Database Instructions and Tips

For personal analysis of the data contained here, you can download the file into a spreadsheet. All displayed fields will be downloaded, but the resulting spreadsheet will also contain numerous other fields you may find useful in data analysis.

All field references shown here are described by the columns on the downloaded spreadsheet. Fields A through AG are those displayed on the online database. Refer to the field help online for more information about each displayed field.

1. Soldier/Sailor Name (A)

2. Soldier Alias/Alternate Spelling(s) (B)

3. Principal regiment (C)

4. 1st Co (D)

5. Highest rank (E)

6. Enlistment or Draft Date (F)

7. Muster date (G)

8. Enlist type (H)

9. Date left Svc with Reg't (I)

10. Date left type (J)

11. Discharge date (K)

12. Discharge type ((L)

13. C.W. Reg2 through C.W. Reg5 (M) through (P)

14. Military data (Q)

15. Stated enl age (R)

16. Real enl age (S)

17. Birth date (T)

18. Birth County and/or State or Country (U)

19. Death date (V)

20. Home in 1860 (W)

21.Occupations (X)

22.1860 Census Value (Y)

23.Height (ft/in) (Z)

24.Hair color (AA)

25.Eye Color (AB)

26.Mar Stat at Enlist (AC)

27.Family and Personal Data (AD)

28.Burial or Death Location (AE)

29.Bookmark (AF)

30.YCHC File No (AG)

31.Foreign born (AH) – Equal to Y if the individual was born outside the United States; otherwise blank.

32.Blk? (AI) – Equal to Y if the individual was black; otherwise blank.

33.Fem? (AJ) – Equal to Y if the individual was female; otherwise blank.

34.Desert? (AK) – Equal to Y if the individual ever deserted; otherwise blank.

35.Conf? (AL) – Y if the soldier was Confederate; blank if Federal.

36.Burial/Death State (AM) – The state where the individual died, reflecting data in the Burial or Death Location display field (AE). It may contain "Unknown."

37.Burial/Death County (AN) – For Pennsylvania deaths only, the county of death reflecting data found in the Burial or Death Location display field (AE).

38.Home Location in 1860 (AO) – For Pennsylvanians only, the hometown or township reflecting data in the Home in 1860 field (W). Otherwise blank.

39.Home County or St in 1860 (AP) – For Pennsylvanians only, the county reflecting data in the Home in 1860 field (W). For non-Pennsylvanians or Pennsylvanians whose specific home location is unknown, the state is displayed.

40.Occupation classification at enlistment with primary regiment (AQ) – The occupation grouping the soldier held at the time of his enlistment with the primary regiment, e.g., woodworker and cabinet maker are summarized as carpenters.

41. Re-enlist same regiment (AR) – Equal to Y if the soldier re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer or enlisted a second time with the same regiment, a fact not otherwise shown except in the free form military data field.

42. NOTE: The following six fields relate to casualties and reflect a count of the number of times that event occurred to that individual. If an event never occurred, it is left blank.

Died from wounds (AS) – The individual died as a direct result of battle wounds.
Wnded non-fatal (AT) – The individual was wounded in battle but survived.
Wnded and captrd (AU) – The individual was wounded and captured in the same battle and survived.
Captrd–survived (AV) – The individual was captured, imprisoned, but survived.
Captrd died in captivity (AW) – The individual was captured, imprisoned, and died in captivity in the same series of events.
Died non battle (AX) – The individual died for reasons unrelated to battle. This includes disease, accidents, and suicides.
Cem Page # (AY) – The page number for those individuals found in the burial registers for York County and some Adams County cemeteries.

43. NOTE: The following five fields reflect a breakout of data shown in several fields displayed on the database and are used for calculation purposes only.

Muster year (AZ) – The muster year derived from the muster date (G).
Calculated Birth date (BA) – Reflects the same value as displayed birth date field (T) if it is a complete date. If (T) only reflects a birth year, this field contains June 30 of that year. If (T) only reflects a birth year and month, this field contains the fifteenth day of that month and year.
Calculated Death Date (BB) – Reflects the same value as displayed death date field (V) if it is a complete date. If (V) only reflects a death year, this field contains June 30 of that year. If (V) only reflects a death year and month, this field contains the fifteenth day of that month and year.
Days at death (BC) – Calculated days at death using (BA) and (BB).
Age at death (BC) – Calculated: (BC) / 365.25.
Year of Death (BD) – Extracted from (BB).

44. NOTE: The following four fields reflect a breakout of data shown in several fields displayed on the database.

Days of service (BF) – Calculated days of service with the principal regiment using the discharge date (K), date left svc with Reg't (I), or death date (V) (whichever is applicable) minus the muster date.

Years of service (BG) – The calculated years of service to one decimal place with the principal regiment: (BF) / 365.25.

Adj. years of service (BH): - The manually calculated number to one decimal place of years of service with regiments other than the principal regiment. Note that this number is used to carve out desertion time and non-Civil War military service and may be negative.

Total years of service (BI) – Calculated: (BG) + (BH)

45. Soldier or sailor? (BJ) – Equal to Y if the individual served military service; left blank for civilians.

46. Officer? (BK) – Equal to Y if the individual ever held a commissioned rank; otherwise blank.

47. Fields (BL) through (CF) are for internal use only and can be ignored.

48. NOTE: Fields (CG) through (CJ) are used commensurately with displayed fields (M) through (P), the latter displaying regiments other than the individual's principal regiment. The principal regiment and individual other regiments can give a total count of all regiments served but do not necessarily reflect all regiments with which the individual enlisted, e.g., transfers or renamed regiments. For example, if (M) contains a value and (CG) equals zero, (M) reflects a regiment in which the individual enlisted. But if (CG) in this example contains a 1, the regiment in (M) was a transfer or service with a renamed or consolidated regiment where no enlistment was involved. To count the total number of enlistments for an individual: Total count of non-blank values in (M) through (P) minus the sum of (CG) through (CJ), then add 1 if Re-enlist Same Regt? (AR) equals Y.

49. Casualty Cnt (CK) – The total casualties suffered by the individual calculated by summing (AS) through (AX).

50. Age diff (CL) – The difference between stated age at enlistment (R) and Real enl age (S). This number may be negative.