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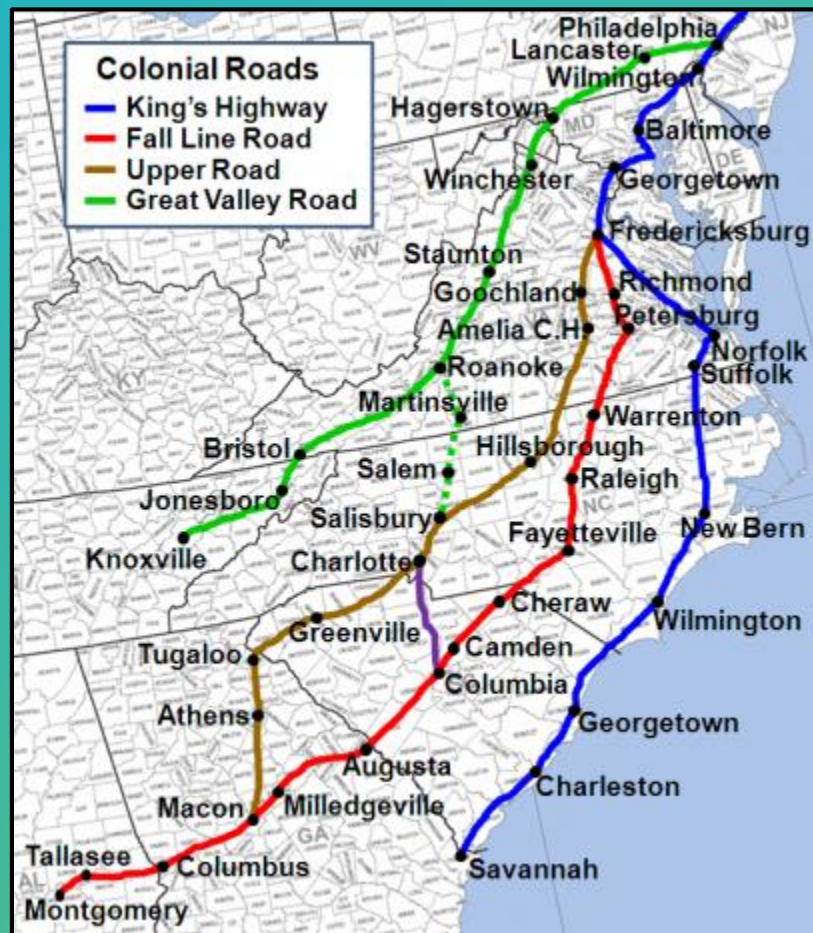
Research Strategies in the Southern United States

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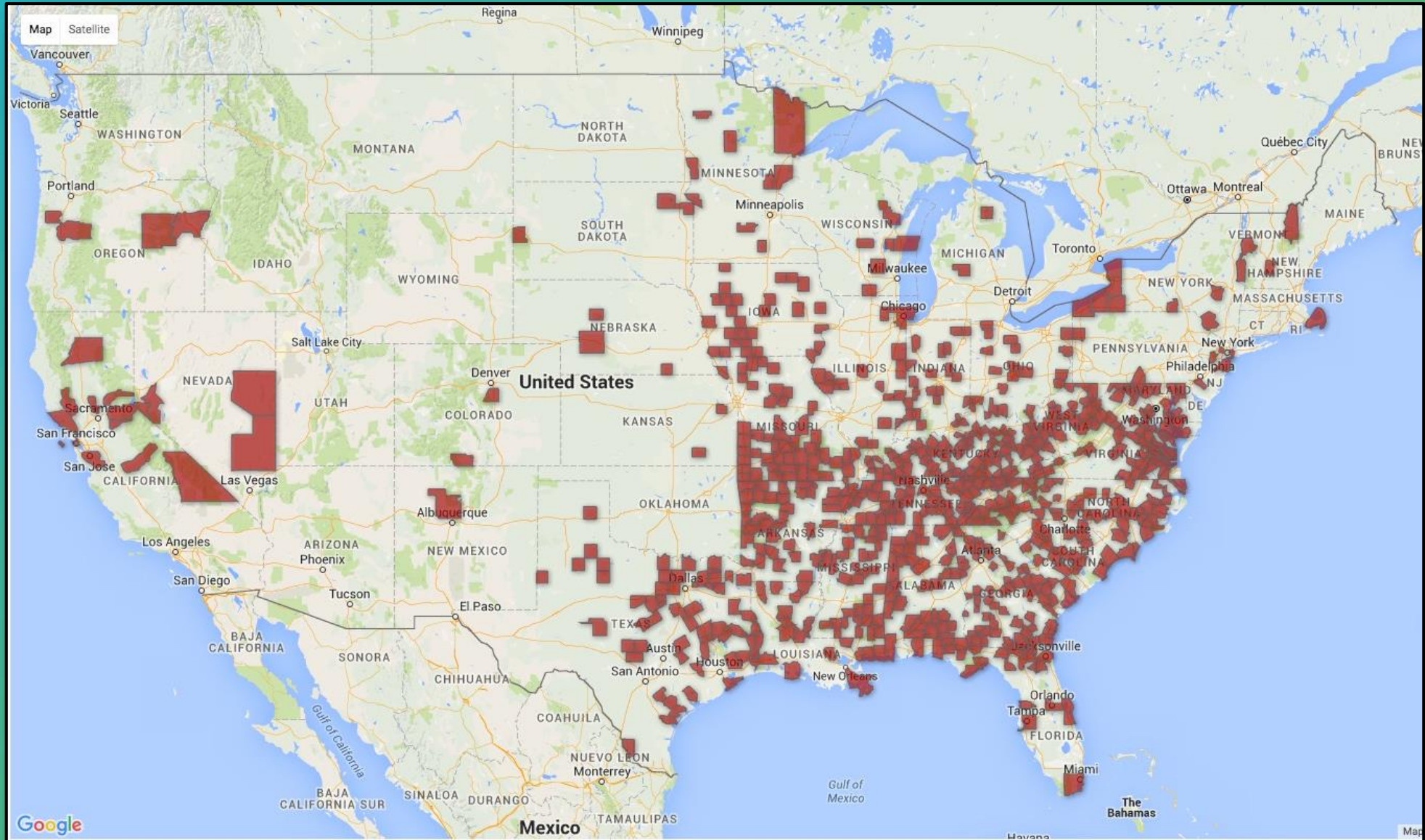
Challenges

- The Southern United States was primarily agrarian for the last 200 years.
- Many settlers were farmers who were illiterate and lived away from cities or churches that recorded vital records.
- It could require a day or more to travel to a county courthouse, or even a church, so many events, particularly birth and deaths, were never recorded. Unless you were in a large city you will likely not see birth or death records until about 1900.
- It is all about the land. Detailed deeds, property, tax and court records were kept to document land ownership.

Migration Patterns



Burned Counties



What records are available?

County Level records

- Marriage
- Birth
- Tax lists
- Probate
- Land and Property
- Court minutes/orders

Community Records

- Newspapers
- County Histories
- Land ownership maps

Federal Level records:

- Military Service and Pension records
- Bounty land patents
- Homesteads
- Passenger lists
- Naturalization
- Census

State Level records

- Confederate military
- Death
- Land patents
- Land Lotteries/Land runs

Check Research Wiki for Record availability and loss

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records ^[4]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1919	1854	1919	1855	1852	1854	1820
Statewide registration of births and death began in 1919. General compliance for births by 1928 and deaths by 1922.						
<h2>Record Loss</h2> <p>1828 The courthouse at Irwinton burned on 16 March. All of the county courthouse records were lost.^[5]</p> <p>1854 The courthouse burned down on 7 February and all county records were destroyed.^[5]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lost censuses: 1790, 1800, 1890						

Fan Club



Genealogy Tip:

Get to know your ancestor's fan club. FAN stands for Friends, Associates, and Neighbors. Make a list of the people you see interacting with your ancestor and seek out their records. Sometimes they can even be used to help identify your ancestors or discover new information.



Military Records

- The Revolutionary, War of 1812 and Civil War produced records that are vital for us learning more about our ancestors.
- The south was greatly impacted by these wars, especially the Civil War.
- Assume that at least one member of the family may have joined in the war effort. Many bordering states between the north and the south had both Union and Confederate troops
- If your male ancestor was about 18 years or older at the onset of the Civil war check for their service

Case of Joel Franklin

1860 United States Federal Census for David Bagby									
Missouri > Pettis > Bowling Green									
James	20	M							
Joel Franklin	30	M		Shaver		250	Ky.		✓
Ann Franklin	18	F					Mo.		✓
Unnamed	5	M							✓
Un	50								

- Born about 1830 in Kentucky
- Joel Franklin married Melinda Ann Allcorn in 1859 in Pettis County, Missouri.
- Joel Franklin died on 7 February 1895 in Pettis County, Missouri.

How do we find Joel Franklin's parents?

1880 United States Federal Census for Joel Franklin									
Missouri > Benton > White > 182									
Franklin Joel	W M 51		1	Farmer			1	Kentucky Va	Ken
Ann	W F 37	wife	1	Keeping house				Missouri Ken	Va
George	W M 20	Son		Working on the farm				Missouri Ken	Mo
Laura	W F 14	Daughter		At home				Missouri Ken	Mo

- Joel in 1880 was recorded with a Kentucky birthplace, father born Virginia, mother born Kentucky.
- No other Franklin's in Pettis County, Missouri in range to be siblings or parents 1850-1880.
- Joel died before death records were recorded. Where do we go next?

Military Records

Joel was of the right age to have served in the Civil War.

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Search

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Joel

☐ Exact...

Last Name

Franklin

☐ Exact...

Joel Franklin	Pettis County, Missouri Home Guard	Union	Missouri
Joel Franklin	33rd Regiment, Missouri Infantry	Union	Missouri
Joel Franklin	Thompson's Command, Missouri	Confederate	Missouri
Thomas J. Franklin	6th Regiment, Missouri Infantry	Confederate	Missouri
J. P. Franklin	Missouri State Guard	Confederate	Missouri
E. St. J. Franklin	3rd Field Battery, Missouri Light Artillery	Confederate	Missouri
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**Look at the indexed
records of all the
different Joel
Franklins**

Joel Franklin

in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Joel Franklin

Side: Union

Regiment State/Origin: Missouri

Regiment: 33rd Regiment, Missouri Infantry

Company: A

Rank In: Private

Rank Out: Private

Film Number: M390 roll 15

Look up the Regiment on Research Wiki

33rd Regiment, Missouri Infantry (Union)

Companies in this Regiment with the Counties of Origin

Men often enlisted in a company recruited in the counties where they lived though not always. After many battles, companies might be combined because so many men were killed or wounded. However if you are unsure which company your ancestor was in, try the company recruited in his county first.

Company A - Captain William Blake, Captain Stephen J. Burnett, Captain George W. Van Beck - Sedalia, [[Pettis County, Missouri Genealogy|Pettis County], Missouri

Company B - Captain John G. Hudson, Captain James J. Patton - Jefferson City, [[Cole County, Missouri Genealogy|Cole County], Missouri

Company C - Captain Alexander J. Campbell - St. Louis, [St. Louis County](#), Missouri

Company D - Captain Henry H. Knowlton, Captain William J. McKee - Louisiana, [Pike County](#), Missouri

H | 33 | Mo.

Joel Franklin
Ark, Co. A, 33 Reg't Missouri Infantry.
 Age *33* years.
 Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated
Beata Rausch's Mo. Aug 10 1865.
 Muster-out to date _____, 186 ____.
 Last paid to *Oct 31*, 186 *2*.

Clothing account:
Account settled
 Last settled _____, 186 ____; drawn since \$ ____ 100
 Due soldier \$ ____ 100; due U. S. \$ ____ 100
 Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ *39.05* 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ ____ 100
 Bounty paid \$ *25* 100; due \$ *75* 100
 Remarks: *Dis at St Louis Mo*
for disability, June 4 '63

Book mark: *Discharge a final*
statement on file with Regt 5 14 '64
Butler
 (361) Copyright

H | 33 | Mo.

Joel Franklin
Ark, Co. A, 33 Reg't Missouri Infantry.
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 for *Jan. 1 Feb.*, 186 *3*.
 Present or absent *Absent*
 Stoppage, \$ ____ 100 for _____
 Due Gov't, \$ ____ 100 for _____

Remarks: *Left in Convalescent camp*
Helena, Ark. Feb. 24, 1863.

Book mark: _____
Sam'l J. Armstrong
 (355) Copyright

H | 33 | Mo.

John T. Fulkerson
 _____, Co. K, 33 Reg't Missouri Infantry.
 Appears on
 Company Descriptive Book
 of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.
 Age *20* years; height *5* feet *7* inches.
 Complexion *Fair*
 Eyes *Blue*; hair *Light*
 Where born *Remick, Mo*
 Occupation *Farmer*

ENLISTMENT.
 When *Aug 20*, 186 *2*.
 Where *St. Louis*
 By whom *J. L. Barker*; term *3* y'rs.
 Remarks: *Promoted to be 6'*
Corp by Gen'l order
No 12, May 24, 1863
Reduced to the rank of
by Special order No
417 Sept 7, 1863

Book mark: _____
Wm. S. Cow
 (362) Copyright

Civil War Service
 Records are on
 Fold3

If the Civil War Veteran was alive in 1890 look at the 1890 Veterans Schedule for Union Soldiers.

1890 Veterans Schedules for Joel Franklin											
Missouri > Pettis > Flat Creek											
Joel Franklin	✓	Pri	A	33	Mo	Sept 11	aug	1862	5 Jan	1863	
James M Allcorn	✓	Pt	=	1 st	May	Coor	=	=	1861	=	=
								186			186

Look for Pension Index Card


NAME OF SOLDIER:		Franklin, Joel		
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		Widow, Franklin, Ann		
SERVICE:		a. 33. No Inf.		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1863 Aug. 3	Invalid,	29902	438337	Mo
1895 Mar 11	Widow,	610223	426825	
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

65. 6-118

Pension Cards only for Union Soldiers. Pension files only available at NARA

Pension File

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Private *Joel Franklin* of Captain *Geo. W. Van Beck's*
Inf't. Vols. Company, [A], of the *33rd Mo.* Regiment of United States
the *said*, was enlisted by *Geo. W. Van Beck*, of
on the *12th* day of *August* 1862, to serve *3* years; he was born
in *Edwinson* in the State of *Kentucky*, is *33*
years of age, *6* feet *0* inches high, *dark* complexion, *blue* eyes,
black hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Farmer*. During the last two
months said soldier has been unfit for duty *60* days.
Says he has done no duty for 7 months.

Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 200, Medical Dep. Gen. Reg.

FORM B

981-713-3M

For Use of Widows of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances**THE STATE OF TEXAS**County of Angelina

I, Mrs. N. J. Smith, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A. D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of W. H. Smith
2nd. day of September, A. D.
Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and that I never voluntarily
ful wife up to the date of his death. I was
in the county of Angelina

1. What is your age? I am 66 years of age
2. Where were you born? I was born in Butler County Alabama
3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 58 years
4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? And what is your postoffice address?
56 years. My Post office Address is Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas.
5. What was your husband's full name? William Henry Smith
6. What was the date of his death? September 2nd, 1907
7. In what State was your husband's command originally organized Texas
8. How long did your husband serve? If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Four years,
the full term of the war
9. What was the name or letter of the company, or name or number of the battalion, regiment or battery of
artillery in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of
transfer, description of command and time of service Company "D" 7th. Texas Cavalry

**Confederate Pensions
available on State level**

Do Not Forget to Watch:

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