

Colorado SCV Graves Research Guideline

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OVERVIEW

Grave research is an important activity for the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and the Colorado Division of the SCV. It furthers our knowledge regarding Confederate Veterans in Colorado and the contributions they made to the building of Colorado as a state.

There are several purposes of grave research:

1. Fulfill our duties as members of the SCV as described in The Charge to the SCV.
2. Further our knowledge of Confederate Veterans and their contributions to Colorado and Confederate and Southern Heritage in general.
3. Add Confederate Veterans buried in Colorado to our website Interment List.
4. Register the veterans' graves for posterity with the SCV Graves Registration Project.
5. Obtain a VA Headstone for the veteran if his grave is not marked.

This guideline will give you the tools to conduct basic research on a Confederate Veteran's Grave. Deeper research can be performed by several of our Division Compatriots who are actively involved in genealogy and have access to more databases and tremendous knowledge in this area. Compatriot Terry Wabnitz is a member of the SCV Genealogy Committee and Compatriot Gary Parrott is also very knowledgeable in this area. Both can help you out if you get stuck somewhere in your research.

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THE PROCESS

1. Research the Colorado Veterans Graves Registration (Appendix A) data base:

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/military/graves/>

This is a guide to see if the veteran is buried in Colorado, but it is just a guide and not always accurate. Simply click on the appropriate block of names and it will take you to that listing. Search the listing for your veteran's name (Appendix A). Your veteran may or may not be in this listing. If he is, then cut and paste the entry into a word document for your records or simply write all of the information down. If he is not, then you must do some further research. Begin by searching for cemeteries in the county in which the veteran lived. Look up the cemetery on the internet and see if you can find a cemetery index listing. Some cemeteries have them and some do not. Search for the veteran on the cemetery index listings.

2. Research Confederate Veteran on NPS Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (Appendix B):

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

You can use this site to try to verify the veteran's unit. Again, it is a guide and not 100% accurate. Simply click on either the Soldiers, Sailors or Regiments area and begin your search (Appendix B). If

you cannot find the veteran, then forward all of the information to have to Terry Wabnitz and/or Gary Parrott and they will try to get the information for you.

3. Check Footnote for muster Documents:

<http://www.footnote.com/>

Note: You will have to join Footnote to be able to use the website. If you are not going to be using it a lot, the best thing to do is contact Terry Wabnitz and/or Gary Parrott and they can do deeper research on the veteran's unit

On this website, you will find Civil War "Muster Documents" that will verify the veterans service in the CSA Armed Forces and what unit(s) they served in. Most of the time, you will be able to tell whether or not the veteran served honorably.

- On the Home Page, select "Browse" and then "Civil War: 1860-1880"
- Select "Confederate Soldier Service Records".
- Select the State you are searching
- Select the unit
- Select first letter in veteran's Surname

You can also search within the State for the veteran's name if you do not know the unit he served in. Simply type his last name in the "Search" Box after you have selected the state for which he served'

4. Research the Cemetery online to get a contact number and name and a cemetery index listing if it exists. Call the cemetery to see if the veteran has a marker for his grave. If there is no marker, then we can apply for a VA Headstone to honor the veteran.

5. Forward the information to me in the following format so that I can add the veteran to the Interment List on the Colorado Division website:

Name	Rank	State Served	Unit	Cemetery	City/Town
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6. VA Headstone Application Procedure: If you are going to apply for a VA Headstone, go to this website and it will explain eligibility requirements, has instructions for filling out the VA Form 40-1330, and has the application itself (VA Form 40-1330):

http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp

This guideline will not go into detail on this process as it is very well spelled out on the VA website. The instructions are very clear and the VA is very helpful if you have trouble. Their phone number is 1-800-697-6947.

The basic eligibility requirements are that the veteran must have served honorably and that there is no grave marker for his grave. You must provide proof of service, in our case muster documents, pension documents or other official records of service to the CSA.

The application must be signed by the next of kin if available. If the grave is in a private cemetery, the application must be signed by the cemetery owner. If the grave is in a public cemetery, the application must be signed by a cemetery official. I have done several of these and can help out with the VA Application process. My contact information follows:

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7. Registering a Veterans Grave with the SCV Graves Registration Project (Appendix C)

Once you have collected all of the available information on the veteran, we will register his grave with the SCV Graves Registration Project. Simply fill in the "**CONFEDERATE VETERAN GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM**" found in Appendix C. If you do not have the data for a field, simply type in "UNK". Once you have completed the form, please send it to me so that I can add it to our records and I will send it to the SCV.

If there are any questions on anything in this guideline, please contact me;

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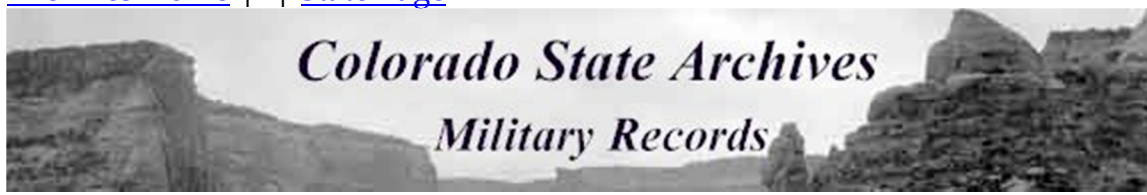
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Appendix A

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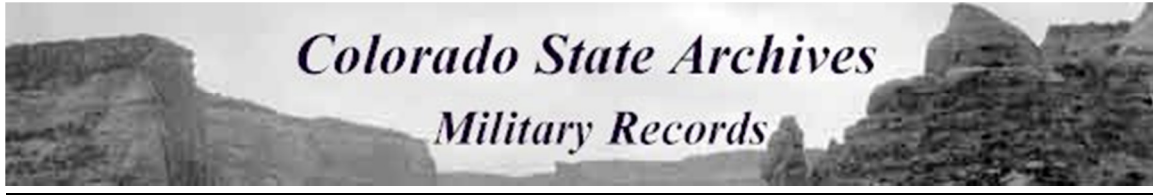


COLORADO VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATIONS

1862 - 1949

Abalos - Artzt	Arundle - Bates	Bates - Blain	Blaine - Briston
Brittingham - Butler	Butler - Chandler	Chandler - Collins	Collins - Crawley
Crays - Day	Day - Doyle	Doyle - Emert	Emery - Fitzgerald
Fitzgerald - Garcia	Garcia - Gorton	Gorton - Hall	Hall - Hayes
Hayes - Hobbs	Hobson - Hunter	Hunter - Jondro	Jones - Kibbey
Kickland - Lane	Lane - Lomax	Lombard - Marshall	Marshall - McCue
McCue - Melvin	Melvin - Moore	Moore - Nelson	Nelson - Owens
Owens - Philips	Philips - Ragland	Ragland - Risel	Rising - Ruybalid
Ryan - Seiler	Seitz - Sloan	Sloan - Springer	Springer - Sutherland
Sutphin - Todd	Todd - Vigil	Vigil - Weidman	Weiford - Williams
	Williams - Zurwelle		

The Colorado Graves Registration was a project to locate and register the graves of all United State veterans buried in Colorado. It includes many out-of-state deceased veterans who were sent to Fitzsimons Army Hospital or came to Colorado to regain their health (3).



**COLORADO VETERANS'
GRAVE REGISTRATIONS
1862 - 1949**

Williams - Zurwelle					
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Birthplace</i>
Williams	Olney W	Arapahoe	Fairmount	6MAR1876	IL
Williams	Otis Tyler	Delta	Cedaredge	13JUN1894	CO
Williams	Paul F	Delta	Delta	20DEC1893	IA
Williams	Ralph Henry	Archuleta	Hilltop	30JAN1887	ME
Williams	Robert Andrew	Gunnison	Masons - I.O.O.F.	30NOV1894	UT
Williams	Roy H	Arapahoe	Fairmount	d. JAN1938	---
Williams	Sidney R	Arapahoe	Fairmount	'1882	KS
Williams	Thomas	Arapahoe	Fairmount	29FEB1886	TX
Williams	Thomas	Lake	St. Joseph's	'1867	IA
Williams	Thomas E Jr.	Morgan	Riverside	10JUL1888	CO

Appendix B



Search by Soldier Name

For help with the form, click on the question mark buttons.

Last Name

First Name

Union or Confederate

State (or Origin)

Unit No. (or Ordinal)

Function

Soldier Names

Displaying records 1 to 6 of 6

No.	Soldier Name	Side	Function	Regiment Name
1	Grant, James	Confederate	Cavalry	4th Regiment, Georgia Cavalry (Clinch's)
2	Grant, James B.	Confederate	Cavalry	13th Regiment, Georgia Cavalry
3	Grant, James D.	Confederate	Infantry	45th Regiment, Georgia Infantry
4	Grant, James H.	Confederate	Infantry	35th Regiment, Georgia Infantry
5	Grant, James M.	Confederate	Infantry	57th Regiment, Georgia Infantry
6	Grant, James V.	Confederate		3rd Regiment, Georgia Reserves

Appendix C



CONFEDERATE VETERAN GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print Legibly)

Name of Soldier: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Rank _____ Branch _____ Company _____ Regiment _____

State _____ Enlistment Date _____

Reference

(Source of Military Service): Archives/Burial Records/Newspaper

Birth Date: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Death Date: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Cemetery Name: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Plot# _____ Row _____ Section _____ Grave Marked? _____ Veteran Stone? _____

Cross of Honor on Grave? _____ Cross Identification Number: _____

GPS Coordinates: _____

Spouse's Maiden

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Spouse's Birth Date: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Marriage Date: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Name of Children: _____

State Name of Individual Filing Data Below Date Filed:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Suffix: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Name & Number of SCV Camp (If Applicable):

Forward To:
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