

County Historical Family Names in the Civil War Years

The Confederate Names Inventory Project Results Data includes a County Historical Family Names section in each Magisterial District. In 1861 many men who joined the Confederate forces were the scions of families whose county residence not only pre-dated the Civil War but, in some cases, extended to at least the mid-18th century. Their names had been attached to places such as roads, stream fords, mills, small communities, and railroad stations throughout the county to identify the location of their homes or businesses. Many such named places survive today. Therefore, when research proved the particular asset name pre-dated the Civil War and an individual's service in the Confederacy, it received Historical Family Name designation. The Historical Family Name designation also indicates when a historical family name has been used but there is no clear individual Confederate association. Examples include Balls Hill Road in Dranesville District, Blackburn's Ford in Sully District, Fox Mill, Hunters Mill, and Brown's Mill Roads in Hunter Mill District.