

59th Ohio Infantry

PATRIOTS  
IN  
DISGUISE

Women Warriors  
of the Civil War

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New York

*Massachusetts*

Lizzie Jones served as a daughter of the regiment in 6th Massachusetts Infantry.  
Mary Ann Murphy served as "Samuel Hill" in 53rd Massachusetts Infantry.

*Michigan*

Bridget Deavers served as battlefield nurse in 1st Michigan Cavalry.  
Sarah Emma Edmonds served as soldier, spy, and nurse in 2nd Michigan Infantry.  
Jane Hinsdale served as nurse in 2nd Michigan Infantry, once captured by enemy.  
Anna Etheridge served as a daughter of the regiment and battlefield nurse in the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Michigan infantries.  
Mary Burns enlisted (as "John") in 7th Michigan Cavalry, but was discovered in about two weeks.  
Frances Hook served in the 8th Michigan Infantry.  
Anny Lillybridge served in the 21st Michigan Infantry.  
Elizabeth Compton served in the 125th Michigan Cavalry.

*Minnesota*

Unidentified Minnesota girl claimed two years of service before being wounded.  
Mrs. Frances Clayton wounded in action with a Minnesota regiment at Stone's River, Tennessee.

*Missouri*

Frances Clalin allegedly served in a Missouri militia cavalry regiment in Federal service.  
"John Williams," Company M, 17th Missouri Infantry, was discovered to be a woman.

*New Jersey*

Female soldier in a New Jersey regiment who had been in four battles with her husband was discovered when she gave birth, and was sent home.  
Fannie Wilson, from New Jersey, served eighteen months before being discovered during Vicksburg campaign.  
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Niles, who served with her husband in 4th New Jersey Infantry, died in 1920 at age 92.

*New York*

Drummer boy "Edward O. Hamilton" in 18th New York Infantry was a girl who had preferred to act as a male since childhood.  
The 39th New York Infantry ("Garibaldi Guard") had at least six *vivandieres* who dressed in red, blue, and black costumes.  
The 40th New York Infantry reportedly had a female lieutenant colonel (source: Ida Tarbell letter in National Archives).  
Arabella G. Barlow served with her officer husband in the 61st New York Infantry during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, at Gettysburg, and in the siege of Petersburg, also acting as a nurse on and near the battlefield.  
A female soldier identified only as "Nellie A.K." enlisted with her brother in the

102nd New York Infantry, until discovered and discharged near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

*North Carolina*

Lucy Matilda Thompson served as "Bill Thompson" in 18th North Carolina Infantry.  
Malinda Blaylock posed as "Samuel" to serve with her husband in the 26th North Carolina Infantry.

*Ohio*

Mary McCreary served in Company H, 21st Ohio Infantry.  
Mary Smith enlisted in 41st Ohio Infantry to avenge only brother's death at 1st Bull Run. Sex discovered at Camp Wood, Ohio, September, 1861 by female mannerisms.  
Mary Y. Seaberry served as "Charles Freeman" in Company F, 52nd Ohio Infantry.  
Two women served three years in ~~97th Ohio Infantry~~.  
Charlotte ("Charley") Anderson served in 60th Ohio Infantry. Discovered to be female and sent home to Cleveland by provost marshal of Army of Potomac.  
Female sergeant in 74th Ohio Infantry gave birth, after twenty months of service.

*Pennsylvania*

Female using name "Charles Martin" served as drummer boy in a Pennsylvania regiment. Was in five battles.  
Mary Owen Jenkins served in 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry.  
Marie Tebe served in 27th and 114th Pennsylvania Infantry regiments.  
"Charles D. Fuller" (female name not known) served in 46th Pennsylvania Infantry.  
Frances Day ("Frank Mayne") served in 126th Pennsylvania Infantry.

*Rhode Island*

Kady Brownell served with husband, Robert, in 1st Rhode Island Infantry as color bearer at 1st Bull Run, and in 5th Rhode Island as a daughter of the regiment.

*Tennessee*

Tennessee teamster with Sheridan in Shenandoah Valley discovered to be a woman when she got drunk and fell in a river.  
Sarah Taylor served as a daughter of the regiment in 1st Tennessee Infantry.  
Frances Hook served in 2nd East Tennessee Cavalry (Union).  
Anna Clark served as "Richard Anderson" in Confederate 11th Tennessee Infantry. (See Amy Clarke.)

*Virginia*

Mary and Molly Bell ("Tom Parker" and "Bob Martin"). Confederate soldiers from Virginia arrested by Federals in the fall of 1864 after two years of service.  
Nancy Hart served as a cavalry scout for "Stonewall" Jackson.  
Lucy Ann Cox served as a *vivandiere* in 13th Virginia Infantry.