

**New Hampshire in the U.S. Civil War -- Internet Resources as of February 2015**  
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These web sites are to help you find Internet-based information of interest to you. While the Internet can provide us with invaluable material, we encourage you to look for actual primary sources in your own town, city, or region. You could...

...ask at your local library or historical society to see if they have any soldiers' letters or diaries. Perhaps there are diaries from women or men who stayed home and worked the farms and businesses while soldiers were away at war. Ask about memorabilia. Look for minutes and lists from the local Ladies Aid Society.

...search to see if there are local Civil War era newspapers in town archives.

...look in N.H. town histories written in the late 1800s or early 1900s for local Civil War details. You might even find lists of soldiers, sailors, and physicians.

...visit local cemeteries and read gravestone inscriptions for names and details of Civil War participants. Soldiers will probably have American flags flying at their graves.

...look closely at local statues and memorials for names of Civil War soldiers.

...contact local re-enactors and ask what they have found for weapons, uniforms, and other objects from Civil War history.

Although the Civil War took place a century and a half ago, there are still many, many objects, letters, diaries, photos, and surprises from that era that you can find. Happy hunting!

In addition to sources and links included in the project lesson plans, here is a sampling of more materials on the Internet related to New Hampshire in the Civil War (as of 14 February 2015). The links are arranged in sections with these titles:

- GOVERNMENT DATABASES
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- BLACK SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE CIVIL WAR
- NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR – NURSES AND PHYSICIANS
- NEW HAMPSHIRE PHYSICIANS IN THE CIVIL WAR
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## GOVERNMENT DATABASES

Databases from the N.H. Department of Cultural Resources website

[http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/nh\\_civilwar.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/nh_civilwar.htm)

Chronological calendar: May 1, 1861 - December 19, 1865

<http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/documents/nhcivilwarchronology.pdf>

Follow New Hampshire's involvement from when the first soldiers mustered in until the final ones mustered out.

Calendar by Month and Day: January 1 - December 31 (independent of year)

<http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/documents/nhcivilwarcalendar.pdf>

Learn about New Hampshire's involvement on any particular calendar day.

Database sorted by regiment and affiliation

<http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/documents/nhcivilwarregimentlistings.pdf>

Discover the activities of individual New Hampshire regiments, including the three U.S. sharpshooter companies.

Database sorted by activity location

<http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/documents/nhcivilwarregimentlocationactivity.pdf>

Locate exactly where New Hampshire's soldiers engaged in battle - as well as where they began and ended their Civil War service.

National Park Service Civil War Database of Soldiers and Sailors

<http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

Description from the site: The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, which will be amended over time.

Also includes general Civil War topics not specific to N.H.

N.H. Regimental Histories, Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/uscivilwar/newhampshire.html>

## NEW HAMPSHIRE SOLDIERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

N.H. Heritage

<http://nh-heritage.com/index.htm>

N.H. soldiers and sailors in the Civil War. Includes photo section and others listed below.

N.H. African Americans in the Civil War Navy

<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/AANavy.html>

N.H. Prisoners of Andersonville  
<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/Andersonville.html>

N.H. Medal of Honor Recipients  
<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/MOH.html>

Letters and diaries from N.H. Soldiers  
<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/letters.html>

N.H. Gilmore Medal recipient  
<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/gillmore.html>

N.H. by the Numbers of officers, enlisted, died, etc.  
<http://nh-heritage.com/Numbers.htm>

History of the 6<sup>th</sup> N.H. Regiment, Monadnock Region  
<http://www.6nhvi-e.com/History.html>  
From a History of the Town of Keene. Reenactors' site.

N.H. Regiments and N.H. Sailors  
<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/nh/topic/civilwar/>  
Incomplete lists. Includes Medal of Honor recipients and N.H. sailors.

Northern N.H. Civil War Veterans  
<http://www.nhcivilwar.com/>  
Berlin, Dummer, Milan, Gorham, Shelburne, Errol/Grants

List of N.H. Regimental Histories and sources  
<http://www.cwcanneycamp5.org/nh-regiments-in-the-civil-war.html>

GAR Posts – NH  
<http://www.cwcanneycamp5.org/nh-gar-posts.html>

Charles W. Canney Camp, Rochester, helping preserve monuments  
<http://www.cwcanneycamp5.org/nhs-civil-war-monuments.html>

NH's last Civil War veterans--1933  
<http://www.cwcanneycamp5.org/new-hampshires-last-civil-war-veterans.html>

N.H. Civil War Statistics  
<http://www.pauloman.com/cwstats.html>  
Independent website that also includes Pittsfield details.  
Those listed on the Pittsfield Civil War monument  
[www.pauloman.com/monument.html](http://www.pauloman.com/monument.html)

The Civil War Archive, Union Regimental Index, New Hampshire

<http://www.civilwararchive.com/unionnh.htm>

Dates organized and mustered out, sites of service and movements of N.H. regiments.

Re a book of photos including Civil War Soldiers by N.H. photographer Henry P. Moore

<http://www.nhhistory.org/moorebook.html>

See the book, *Soldiers, Sailors, Slaves, and Ships: The Civil War Photographs of Henry P. Moore*, available through N.H. Historical Society.

## **BLACK SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

General article not specific to N.H.

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/blacks-civil-war/>

N.H. African Americans in the Civil War Navy

<http://nh-heritage.com/OtherGenealogy/AA Navy.html>

Black Soldiers from Newmarket

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/military/civil-war/united-state-colored-troops-usct/>

Newmarket--Bounties, the draft, town debt

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/military/civil-war/bounties-and-town-debt/>

Black Soldiers' Memorial by N.H. Sculptor Saint Gaudens

<http://www.npr.org/2013/07/18/203294923/civil-wars-first-african-american-infantry-remembered-in-bronze>

The Shaw Memorial at St. Gaudens National Historic site, Cornish, N.H.

<http://www.nps.gov/saga/historyculture/the-shaw-memorial.htm>

White Attitudes Toward Blacks

<http://civilwartalk.com/threads/nh-civil-war-soldiers%E2%80%99-had-differing-opinions-about-slavery.82870/>

<http://portsmouthblackheritagetrail.wordpress.com/2014/06/05/wolfeboro-nh-and-the-civil-wars/>

<http://www.library.unh.edu/digital/object/harris:0170>

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR – NURSES AND PHYSICIANS**

Dover Nurse Sarah Low – briefly at Union Hotel Hospital, then Armory Square

[http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/sarah\\_low.htm](http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/sarah_low.htm)

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs114/1103155922201/archive/1114622216709.html>

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs114/1103155922201/archive/1114622173121.html>

Hannah Ropes - matron at Union Hotel Hospital with Sarah Low. Hannah was born in Maine and married a N.H. school teacher, who left the family.

<http://civilwarwomenblog.com/hannah-ropes/>

<http://www.aahn.org/gravesites/ropes.html>

<http://www.civilwarprimer.com/2012/03/hannah-ropes-the-other-woman-behind-little-women/>

<http://www.uh.edu/engines/epi867.htm>

Armory Square Hospital

<http://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/5393>

<http://blog.nasm.si.edu/aviation/on-this-spot/>

Louisa May Alcott, from Massachusetts, wrote about experiences similar to Sarah Low's. Was also at Union Hotel Hospital and wrote of some N.H. soldiers she took care of there.

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/alcott/sketches/sketches.html>

<http://www.alcottfilm.com/the-book/from-the-book/excerpt-from-chapter-eleven/>

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/2011/07/scenes-from-the-hurly-burly-hotel-louisa-may-alcotts-civil-war.html>

Celebrated Concord Nurse Harriet P. Dame in A History of the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.H. Regiment

<http://belmontnh.homestead.com/WarFiles/WarofRebellion2ndNHVolunteerC17-C19.pdf>

(See pp. 296-302.)

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120525/NEWS/205250377/-1/NEWSMAP>

<http://www.nursingworld.org/HarrietPatienceDame>

<http://www.olddeadrelatives.com/showmedia.php?mediaID=279>

<http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications/warheroes/dameh.html>

[http://exeterhistory.blogspot.com/2012/05/harriet-patience-dame-and-2<sup>nd</sup>-new.html](http://exeterhistory.blogspot.com/2012/05/harriet-patience-dame-and-2nd-new.html)

<http://www.cowhampshireblog.com/2007/11/11/north-barnstead-new-hampshires-harriet-p-dame-the-florence-nightingale-of-the-civil-war-1815-1900/>

Civil War nurses and women in general

<http://hnn.us/article/52894>

Amanda Akin – from New York, but was also at Armory Square Hospital

[http://americanhistory.si.edu/documentsgallery/exhibitions/nursing\\_1.html](http://americanhistory.si.edu/documentsgallery/exhibitions/nursing_1.html)

Smithsonian online exhibit- "Diary of a Civil War Nurse" re Amanda Akin, from Quaker Hill, New York, who served in the Armory Square Hospital during the Civil War from April 1863-July 1864. She published *The Lady Nurse of Ward E*. Exhibit includes exterior and interior photos of Armory Square Hospital where Dover, N.H., native Sarah Low also served as a nurse.

Dr. Esther Hill Hawks – woman doctor from N.H. in Civil War with husband. Knew and communicated with Sarah Low after the war.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=26563739>

<http://www.nieworld.com/special/floridaquest/quest2006/hideawaytimes9.htm>

<http://www.sc.edu/uscpres/books/pre1993/9622.html>

<http://livefreeanddraw.com/start/dr-hawks/>

Lucy Lambert Hale Legend – **CAUTION** – We have no proof, no evidence. Nurse Sarah Low was good friends with and a distant relative of Lucy Lambert Hale, daughter of New Hampshire's U.S. Senator John P. Hale. Both young women were from Dover, N.H., and they both were in Washington, D.C., at times during the Civil War. If you look online for Civil War links to New Hampshire, you are likely to find claims and speculation that Lucy Hale was the secret fiancée of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln. Professional historians suggest caution, reminding us that we possess no actual, dependable, historical evidence supporting the legend.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE PHYSICIANS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Esther Hill Hawks (born in Hooksett, N.H.)

<http://civilwarwomenblog.com/esther-hill-hawks-3/>

<http://hnn.us/article/52894>

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=26563739>

Full text of The History of the N.H. Surgeons in the Civil War

<https://archive.org/details/historyofnewhamp00conn> (See pp. 288-289 re Dr. Esther Hill Hawks.)

## **EXAMPLES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME TOWNS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Exeter – The Civil War Begins

<http://exeterhistory.blogspot.com/2011/05/civil-war-begins.html>

<http://civilwar150nh.onefireplace.com/exeter>

Newmarket

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/military/civil-war/>

Pittsfield

<http://www.pauloman.com/civilwar.html>

Portsmouth Civil War Walking Tour Map

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=201856317468376027988.0049b50b6412>

Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail

<http://civilwar150nh.onefireplace.com/pbht>

Sandwich, NH

<http://alanfraserhouston.com/>

## NEW HAMPSHIRE AT SEA

Ships built in N.H.

*USS Kearsarge*- Newmarket sailors

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/profiles/jeremiah-young-and-the-uss-kearsarge/>

Famous sea battle between N.H.-made *USS Kearsarge* and *CSS Alabama*

<http://militaryhistory.about.com/od/shipprofiles/p/kearsarge.htm>

<http://www.civilwaracademy.com/uss-kearsarge.html>

<http://portsmouthmarinesociety.org/kearsarge.html>

<http://donhollway.com/alabama-kearsarge/>

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/warfare-and-logistics/warfare/navy.html>

USS Portsmouth

[http://oldnavalhospital.org/fpt\\_uss\\_portsmouth.html](http://oldnavalhospital.org/fpt_uss_portsmouth.html)

Newmarket Credited Sailors

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/military/civil-war/us-navy-newmarket-sailors/>

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/warfare-and-logistics/warfare/navy.html>

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS

Exeter memorial

<http://exeterhistory.blogspot.com/2012/06/exeters-civil-war-monument.html>

Monadnock

<http://hscnh.org/resources/monadnock-moments/first-soldiers-monument/>

Town memorials – N.H. Humanities Council Speaker

[http://www.nhhc.org/humanities-to-go.php?action=quick\\_search&search=civil+war&btnSubmit=Quick+Search](http://www.nhhc.org/humanities-to-go.php?action=quick_search&search=civil+war&btnSubmit=Quick+Search)

Weirs Beach after the war – N.H. Veterans' Association

<http://weirsbeach.com/reasons-to-visit/history/veterans/nh-va-history/>

Goodwin Park Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Portsmouth

<http://seacoastnh.com/monuments/goodwin.html>

Augustus St. Gaudens

<http://civilwar150nh.onefireplace.com/sgnhs>

Portsmouth Porter Statue

[http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMEPHX\\_General\\_Fitz\\_John\\_Porter\\_Portsmouth\\_New\\_Hampshire](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMEPHX_General_Fitz_John_Porter_Portsmouth_New_Hampshire)

Fitz John Porter – coward or hero?

<http://civilwar150nh.onefireplace.com/porter>

Charles W. Canney Camp, Rochester, helping preserve monuments

<http://www.cwcanneycamp5.org/nhs-civil-war-monuments.html>

## **CAVALRY**

Some N.H. soldiers served in the cavalry.

<http://www.civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unnhtr1.htm#1stcav>

[http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZD5\\_A\\_Majors\\_Horse](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZD5_A_Majors_Horse)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/jsdow/2922483119/>

<http://www.newmarketnhhistoricalsociety.org/military/civil-war/1st-nh-cavalry-newmarket-soldiers-the-shenandoah-valley-campaigns/>

Horses are well-loved by many and can offer an entry point into understanding more fully the gut-wrenching brutality as well as the glorified pageantries of war. During the time of the U.S. Civil War, horses numbered in the millions in the United States and were a primary method of transportation. Many websites and videos, not specific to New Hampshire, can be found on the Internet with visuals, anecdotes, and numbers to bring home these historical truths. (CAUTION: websites can contain disturbing photos of war scenes and death.)

[http://www.reillysbattery.org/Newsletter/Jul00/deborah\\_grace.htm](http://www.reillysbattery.org/Newsletter/Jul00/deborah_grace.htm)

<http://www.thomaslegion.net/americancivilwar/civilwarhorses.html>

<http://kingdomofhorses.com/horses-of-the-american-civil-war/>

[http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/02/the-horses-of-war/?\\_php=true&\\_type=blogs&\\_r=0](http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/02/the-horses-of-war/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_r=0)

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/ambulancewagons.htm>

<http://enviroliteracy.org/article.php/578.html>

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/warfare-and-logistics/warfare/smallarms.html>

## **CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS – N.H. SHAKERS**

<http://civilwartalk.com/threads/conscientious-objectors-and-the-civil-war.25066/>

<http://anitasanchez.com/mr-lincolns-chair-the-shakers-and-their-quest-for-peace/>

## **THADDEUS LOWE, N.H. CIVIL WAR BALLOONIST**

<http://blog.nasm.si.edu/aviation/on-this-spot/>

<http://civilwarhome.com/lowebio.htm>

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/civil-war-ballooning/ballooning-during-the-seven.html>

<http://library.sc.edu/blogs/newspaper/2011/06/16/professor-lowes-1861-balloon-voyage-to-union-s-c/>

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/SciRefGuides/civilwaraeronautics.html>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/space/short-history-of-ballooning.html>  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/balloons/index.html>

## PRIMARY SOURCES AVAILABLE IN UNIVERSITY OF N.H. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

<http://www.library.unh.edu/special/index.php/category/civil-war>  
<http://www.library.unh.edu/digital/category/civil-war>  
<http://libraryguides.unh.edu/content.php?pid=64717&sid=527970>

## TOOLS FOR ANALYZING AND USING PRIMARY SOURCES

### DoHistory Toolkit

How to Work with a Diary You Have Found

[http://dohistory.org/on\\_your\\_own/toolkit/foundDiary.html](http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/foundDiary.html)

How to Read a Graveyard

[http://dohistory.org/on\\_your\\_own/toolkit/graveyards.html](http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/graveyards.html)

How to Read Probate Records

[http://dohistory.org/on\\_your\\_own/toolkit/probateRecords.html](http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/probateRecords.html)

### Library of Congress Teacher Guides and Worksheets

Teachers Guide Analyzing Primary Sources- National Archives, American Memory

[http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing\\_Primary\\_Sources.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing_Primary_Sources.pdf)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/primary-source-analysis-tool/>

Analyzing photographs – worksheet, National Archives

[http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing\\_Photos\\_and\\_Prints.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing_Photos_and_Prints.pdf)

Analyzing manuscripts – National Archives

[http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing\\_Manuscripts.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/resources/Analyzing_Manuscripts.pdf)

## ON YOUR OWN – FINDING MORE, ONLINE AND OFF

If we look at a map of the Civil War battle sites, we might conclude New Hampshire was remote from the conflict, untouched. On the contrary, the conflict sent spasms throughout the state and touched life in even geographically remote towns. If you want to find out more, some ready topics await you.

**Consider Politics.** New Hampshire politicians such as Dover’s Senator John P. Hale and U.S. President Franklin Pierce played prominent, central roles leading up to and into the Civil War. During a visit by Lincoln to see his son in school at Phillips-Exeter, Lincoln gave a series of speeches around the state and, it is said, was convinced to run for president.

**Other Topics to Dig Into.** New Hampshire had draft riots, political Copperheads, southern sympathizers, abolitionists, and founders of the Republican Party. Local newspapers took sides and trumpeted their opinions in often contentious tones.

**The Draft.** Later in the war, some local towns struggled to fill their draft quotas, and often managed by paying bounties to substitutes from other states and even other countries.

**N.H. Manufacturing and the War.** The war affected manufacturing. For instance, the state's cotton textile mills had to curtail operations because they could no longer obtain Southern-grown cotton from slave plantations. One of those, the massive Amoskeag Mills in Manchester, laid off workers but kept their machine shop going by making sewing machines and rifles.

**Women Made It Possible.** By law, women could not vote in elections or fight in the armed forces, but they held the fabric of society together while men served as soldiers and politicians during the Civil War. They continued to have babies and care for the young and elderly. From personal accounts, news items, and some public records we can see that women kept families together, ran farms and family businesses while men were away. Women joined the conflict as medical workers and camp followers, welcomed home the wounded and ill, mourned the dead, and went South as teachers of freed slaves. Ladies Aid Societies in New Hampshire cities and towns organized to make, collect, and ship food, bandages, clothing, and letters from home to help the troops.

There are many stories as yet untold!