## **HOW TO FIND YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR AT ANCESTRY.COM**



FIRST, SEARCH THE CENSUS FOR CLUES. Identify your Civil War connection by starting in 20th century census records. Look at 1930 and 1910 carefully. Each asked respondents about prior military service.

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**NEXT, FOLLOW YOUR FAMILY BACK** THROUGH CENSUS YEARS, even to the

days before the Civil War. Pay close attention to males between the ages of 13 and 40 in the 1860 census; they were the most likely to serve.

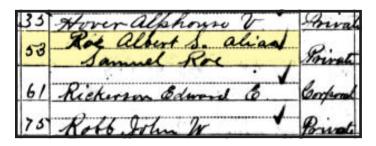
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## THEN LOOK FOR THE MOST LIKELY **CANDIDATES IN POST-CIVIL WAR RECORDS CREATED ABOUT THE** WAR'S VETERANS. In 1890, the U.S.

government filled out a special census schedule that included veterans of the Civil War or spouses, if the veteran was deceased. Use the information from censuses to see if your ancestor, his siblings, or a widowed spouse is included in the 1890 Veterans Schedule. Look for surprises, too - a soldier who deserted his wife may be listed as deceased in this schedule or a veteran may be listed with both a birth name and alias.



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## ALSO, SEARCH U.S. NATIONAL HOMES FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER

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**RESEARCH.** Dive into other Civil War collections at Ancestry.com using the information you've found. Search using a soldier's name, birth date and birthplace and other details you've learned to see if he's listed in <u>U.S., Civil War</u> <u>Draft Registration Records, 1861-1865</u>. Remarks included in this list could provide additional details about a soldier. Find one that mentions a substitute? That means the soldier found – and likely paid – someone else to serve in his place.

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## ALSO SEARCH CIVIL WAR

**CEMETERIES** in the <u>Ancestry.com U.S. Military</u> <u>Cemeteries collection</u>. You'll also find <u>service records</u>, pension indexes and applications, U.S. colored troops <u>service records</u>, <u>muster rolls</u>, and more. Use information you learn from these records to go back even further to discover more about the life and service of your family's Civil War vet.

To search all Civil War-related military records at Ancestry. com, select <u>Military</u> from the Ancestry.com Search tab. Or choose Military Records from the Special Collections listed on the right hand side of the Search page.

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