letters, documents, artifacts, visual item
115 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	visual items, letters
116 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, letters, artifacts, visual items
117 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters
119 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 7 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
120 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental history, letters, documents
121 st Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 9 th Indiana Cavalry)	
123 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	diary, regimental history, documents
124 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters
125 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 10 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
126 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 11 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
127 th Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 12 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
128 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	visual items, documents, letters,
129 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letter
130 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental records, broadside
131 st Indiana Infantry Regiment (see 13 th Indiana Cavalry Regiment)	
132 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	documents, regimental records, letters, diary, visual items
133 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters
134 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, visual item
135 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, clippings
136 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letter, memoirs, documents

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137 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, memoirs, regimental records, diary
138 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	document
139 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	regimental records
140 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, regimental records, documents
145 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents
146 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents
147 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters
148 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regimental records
150 th Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, ephemera, diary
152 nd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters, documents, regiment records
153 rd Indiana Infantry Regiment	letters