

HIST 179H: Slavery and the U.S. Civil War

# Library Research Workshop

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## Today You Will

- Work as a group to learn about library databases and resources
  - Half of your group members will examine features of a library database
  - Half of your group members will examine a resource found within this database
- Discuss the database and the resource as a group
- Organize your thoughts and prepare some key points
- Share that information with the class

## Explore an E-Resource - The American Civil War : letters and diaries

Examine the features of this database by visiting the links below. As you explore, consider these questions:

- What general information did you learn about the collection?
  - **1863 - end of the antebellum + beginning of freeing of enslaved people - 1 year until reach Texas**
- What kind of material does it contain?
  - **Primary sources (diary entries, documents, letters, memoirs)**
- Do you have a sense of what time period or location these materials cover? (“No” or “Sort of” is an okay answer here, sometimes it is hard to nail down.)
  - **1863**

- **Virginia**

**Link to the item in UNC Libraries catalog**

<https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb4787699>

More information from the vendor's website

<https://alexanderstreet.com/products/american-civil-war-letters-and-diaries>

## Explore an Item from The American Civil War : letters and diaries

As you examine the document below, consider:

- What is your initial response to this item?
- What kinds of thoughts and feelings does it conjure up?
- Whose story is being told and in what way?
- How might this item or other material from this database/resource be incorporated into a project for this course?
- What other types of research material (outside of this database/resource) might you search for to complement this item?