

“Civil War Men From Fort Kent In Union Forces, 1861-1865”

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Introduction. The American Civil War was the greatest war in American history. 3 million fought - 600,000 paid the ultimate price for freedom. The American Civil War (1861–1865), also known as the *War Between the States* and several other names, was a civil war in the United States of America. Eleven Southern slave states declared their secession from the U.S in 1860 and 1861 and formed the Confederate States of America (the Confederacy). Led by Jefferson Davis, they fought against the U.S. federal government (the "Union"), which was supported by all the free states and the five border slave states. The coexistence of a slave-owning South with an increasingly anti-slavery North made this conflict likely. Northerners ranging from the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison to the moderate Republican leader Abraham Lincoln emphasized Jefferson's declaration that all men are created equal. Lincoln mentioned this proposition in his Gettysburg Address.

Maine contributed greatly to the Union side during the American Civil War. 70,107 men from Maine served during the war. Of those 13% died as a result of their service. 3,184 were killed or mortally wounded in battle. 5,257 died of disease. 957 died of other causes.

But their stories go far beyond the numbers. They came from all over the state. They went to war for many different reasons. They served in nearly every theater. They came home with battle honors that would make anyone proud.

Physical Characteristics. The "Civil War Men from Fort Kent in Union Forces, 1861-1865" collection, compiled by Claude Charette of Fort Kent, Maine, consists of 8 photocopied typescript sheets documenting the names, ranks, companies of the soldiers from Fort Kent, Maine who fought in the American Civil War between 1861-1865. Good condition.

Access.

This collection is available to researchers without restriction.

Provenance/Chain of Custody. This list looks like it was a gift from Mr. Claude Charette of Fort Kent, Maine, but no other information is given. The original typescript is at the Fort Kent Public Library. Unknown date for when this document was compiled or when it was brought in the Archives.

Scope and Content Note. “This is a complete, verified, and true list of Fort Kent, Maine men who were members of the Union Forces during the American Civil War from 1861-1865” compiled by Mr. Claude Charette of Fort Kent, Maine. This document lists the names of soldiers/volunteers, organization, place of death, and a short biography of the Fort Kent men who served in the Union Forces from 1861-1865. The original typescript is located at the Fort Kent Public Library.

Arrangement. The list was found in the administrative files at the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes and made into a collection in October 2008. The sequence was kept as found. The 8 sheet document was placed in an archival folder and given a collection name and number.