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Union Army Recruits in Black Regiments in the United States, 1862-1865

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: This data collection was designed to examine the characteristics of free Blacks and ex-slaves mustered into the Union Army between 1862 and the end of the Civil War. In addition to variables on personal characteristics, such as skin, eye, and hair color, height, age, birthplace, and occupation before enlistment, the data also contain Army-related variables, such as regiment and company number, rank, enlistment date and place, changes in rank, and date and cause of end of service.

Subject Term(s): African Americans, American Civil War, demographic characteristics, ex-slaves, military service, nineteenth century, physical characteristics, Union Army

Geographic Coverage: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York (state), North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, United States

Time Period: • 1862 - 1865

Date(s) of Collection: • 1977

Universe: All Black regiments in the Union Army.

Data Type: administrative records data

Data Collection Notes: This collection was archived by ICPSR to promote the use of social science data in undergraduate and graduate education through the sharing of faculty-submitted ICPSR data-based instructional materials developed for use in the classroom.

Instructional materials for use with these data may be found at UNION ARMY RECRUITS IN BLACK REGIMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1862-1865 [INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS] (ICPSR 3466) ([Link](#)).

Methodology

Sample: Judgmental sample of eight Black infantry regiments in the Union Army. The sample represents slightly under 5 percent of all Black troops and has wide regional coverage within the Southern states.

Data Source: Union Army Regimental Records

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

Original ICPSR Release: 1991-03-05

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2007-07-24.

2007-07-24 - SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files have been added to this data collection.

Dataset(s):

- DS1: Union Army Recruits in Black Regiments in the United States, 1862-1865