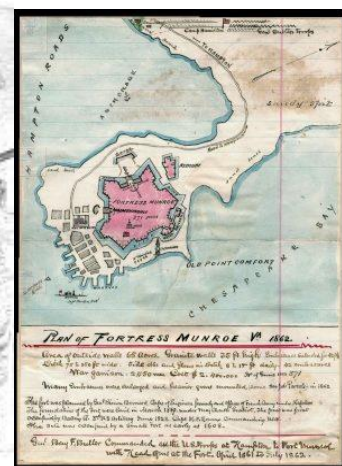
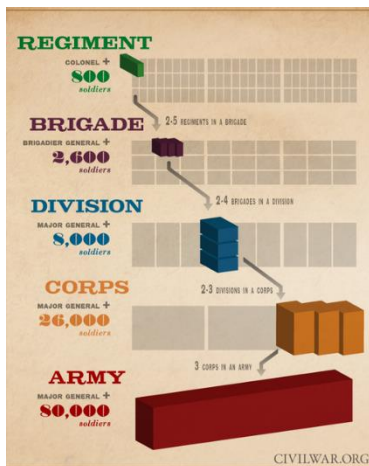


**1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Colored Cavalry: Private Lives, Public Records**  
[1stuscoloredcavalry.wordpress.com](http://1stuscoloredcavalry.wordpress.com)

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The 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Colored Cavalry was organized at Fort Monroe, Virginia in 1863. It consisted of free men, freed men, freedom-seekers and white officers from across the country and around the world. Research on a single ancestor evolved into a blog launched on Veterans Day 2018. This session includes a brief history of the regiment but focuses on how genealogical research skills can be used to re-create the lives of individuals and re-build neighborhoods and communities. A person's sketch (notes on the military and civilian experience) is supplemented with a sidebar (material including but not limited to documents and publications of the period, museum collections, maps, news-papers, and illustrations). Those who are interested in African American participation in the Civil War, who have considered alternative publishing, or who want to learn about print and online resources will want to attend. These points will be covered and there will be time for more questions at the end.

- What's in a pension application?
  - Where do I find pension applications?
  - What other sources have information about those who served?
  - What are tips and techniques for understanding what I find?
  - Where do I find free and low-cost maps and images?
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- What's in this blog?
  - How do I use this blog?
  - How often is it published?
  - How can I make comments or suggestions?
  - Can I upload information about my soldier?



Right-Click on the image to access the hyperlink that will link you to the sidebar.

## ANATOMY OF A SKETCH

1 « Norfolk's Growth

2 "The Great Cattle Raid at Harrison's Landing" »

3 Phelan Washington, Company K  
December 17, 2018 by leslie1863 | |

4 *Phelan Washington's name was spelled different ways on various official papers e.g. Philon, Fielding, Fields. According to his Military Service Record (not included here), Washington was assigned to "daily duty guarding cattle" from May 1864 – August 1864.*

5 Invalid – 788,633 / 564,496  
Widow – 949,000 / – , Sarah Washington

6 Questionnaire, Phelan Washington, 4 June[?] 1898  
[Married] **Sarah Ann Washington**, present name; **Sarah Ann Williams**, maiden  
[When, where, by whom] Married in 1860 by consent of my owner  
[Record] None that I know as I was a slave  
[Previously married?] No  
[Living children?] None

1 Name of the sidebar associated with the previous week's soldier

2 Name of the sidebar associated with this week's soldier

3 Name of the soldier and his unit; date the entry's posted

4 Highlights of the soldier's civilian or military life

5 Category of claimant's application; application # / certificate # (if application's approved); claimant's name (the survivor, not the veteran)

6 Document's name; witness's name (highlighted first time it appears in the body of the post); document's date

## ANATOMY OF A SIDEBAR

1 « Phelan Washington, Company K

2 Roshus Shorts, Company H »

3 "The Great Cattle Raid at Harrison's Landing"  
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4 "Leaving from a point along the Confederate right flank of the Boydton Plank Road on 14 Sept. 1864, Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton took about 3,000 Confederate cavalymen and rode more than 100 miles around the rear of the Union army. Reaching Coggins' Point on the James River on 16 Sept., the raiders successfully captured almost 2,500 head of cattle from the Federals and returned to their lines relatively unmolested. The next day the cattle were penned in the field east of the Boydton Plank Road until being slaughtered for the Confederate toops in the Petersburg trenches."



5 "The Great Cattle Raid at Harrison's Landing" by Alfred R. Waud, *Harper's Weekly*, 8 October 1864

6 "[Cattle \(Beefsteak\) Raid \(Marker Number S-48\)](#)," Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2005

- 1 « Name of the soldier associated with this sidebar
- 2 R Name of the soldier in the following week's post
- 3 T Name of this sidebar; the post's publication date
- 4 L Description of the sidebar
- 5 I Larger size of image might be available
- 6 A Additional links or sources associated with the sidebar

**NOTE: For the complete list of print and online resources, Right-Click on the link to open the hyperlink ... [“1st U.S. Colored Cavalry: Private Lives, Public Records // Resources”](#)**

## **Selected Resources**

### **Books and Articles**

1. Browne, Frederick W. *Paper of Frederick W. Browne, Second Lieut. 1st U.S. Colored Cavalry, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Read Before the Ohio Commandery of The Loyal Legion, March 4, 1908.*

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3. Downs, Jim. *Sick from Freedom: African-American illness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

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### **Online Resources**

20. African American Civil War Memorial & Museum

<http://afroamcivilwar.org/>

21. Fort Monroe

<http://www.nps.gov/fomr/index.htm>

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23. Library of Virginia – James I. Robertson Jr. Civil War Sesquicentennial Legacy Collection

<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150>

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### **Maps**

29. “Mapping the Freedmen’s Bureau” by Angela Walton-Raji and Toni Carrier

<http://mappingthefreedmensbureau.com//>

30. Virginia Civil War Trails

<https://www.virginia.org/civilwartrails/>

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### **Blogs**

34. “Reclaiming Kin” by Robyn Smith

<http://www.reclaimingkin.com/?s=civil+war+pensions> [three-part article]

35. “Sacred Ground, Sacred History: African American Cemeteries of Tidewater Virginia and North Carolina” by Nadia Orton

<https://sacredgroundsacredhistory.wordpress.com>