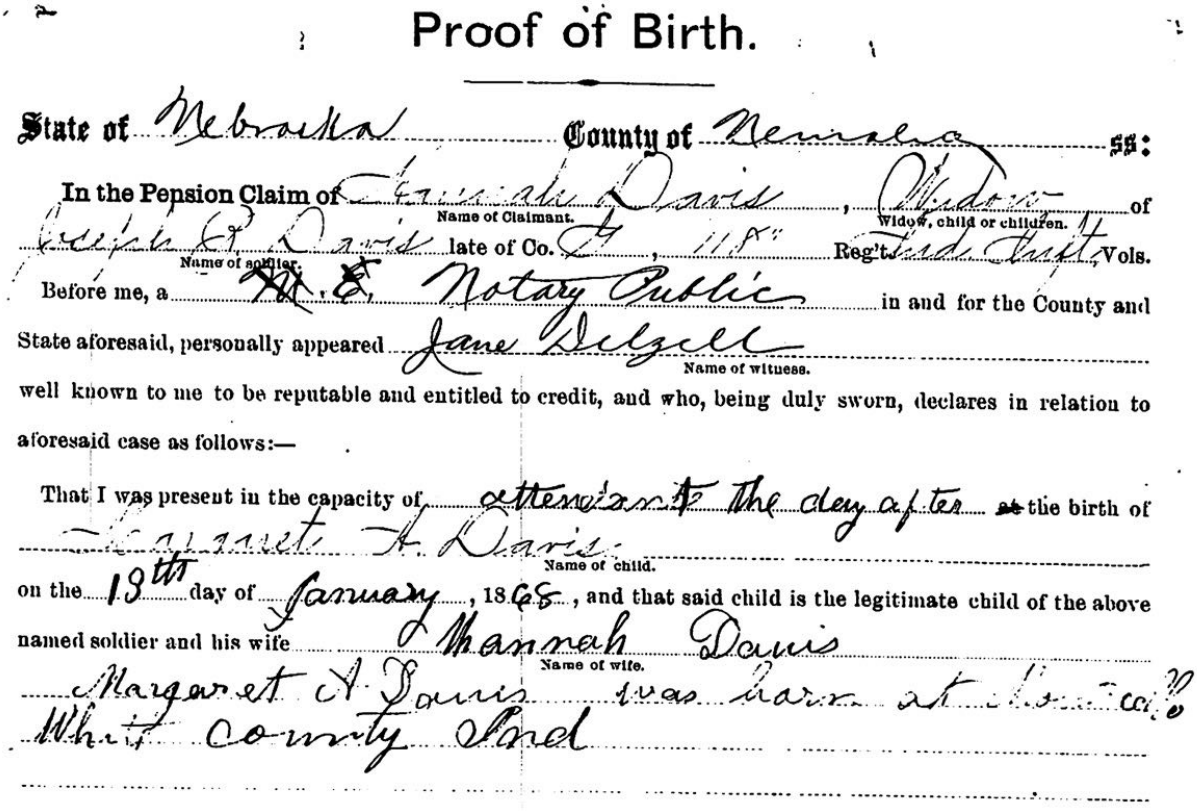
Finds in Civil War Pension Files

United States Civil War pension files, both Union and Confederate, are important sources of information for establishing the military service dates of a soldier, as well as the unit in which he served and where and when he applied for a pension. However, Civil War pension files can often provide many more details concerning a soldier and his family.

When Hannah Davis, widow of Joseph B. Davis, of Company G, 118th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers, applied for a pension based on her late husband's service, she was required to prove the date of birth and parentage of her daughter, Margaret A. Davis, on 13 January 1868 in White County, Indiana, including an affidavit from an individual who attended Hannah on the day after the birth.



Proof of Birth.

State of Nebraska County of Nemaha ss:

In the Pension Claim of Hannah Davis (Name of Claimant), Widow (Widow, child or children) of Joseph B. Davis (Name of soldier) late of Co. G, 118th Reg't Ind. Inft. Vols.

Before me, a ~~X~~ Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jane Dilzell (Name of witness.) well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:—

That I was present in the capacity of attendant to the day after ~~as~~ the birth of Margaret A. Davis (Name of child.) on the 13th day of January, 1868, and that said child is the legitimate child of the above named soldier and his wife Hannah Davis (Name of wife.) Margaret A. Davis was born at [illegible] Co. White County Ind

This birth record, contained within a Civil War pension file, is an example of the extensive resources located in the vertical files at the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical library. If you would like to view the images in the digitized SAGHS vertical files, please visit the SAGHS library and ask a librarian for assistance.