



Documenting Prisoners of War held at Andersonville

MEMORANDUM FROM PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS. No. 138
(This blank to be used only in the arrangement of said records.)

NAME.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.				INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM—				
		No. of Reg't.	State.	Arm of Service.	Co.	Records of—	Vol.	Page.	Vol.	Page.
Reed, A.K.	P	110	Virginia	Infantry	—	mis	116	128	5	214
Reed, A.K.	P	110	Virginia	Infantry	—	S.B.	1	297		
Reed, Andrew K.	P		Independent							
			Capt. Sumfield's Co. (Indpt)		Andersonville Ga.					

Captured at not given, 1864, confined at Richmond, Va., Andersonville Ga. date not given, 1864.
Ad to Hosp Andersonville Ga. Mch. 19/64 Norfolk sent to Post House Ret to pris qu Apr 24/64 # 312
 Re Admitted to Hospital at Andersonville Ga. June 30/64
 where he died July 18, 1864, of Scarlet Ch. # 4563 No. of grave 3542
 Paroled at _____, 1864; reported at Camp Parole, Md., _____, 1864.

In only fourteen months of operation, approximately 45,000 Union prisoners of war (POW) were held in the Confederacy's Camp Sumter military prison at Andersonville. In the 150 years since the Civil War, the experiences of the men confined here continue to resonate with each succeeding generation. Documenting the lives of these prisoners, and preserving their experiences, is an important and ongoing process.

The POW Database

As the only national park to serve as a memorial to all Prisoners of War, Andersonville National Historic Site is a principal repository for POW information and historical resources. POW material at Andersonville includes diaries, oral histories, artifacts, and historical documents. As part of our research collection, the park maintains resource files on documented Union POWs held at—as well as Confederate guards assigned to—Andersonville military prison.

Given the vast numbers of prisoners held at Andersonville, one would generally expect that a great deal of records exist which document prisoners held here – the truth is that documenting Andersonville POWs can be a challenging process and often 19th Century documents include great gaps in information. For the vast majority of the prisoners listed in our database, we have little or no additional information.

Documenting Union POWS

The park's database records and resource files grow largely through the efforts of park staff, volunteers, descendants, and other interested persons researching Civil War prisoners. We are continually seeking new information regarding Civil War prisoners and Confederate staff at Camp Sumter (Andersonville Prison).

Request forms can also be downloaded online and records ordered via the mail.

We encourage you to request both Military Service Records (NATF 86) and Pension Records (NATF 85). The forms are free. If the file you requested is located, copies will be made for a fee. Please see the National Archives website for current pricing information.

Specific documents of interest are:

- Military Service Records (the most critical document)
- Pension Records
- Diaries, Memoirs, Letters, etc. (must be copies of originals, not transcripts).
- Photographs, if available

The Georgia Archives contain a variety of Confederate records including Pension Applications, Enlistment Oaths, and Discharges. Research hours and additional information for the state archives can be found at www.sos.ga.gov/archives/

When you receive these records, please send copies to the park marked: ATTN—Civil War Records.

Veterans' Service Records, including Military Service Records and Pension Records, may be ordered online from the National Archives at www.archives.gov

The information that you provide will allow us to learn more about those individuals who lived and died at Andersonville. Thank you for your assistance.

Accessing the Database and Resource Files

Located in the lobby of the National Prisoner of War Museum is a computer which visitors can use to search for database records of documented and possible prisoners and staff. The prisoner database is also found on the Internet through the National Park Service's Civil War Soldier and Sailor System at: <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/prisoners.htm>

Resource Files

If a database entry indicates that more information is available on an individual, that indicates that a resource file is available. The resource files contain information on Union prisoners and Confederate personnel at Camp Sumter, and prisoners from other Civil War prison camps. This information may include copies of military and pension records, diaries, memoirs, and photographs.

A summary of material contained in a specific resource file may be requested in writing. We reserve the right to deny requests to provide copies of entire files simply for personal collection.

Research Library

The park library maintains a collection of books and manuscripts relative to the American Civil War, the Camp Sumter military prison, northern and southern prisons during the Civil War, and prisoners of war throughout American history, the Andersonville National Cemetery, and the development, interpretation, and administration of Andersonville National Historic Site. Library holdings include books, bound volumes, vertical files, manuscripts, and other materials.

Our purpose is to maintain a historic reference facility and a database for park staff to use for writing and planning park programs, to enhance the interpretation of the Camp Sumter military prison and the Andersonville National Cemetery, and provide our visitors with the best park experience available.

The library is open for public research by appointment only. Appointments must be made *at least two weeks in advance*. The library may be reserved for research Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Use of the library may be limited on specific days throughout the year. Please note that the park library is closed on all Federal holidays.

For More Information

Below are links to start your search:

Documenting Union POWs (Park website)

http://go.nps.gov/Andersonville_POWs

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS)

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

Online Andersonville Database (CWSS)

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

Contact Us:

By Mail:

Andersonville National Historic Site
ATTN—Civil War Records
496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, GA 31711

By Email:

ANDE_information@nps.gov



<i>R</i> 22 Cav. Pa.	<i>P</i> 22 Cav. Pa.
<i>Andrew K. Reed</i> Priv., Co. B., 22 Reg't Pennsylvania Cav.	<i>Andrew K. Reed</i> Priv., Co. B., 22 Reg't Pennsylvania Cav.
Age <i>20</i> years.	Appears on
Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll , dated <i>Pittsburg Pa., Oct. 7, 1864.</i>	Company Muster Roll
Muster-out to date _____, 186 .	for <i>May 9 June</i> , 1865.
Last paid to <i>Apr. 30, 1863.</i>	Present or absent <i>Absent</i>
Clothing account:	Stoppage, \$ _____ 100 for _____
Last settled _____, 186 ; drawn since \$ _____ 100	Due Gov't, \$ _____ 100 for _____
Due soldier \$ _____ 100; due U. S. \$ _____ 100	Valuation of horse, \$ _____ 100
Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ _____ 100	Valuation of horse equipments, \$ _____ 100
Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ _____ 100	Remarks: <i>Missing in action near Pittsburg, Pa. Aug 4/63. Horse & Equipments captured same time. Horse killed due to severe state of last pay.</i>
Bounty paid \$ _____ 100; due \$ _____ 100	Book mark: _____
Valuation of horse, \$ _____ 100	
Valuation of horse equipments, \$ _____ 100	
Remarks: <i>See Gov't Co. Reg't. #2408. Missing in action since Aug 4/63. Horse & Equipments captured same time. Horse killed due to severe state of last pay.</i>	
Book mark: _____	
(361) _____ Copyist.	(368) _____ Copyist.

Front and back illustrations taken from the resource file of Private Andrew K. Reed, Company B, 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry.