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Objectives of the Course

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Identify an ancestor living at the time of the Civil War.
- Locate information about the service of ancestor in the Civil War.
- Locate information about the unit that the ancestor served in during the War.
- Understand the Compiled Military Service Record.
- Compile a military service record.
- Locate provost marshal records.
- Locate prisoner of war records.
- Understand the pension indexes.
- Locate pension application files.
- Compile a post-war record.
- Locate information on death and burial.
- Locate information on participation in fraternal and lineage societies.

Process

1. Study a content section.
2. Take a short self test.
3. Check the answers to confirm your understanding of the content.
4. Review content as needed.
5. Proceed to next section and repeat steps 1 through 4.
6. Complete the test at the conclusion of each section.
7. Send your feedback to NGS.