

PERSONA PACKET

Presona Help Sheet

Do's

1. Follow your real life.
2. Keep it simple.
3. Read books, letters, diaries that date to the time.
4. Know some history of the time period.
5. Know some of the veivs on subjects that the people would have had.
7. Know something about the state.
8. Go to other reenactors for help, LISTEN !!
9. **KNOW YOUR FACTS!**
10. **KEEP THEM STRAIGHT!**

Dont's

1. Do not rely on one source.
2. Do not go into to many little details.
3. Do not make it unbelievable (KEEP IT REAL)
5. Do not tell a person his / her source is wrong or an item that is used is not period.
6. **DO NOT GIVE MISLEADING / WRONG INFORMATION.**

THE BASIC FIVE'S

1. **WHO** are you?
2. **WHAT** do you do? **WHAT** did you do before the war?
3. **WHERE** are you? **WHERE** did you come from?
4. **WHY** are you here?
5. **HOW** did you get here?

Persona Top Ten

1. NAME _____

2. BRITH PLACE: City or Town _____
County _____
State _____

3. DATE OF BRITH: _____

4. FAMILY: Mother _____
Father _____
Brother(s) _____
Sister(s) _____

5. FAMILY HISTORY: _____

6. VEIW ON WAR: Mother _____
Father _____
Brother(s) _____
Sister(s) _____

7. EDUCATION: _____

8. OCCUPATIION BEFORE THE WAR: _____

9. PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE: _____

10. A KEY EVENT IN THE WAR FOR YOU: _____

Persona Top Ten

SAMPLE

1. **NAME** Derrick Sturgill

2. **BRITH PLACE:** City or Town Abington
County Washington
State Virginia

3. **DATE OF BRITH:** This will change every year

4. **FAMILY:** Mother Yes (name optional)
Father Yes (name optional)
Brother(s) No (name optional)
Sister(s) Yes (name optional)

5. **FAMILY HISTORY:** Came to Indiana in 1836.opened Sturgills Mercantile in 1836
In Anderson in the county of Madison

6. **VEIW ON WAR:** Mother Pro Union
Father Pro Southern fighting with Jackson at last report
Brother(s) N/ A
Sister(s) Pro Union

7. **EDUCATION:** High School
One year collage

8. **OCCUPATIION BEFORE THE WAR:** Doctors Apprentice

9. **PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** In 1861 went to Washington D. C. to answer the call for doctors, took the surgeon test and passed. Commission a captain. Spent time in hospitals in and around Washington D. C. Got permission to work at the Indiana Hospital.

10. **A KEY EVENT IN THE WAR FOR YOU:** Heard news of the death of my best freind at the battle of Brawners farm. Resigned commission. Traveled to Manassas, Virginia. Enlisted as private in A company 19th Indiana August 29, 1862



Get a Job! Occupations of the 19th Century

The following list of occupations was sent across some of the genealogy and history mailing lists in September 1998, with this comment: "... I have put together this "LIST OF OCCUPATIONS" used in the older records. I put these 130 items together from many sources and used it as a handout for our local Orange County (NY) Genealogical Society. I was asked by many War Chart recipients if the CHART could be forwarded to other lists or used in local newsletters. The answer is yes — please share this information.

—Dan Burrows

Accomptant—Accountant
 Almoner—Giver of charity to the needy
 Amanuensis—Secretary or stenographer
 Artificer—A soldier mechanic who does repairs

Bailie—Bailiff
 Baxter—Baker
 Bluestocking—Female writer
 Boniface—Keeper of an inn
 Brazier—One who works with brass
 Brewster—Beer manufacturer
 Brightsmith—Metal Worker
 Burgonmaster—Mayor
 Caulker—One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seams to make them watertight by using tar or oakum—hemp fiber produced by taking old ropes apart
 Chaisemaker—Carriage maker
 Chandler—Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles; retailer of groceries
 Chiffonnier—Wig maker
 Clark—Clerk
 Clerk—Clergyman, cleric

Clicker—The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers
 one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing
 one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicks
 Cohen—Priest
 Collier—Coal miner

Get a Job, cont.

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- Colporteur—Peddler of books
Cooper—One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves & hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.
Cordwainer—Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba in Spain
Costermonger—Peddler of fruits and vegetables
Crocker—Potter
Crown—Coroner
Currier—One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease
Docker—Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo
Dowser—One who finds water using a rod or witching stick
Draper—A dealer in dry goods
Drayman—One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads
Dresser—A surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Drover—One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
Duffer—Peddler
Factor—Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate
Farrier—A blacksmith, one who shoes horses
Faulkner—Falconer
Fell monger—One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
Fletcher—One who made bows and arrows
Fuller—One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth
Gaoler—A keeper of the goal, a jailer
Glazier—Window glassman
Hacker—Maker of hoes
Hatcheler—One who combed out or carded flax
Haymonger—Dealer in hay
Hayward—Keeper of fences
Higgler—Itinerant peddler
Hillier—Roof tiler
Hind—A farm laborer
Holster—A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
Hooker—Reaper
Hooper—One who made hoops for casks and barrels
Huckster—Sells small wares
Husbandman—A farmer who cultivated the land
Jagger—Fish peddler
Journeyman—One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day
Joyner/Joiner—A skilled carpenter
Keeler—Bargeman
Kempster—Wool comber
Lardner—Keeper of the cupboard
Lavender—Washer woman
Lederer—Leather maker
Leech—Physician
Longshoreman—Stevedore
Lormer—Maker of horse gear
Malender—Farmer
Maltster—Brewer
Manciple—A steward
Mason—Bricklayer
Mintmaster—One who issued local currency
Monger—Seller of goods (ale, fish)
Muleskinner—Teamster
Neatherder—Herds cows
Ordinary Keeper—Innkeeper with fixed prices
Pattern Maker—A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end
Peregrinator—Itinerant wanderer
Peruker—A wig maker
Pettifogger—A shyster lawyer
Pigman—Crockery dealer
Plumber—One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
Porter—Door keeper
Puddler—Wrought iron worker
Quarrier—Quarry worker
Rigger—Hoist tackle worker
Ripper—Seller of fish
Roper—Maker of rope or nets
Saddler—One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
Sawbones—Physician
Sawyer—One who saws; carpenter
Schumacker—Shoemaker
Scribler—A minor or worthless author
Scrivener—Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public
Scrutiner—Election judge
Shrieve—Sheriff
Slater—Roofer
Slopseller—Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
Snobsat/Snob—One who repaired shoes
Sorter—Tailor
Spinster—A woman who spins or an unmarried woman
Spurrer—Maker of spurs
Squire—Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace
Stuff gown—Junior barrister
Stuff gownsman—Junior barrister
Supercargo—Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship.
Tanner—One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather
Tapley—One who puts the tap in an ale cask
Tasker—Reaper
Teamster—One who drives a team for hauling
Thatcher—Roofer
Tide waiter—Customs inspector
Tinker—An itinerant tin pot and pan seiler and repairman
Tipstaff—Policeman
Travers—Toll bridge collection
Tucker—Cleaner of cloth goods
Turner—A person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
Victualer—A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food
Vulcan—Blacksmith
Wagoner—Teamster not for hire
Wainwright—Wagon maker
Waiter—Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in
Waterman—Boatman who plies for hire
Webster—Operator of looms
Wharfinger—Owner of a wharf
Wheelwright—One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.
Whitesmith—Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work
Whitewing—Street sweeper
Whitster—Bleacher of cloth
Wright—Workman, especially a construction worker
Yeoman—Farmer who owns his own land
—Nick Sholar

~ Military Persona ~

Questions you must be able to answer.

Think careful before you write your answers down. You must choose things that will come easily to mind when you are asked at an event. The person you are at an event must believe these things.

This is who you will be during the entire event.

Who are you?

Your personal identity:

What is your name?
Do you have a title or nickname?
How old are you?
When were you born?
Where were you born?
Are you wealthy or poor? (Do you have money saved, an inheritance, or do you live on military pay?)
What did you do before the war?
What do you eat?
Where do you get your food?
Do you cook your own food?
Where do you eat?
What personal belonging do you have? What do you carry with you?
What is your most highly prized possession?
How do you transport your belongings?
Where do you get your clothes or other belongings?
Do you sew or repair your own clothes?
How do you bathe?
What do you do when you are not fighting?
What do you do when it rains?
What do you do in the winter?

Do you write letters home to your family?
When do you go home?

Your ideals:

Do you fight for the North or the South?
Why do you choose to fight?
Are you pro-union or pro-confederacy? Why?
Are you pro-slavery? Why?
Are you for or against states' rights? Why?
Do you associate or communicate with sympathizers for the other side?
Did you go to school? Where?
For how long?

Your position in the military:

Did you enlist, were you a substitute, or were you given bounty?
When did you enlist?
Where did you enlist, or join up?
Where did you train to fight?
How were you trained to fight?
What is your rank?
How long have you held this rank?
Who in your company do you report to? (Reenactment and historically.)
Who is your Captain? (Reenactment and historically.)
Who is your Brigade Commander? (Reenactment and historically.)

What weapons do you carry?
How do you clean your weapons?
Have you ever killed anyone?
How did that make you feel?

Who is your family?

Your spouse:

Are you married?
Is your spouse still alive?
How does your spouse feel about you fighting?
What does your spouse do?
Where does your spouse live?
Is your spouse pro-union or pro-confederacy?
Is your spouse for or against states' rights?
Is your spouse for or against slavery?
Do you listen to your spouse's opinions and needs?
What does your spouse do to support the war effort?
Do you have children?
How are they taken care of? (If grown, see other family.)

Your parents:

Are your parents alive?
How do your parents feel about fighting?
What do your parents do?
Where do your parents live?
Are your parents pro-union or pro-confederacy?
Are your parents for or against states' rights?
Are your parents for or against slavery?
What do your parents do to support the war effort?

Your siblings:

Do you have any siblings? (Brothers or sisters.)
What do your siblings do?
Where do your siblings live?
Do your siblings have families of their own?
Are your siblings pro-union or pro-confederacy?
Are your siblings for or against states' rights?

Are your siblings for or against slavery?

What do your siblings do to support the war effort? Do any of them fight?

Other family and friends, who are important to you:

Who are they?

What do they do?

Where do they live?

Are they pro-union or pro-confederacy?

Are they for or against states' rights?

Are they for or against slavery?

What do they do to support the war effort?

How do they affect you?

What do you do in the war?

How are you helping the war effort?

Are you trained at any level of medical knowledge?

Why are you in the field?

~ Civilian Persona ~

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How old are you?
When were you born?
Where were you born?
Are you wealthy or poor? (Do you have to work, or do you have money enough to travel?)
What did you do before the war?
What do you eat?
Where do you sleep?
Where do you get your food?
Do you cook your own food?
Where do you eat?
How do you transport your belongings?
Where do you get your clothes or other belongings?
Do you sew or repair your own clothes?
How do you bathe?
What do you do when it rains?
What do you do in the winter?
When do you go home?

Your ideals:

Are you pro-union or pro-confederacy? Why?
Do you talk to or associate with people who on the other side?
Are you pro-slavery? Why?
Are you for or against states' rights? Why?
Did you go to school? Where?
For how long?

Your connection to the war:

Who supports you? (Your own wealth; nurse, laundress or prostitute pay; spouse, sibling or parent in the military; other.)
Did you know anyone before the war who is fighting now? Who?
Do you know anyone who fights for the other side? Who?
Has anyone you have known died in the war? Who?
How did that make you feel?
Have you ever seen someone die?
How did that make you feel?
Have you ever seen a battle?
Do you carry any weapons?

Who is your family?

Your spouse:

Are you married and, if so, when?
Is your spouse still alive?
What does your spouse do?
Where does your spouse live?
Is your spouse pro-union or pro-confederacy?
Is your spouse for or against states' rights?
Is your spouse for or against slavery?
What does your spouse do to support the war effort?
Do you have children?
How are they taken care of? (If grown, see other family.)

Your parents:

Are your parents alive?
What do your parents do?
Where do your parents live?
Are your parents pro-union or pro-confederacy?
Are your parents for or against states' rights?
Are your parents for or against slavery?

What is your opinion?

Why do you feel we should be fighting this war?

Why do you feel we should not be fighting this war?

Why do you think the war is being fought?

What do you think of Lincoln as a president?

What do you think of slaves being freed?

What do you think states wanting to choose their own way of doing things?

What do you think of the states seceded from the union?

What do think about your personal safety?

Are you willing to die to preserve the union?

Are you willing to kill to preserve the union?

How do you feel about the command ability of the military?

How do you feel about the actions of the military?

How has the war helped you?

How has the war hurt you?