

The McConnell Library served as a key tool to completing my research. Focusing on the Civil War and the Letterman Ambulance System, I utilized the numerous databases to obtain secondary sources. The databases included JSTOR and America: History and Life. The information obtained from these databases supplied the information that really helped to construct my paper. The interlibrary loan system was another resource I used that was very helpful. This was the first time I had ever used the system and the library staff was very helpful in getting me signed up and explaining how it worked. I received my requested items in three to five days. The two articles I requested were helpful in writing my research.

I used the library catalogue to find many relevant books and at one point I had over six checked out. I was able to narrow them down to two. The catalogue helped narrow down my searches so I could find the most relevant book.

The library website with the Turabian/Chicago manual proved invaluable to writing my citations. The page served as a quick reference to simple citations and helped clarify the information found in the Turabian book. In addition to the website, the librarians served as a helpful resource with any questions I had regarding the proper format for citations. Most notably, Mr. Norris was extremely helpful when I came to him with questions.

My primary sources, unfortunately, were obtained outside of the library. However, the help desk aided me in finding these sources. My main primary source was the *Official Records of the War of Rebellion*. The library has the work in print but due to scheduling issues I was unable to make it down to the archives. As a result, the librarian

who helped me pointed me in the direction of Cornell's Library where the records were scanned to an online database.

The McConnell Library made my research possible by providing me with the resources I needed to successfully complete it. The staff was helpful, the access to computers and printers was a necessity, and the online databases provided me with all the information I needed.