

# Going Home Again: War's End

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# CONFEDERATE REGIMENTS WITH A COMPANY OR MORE OF PITTSYLVANIA/DANVILLE SOLDIERS

- 18TH, 21ST, 24TH, 38TH, 46TH, 53RD, AND 57TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY
- 5TH AND 6TH VIRGINIA CAVALRY
- RINGGOLD AND DANVILLE ARTILLERY

# DATABASE NUMBERS

- SOLDIERS DATABASE
  - OVER 3,400 RESIDENTS WHO SERVED
  - NEARLY 3,300 OF WHOM SERVED IN FRONT-LINE UNITS
- MANUSCRIPT CENSUS DATABASE
  - 1860 -- ~18,000 ENTRIES + SLAVE CENSUS
  - 1870 -- ~36,000 ENTRIES



# ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VARIOUS WARTIME EXPERIENCES BASED ON 1860-1870 CENSUS

For 1,113 veteran families found in the 1860 and 1870 census	1860 total wealth per veteran family	1870 total wealth per veteran family	% change in total wealth per family
Alive and healthy veteran families	\$6,522.66	\$1,673.26	-74.35%
Alive, not healthy	\$6,907.05	\$1,161.29	-83.19%
Dead (all families with at least one soldier who died)	\$6,532.54	\$1,033.01	-84.19%

# FAMILIES

- “I LIVE IN HOPES THAT I SHALL SEE YOU AGAIN.... I AM IN HOPES THAT WHEN WE MEET AGAIN IT WILL BE NEVER TO PART AGAIN....”

GEORGE JONES TO SARAH JONES, HIS  
WIFE, JANUARY 6, 1864



# CHURCHES

- “[W]E CONSIDER IT THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA, EITHER BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OR BY STATE APPROPRIATION, TO SUPPLY OUR MAIMED SOLDIERS WITH ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INDIGENT WIDOWS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS, AND FOR THE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN.”

*THE RELIGIOUS HERALD*, OCTOBER 1865



# LOCAL ELITES

- “I CANNOT CALL TO MIND ANY ONE WHO WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE IT IN HIS POWER TO LEND ME A HELPING HAND SUCH AS I ASK FOR.”

GRIEF LAMPKIN TO WILLIAM T. SUTHERLIN,  
FEBRUARY 22, 1877

# STATE ASYLUM

- “EVER SINCE 1863 [HE] HAS BEEN A LITTLE IRREGULAR IN HIS MENTAL CONDITION THOUGH OF LATE THE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN MORE MARKED.... HE USED TO CALL HIS ATTACKS THE ‘BLUE DEVILS’.”

CASE FILE OF WILLIAM H. WHITE, WESTERN  
LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1896



# STATE CONFEDERATE AID

- “HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY...AND HAS BEEN A VERY DELICATE MAN EVER SINCE.”

DR. W. A. BRUMFIELD, IN JOHN C. MCHANEY'S 1905  
PENSION APPLICATION

"[T]HERE ARE MANY THINGS I CAN'T DO NOW, THAT I AM PREVENTED FROM DOING BY THE LAMENESS, WHICH ARE NECESSARY AND WHICH I USED TO DO IN LABORING."

W. H. POWER, 1888 PENSION APPLICATION



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# TIMELINE OF CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS IN THE US

● Schools ● Monuments on courthouse grounds ● Other sites (including monuments)



