

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 133.30

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

CITIZEN GUARDS REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of Citizen Guard units (bulk 1861-1865)

Extent: .3 cubic feet (1 Hollinger box)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Citizen Guard units were raised and disbanded at various points throughout the Civil War. They were even more disorganized and decentralized than most Missouri militia units. There is a good deal of overlap, both in men and in records, with various Home Guard and Enrolled Missouri Militia units.

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.

The Scope and Content Note for individual regiments contains information on organization, disbanding, transfers and consolidations.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

Dyer, Frederick. 1959. *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*. New York: Thomas Yoseloff Ltd.

Record and Pension Office, War Department. 1902. *Organization and Status of Missouri Troops (Union and Confederate) in Service During the Civil War*. Washington, D. C. : Government Printing Office.

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

4th Regiment City Guards (St. Louis)
Benton County Citizen Guards
Henry County
Jackson County
Johnson County Battalion
Johnson County
Pettis County
St. Clair County

4th Regiment City Guards (St. Louis)

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in St. Louis in September 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	1	I	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Benton County Citizen Guards

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in April 1864 at Cole Camp. Disbanded in November 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	2	G	Affidavits
1	3	G	Muster Rolls
1	4	G	Historical Record

Henry County

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in the summer of 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	5	Captain Allen's Company	Affidavits
1	6	Captain Allen's Company	Special Orders
1	7	Captain Freeman's Company	Affidavits
1	8	Captain Wells' Company	Affidavits
1	9	Captain Wells' Company	Special Orders

Jackson County

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in the summer of 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	9A	Independence Company A	Contract

Johnson County Battalion (Foster's Cavalry Battalion)

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in the summer of 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	11	A	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	12	B	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	13	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	14	C	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	15	Battalion	Special Orders
1	15	Battalion	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	17	Battalion	Officers Affidavits
1	18	Battalion	Telegrams

Johnson County

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in May 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	19	Lieutenant Culver's Company	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	20	Captain Fisher's Company	Claims
1	21	Kingsville Company	Special Orders
1	22	Captain Thompson's Company	Oaths and Power of Attorney

Pettis County

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in April 1864.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	23	Captain Hatton's Company	Oaths and Power of Attorney

St. Clair County

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in April 1864. Disbanded in April 1865.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	24	Captain Robinson's Company	Affidavit and Term of Service