

In-Archives Handout

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Part of an in-archives exercise at <http://www.teacharchives.org/exercises/civil-war-draft/>

Station 3: Avoiding the Call to Arms - Desertion

Descriptive List of Drafted Men Who Have Failed to Report, 1863, M1975.860; Brooklyn Historical Society

Your group has 5 minutes to examine the two documents closely and to discuss the following:

- What do you think a broadside is? Where do you think someone would have seen it?
- What information does this broadside contain?
- Why would this information be conveyed in a broadside (as opposed to another form of communication)?

Each person in your group should take 20 minutes to gather and analyze the data for one of the following sections.

- Job: **Tally** the professions of the deserters.
- Race: what **percentage** of deserters were African American?
- Hometown: **Tally** the hometowns of the deserters.
- Age: find the **range** and **average** of the ages of deserters.

As a group, compile a profile of a deserter in this area based on your data analysis.

Spend 5 minutes summarizing your findings. Be prepared to report back to the whole class.