Since the surrender of the Confederate armies in 1865, interest in the Civil War has seldom abated. This certainly has been true in Illinois, the state that produced both Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. During the war, Illinois sent 256,297 men to southern battlefields in the western theater of the war. By April 1865, names such as Shiloh, Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Atlanta were as familiar to Illinoisans as their own farms and towns.

Civil War manuscripts in the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections (IHLC) range in size from a single item to over a cubic foot of material.

This list is arranged in four sections: Illinois Artillery and Cavalry Units, Illinois Infantry Units, Non-Illinois Infantry Units, and Regular Army Units. There are numerous units listed under each section. To jump to the entry for a particular unit, please click the listing the in Table of Contents. Each entry contains a regimental and company designation as well as the manuscript collection name(s) that contain records or personal papers related to that unit.

For more information on the contents and scope of individual collections, please search the collection name within the IHLC Manuscript Collections Database at http://www.library.illinois.edu/ihx/archon/

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