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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

ORGANIZED MISSOURI MILITIA REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of the Organized Missouri Militia (bulk 1868-1877)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Organized Missouri Militia (OMM) was established by the militia law approved on March 21, 1868. By December 31, 1868, thirty-two companies of infantry and one battery were organized. By 1871, all thirty-four companies were disbanded with the exception of a battery in Jefferson City, two companies in Kansas City, and two companies in Macon.

Many of the companies also served a social function, such as Simpson Battery, which was organized as a lodge, and the St. Louis Uhlan Guards, which provided insurance for its members. The St. Louis Shaw Guards was originally a Democratic political club formed during the 1868 election; the St. Louis Grays were Republicans. The Gratz Brown Guards included former Union and Confederate soldiers and was dedicated to reconciliation. The Hannibal Guards and the Attuck Guards were African American militia.

Also by 1873, there were nine companies of Organized Militia and two companies of Enrolled Militia outside of St. Louis. The two enrolled companies were created to deal with the Ku Klux Klan in Dunklin and Stoddard counties. By 1874, most of the St. Louis companies and the battalions and regiment were disbanded, although three or four companies continued to meet and drill.

Regimental returns are paperwork created by various companies, regiments and battalions and submitted to the Adjutant General. These records are the kind of bureaucratic paperwork on which the Army marched. Due to the chaotic nature of the Civil War in Missouri, the lack of reliable postal service, and poor record keeping in the field, these records are very incomplete.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

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SERIES

Headquarters
Regiments

Headquarters

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Adjutant General Miscellaneous contains draft pages from the 1873 Adjutant General Report.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Lists of Officers
1	2	Miscellaneous
1	3	Quartermaster General

Regiments

Extent: 83 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Container List

Box	Folder	Regiment	Company	Contents
1	4	1st Battalion National Guard	A	Certificates of Election
1	5	1st Battalion National Guard	A	Loyalty Oaths
1	6	1st Battalion National Guard	A	Resignations
1	7	1st Battalion National Guard	A	Correspondence – Miscellaneous
1	8	1st Battalion National Guard	A	Correspondence—Personnel
1	9	1st Battalion National Guard	B	Elections
1	10	1st Battalion National Guard	B	Resignations
1	11	1st Battalion National Guard	B	Correspondence – Personnel
1	12	1st Battalion National Guard	Engineer Corps (also A, Engineer Corps.)	Elections
1	13	1 st Regiment Infantry	A (Brown Guards)	Resignations
1	13A	1 st Regiment Infantry	C (Barret Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	14	1 st Regiment Infantry	D (Washington Guards/Shaw Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	15	1 st Regiment Infantry	E (Taylor Guards; Captain Adams)	Elections
1	16	1 st Regiment Infantry	E (Taylor Guards; Captain Adams)	Loyalty Oaths

Box	Folder	Regiment	Company	Contents
1	17	1 st Regiment Infantry	F (Benton Guards; Captain Sullivan)	Elections
1	18	1 st Regiment Infantry	G (Roe Zouaves)	Elections
1	19	1 st Regiment Infantry	I (Captain Halsey)	Loyalty Oaths
1	20	1 st Regiment Infantry	Regimental	Correspondence—Personnel
1	21	Andrew County	Captain Buis's Company (Buis' Andrew County Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	22	Andrew County	Captain Crittenden's Company (Crittenden's Andrew County Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	23	Benton County	Captain Mitchell's Company	Elections
1	24	Benton County	Captain Mitchell's Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	25	Benton County	Captain Mitchell's Company	Officers Affidavits
1	26	Buchanan County	Captain Boyer's Company (Boyer's Buchanan County Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	27	Buchanan County	Grant Guards	Loyalty Oaths
1	28	Buchanan County	Captain Hall's (Colfax Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	29	Buchanan County	Captain McConnel's Company (Spartan Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	30	Buchanan County	Captain Ridge's Company (Fremont Guard)	Loyalty Oaths
1	31	Cole County	Sigel's Battery	Elections
1	32	DeKalb County	Captain Evert's Company	Elections
1	33	Dunklin County	Captain Jeffers's Company	Elections

Box	Folder	Regiment	Company	Contents
1	34	Dunklin County	Captain Jeffers's Company	Resignations
1	35	Gentry County	Captain Walker's Company	Elections
1	36	Greene County	Captain Rector's Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	37	Greene County	Captain Rector's Company	Elections
1	38	Greene County	Springfield Rifles	Loyalty Oaths
1	39	Holt County	Captain Orange's Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	40	Holt County	Captain Orange's Company	Elections
1	41	Jackson County	Kansas City Excelsior Cadets	Elections
1	42	Jackson County	Kansas City German Guards	Elections
1	43	Jackson County	Kansas City Rifles (Kansas City Light Guards)	Elections
1	44	Jackson County	Kansas City Rifles (Kansas City Light Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	45	Jasper County	Carthage Light Guard	Loyalty Oaths
1	46	Lafayette County	Lafayette Guards	Elections
1	47	Macon County	Captain Clements's Company	Elections
1	48	Macon County	Captain Clements's Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	49	Macon County	Captain London's Company	Elections
1	50	Macon County	Captain London's Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	51	Nodaway County	Captain Smith's (Smith's Nodaway County Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	52	Phelps County	Captain Bland's Company	Form of Bond to be Given for Arms and Other Property
1	53	Platte County	Weston Rifles	Elections
1	54	St. Clair County Co.		Bond for Arms and Other Property

Box	Folder	Regiment	Company	Contents
1	55	St. Louis	1st Company, Veteran Cavalry	Loyalty Oaths
1	56	St. Louis	1st Company, Veteran Cavalry	Elections
1	57	St. Louis	1st Company, Veteran Infantry	Loyalty Oaths
1	58	St. Louis	1st Company, Veteran Infantry	Elections
1	59	St. Louis	1st Company, Veteran Infantry	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	60	St. Louis	Attuck Blues	Loyalty Oaths
1	61	St. Louis	Attuck Guards	Loyalty Oaths
1	62	St. Louis	Blow Guard	Loyalty Oaths
1	63	St. Louis	Dodd Guard	Elections
1	64	St. Louis	Dodd Guard	Loyalty Oaths
1	65	St. Louis	Emmett Guard	Loyalty Oaths
1	66	St. Louis	Emmett Guard	Elections
1	67	St. Louis	Hannibal Guard	Elections
1	68	St. Louis	Hannibal Guard, 2nd	Elections
1	69	St. Louis	Independent Guards	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	70	St. Louis	Missouri Guards	Elections
1	71	St. Louis	Putnam Guards (Putnam Zouaves)	Loyalty Oaths
1	72	St. Louis	Putnam Guards (Putnam Zouaves)	Elections
1	73	St. Louis	St. Louis Greys	Loyalty Oaths
1	74	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Elections
1	75	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Invoices of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
1	76	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Loyalty Oaths
1	77	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Resignations
1	78	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Telegrams
1	79	St. Louis	Simpson Battery	Correspondence—Personnel
1	80	St. Louis	Taylor Cadets	Elections
1	81	St. Louis	Terry Zouaves	Elections
1	82	St. Louis	Terry Zouaves	Loyalty Oaths
1	83	St. Louis	Uhlan Guard	Elections
1	84	St. Louis	Uhlan Guard	Loyalty Oaths
1	85	St. Louis	Washington Guards	Elections
1	86	St. Louis	Washington Guards	Loyalty Oaths

Box	Folder	Regiment	Company	Contents
1	87	Worth County	Captain Castor's Company (Castor's Worth County Guards)	Loyalty Oaths
1	88	Worth County	Captain Castor's Company (Castor's Worth County Guards)	Elections