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An Inventory of Military Service Records, Civil War

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Office of the Adjutant General.
- Series Title:** Military service records, Civil War,
- Dates:** 1861-1915 (bulk 1861-1865).
- Abstract:** Regimental rosters and lists, correspondence, reports, and miscellany regarding the service of military units and individual soldiers in the Civil War and the Dakota Conflict.
- Quantity:** 6.5 cu. ft. (7 boxes, 4 partial boxes, and 4 oversize folders in map drawer).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Descriptive books for soldiers in Minnesota regiments (incomplete); various lists and registers of recruits, draftees, and officers; reports of soldiers in Memphis hospitals; correspondence regarding personnel assignments and changes; monthly returns, morning reports, and miscellaneous reports for Minnesota regiments (incomplete); some reports of battles and other military actions by regimental officers; correspondence, rosters, and muster rolls concerning militia and home guard service during the Dakota Conflict; "Volunteer Record" slips compiled by C. J. Humason; records of appointments; quartermaster's records of supplies issued; and miscellaneous other personnel reports, lists, and service data.

RELATED MATERIALS

Additional information on Civil War soldiers may be found in several other (separately cataloged) series of records, including Compiled Service Records; Muster Rolls; and Records of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Dakota Indians—Wars, 1862-1865.
Draft—Minnesota.
Soldiers—Minnesota.
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Places:

Minnesota—Militia—Officers.
Minnesota—Militia—Supplies and stores.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Hospitals.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Registers.

Persons:

Humason, Charles J.

Organizations:

United States. Army—Recruiting, enlistment, etc.—Civil War, 1861-1865.

Types of Documents:

Registers.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
106.F.9.6F-1	1	<p>[Descriptive Books], Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, 6th-10th Infantry, 1862-1865. 2 volumes.</p> <p>Entries are by regiment and company, and in no discernible order thereunder. Each entry gives a sequential number (within that company), name, where born (county or state, sometimes city), age, occupation, residence (town, county, state), date of muster, and personal description (eye color, hair color, complexion, height). There are also columns for Remarks and Surgeons Remarks, but these are seldom filled in. The volumes are labeled "Muster Roll" on the spines, but not internally, and they are not really muster rolls.</p> <p>Volume A. 6th Regiment; 7th Regiment; 9th Regiment, companies A, B, D, F, G, H.</p> <p>Volume B. 8th Regiment; 9th Regiment, companies C, E, I, K; 10th Regiment.</p>
106.F.9.6F-1	1	<p>Descriptive Book, 1st Minnesota Mounted Rangers, 1861-1865. 1 volume.</p> <p>Entries are by company, and thereunder are usually, but not always, in rough alphabetical order by surname. Each entry gives name, age, height, complexion, eye color, hair color, where born (town or county and state or country), occupation, when and where enlisted, by whom, and term. A "Remarks" column occasionally contains an annotation, usually regarding promotion, discharge, desertion, or death. The volume is indexed.</p> <p>At the front of the volume is a "List of Commissioner Officers," giving each officer's name, rank, date of appointment, and an occasional note on resignation or other appointment. There are several lines of space after each entry, apparently for later insertion of additional data, but none is present.</p>

Location	Box	
106.F.9.6F-1	1	<p>List of Drafted Men and Substitutes, 1864-1865: Xerox copy. 28 pages in oversize folder.</p> <p>A list, by regiment and alphabetical thereunder, of draftees from Minnesota or into Minnesota military units, and of substitutes for draftees. Each entry gives name; when drafted; town, county, and district credited; and regiment assigned to. If the individual was a substitute, the word “(Sub)” follows his name.</p> <p>The entries cover the Minnesota Infantry regiments (almost exclusively 1st-5th), the 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery, the 3rd Minnesota Battery, and the U.S. Colored Troops. The pages of the original are in very poor condition, and the bottom portions of the lists for the 5th Infantry, 1st Heavy Artillery, and U.S. Colored Troops have been lost.</p>
+Res.15	---	<p>Original. 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>CLOSED to general use. To be used only if an entry on the Xerox copy is illegible.</p>
106.F.9.6F-2	2	<p>Register, Minnesota Volunteers, 1861-1865. 1 volume.</p> <p>Primarily a register of regimental and company line and staff officers and supporting personnel: regimental colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors, adjutants, quartermasters, and surgeons; and company captains, first lieutenants, and second lieutenants. Entries are by regiment and cover the 1st-11th Infantry Volunteers, 1st Infantry Battalion, 1st Regiment Heavy Artillery, 1st and 2nd Companies of Sharpshooters, 1st Mounted Rangers, Brackett’s and Hatches Battalions of Cavalry, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, and 1st-3rd Batteries Light Artillery (pp. 1-145).</p> <p>Each entry gives name, rank and date, post office address, and remarks (promoted, discharged, died, etc.) The “p.o. address” column was erratically filled in at some time subsequent to the compilation of this volume, and appears to note city of residence at that time; a few entries in this column give instead a notation of death; a few give a street address.</p> <p>On pp. 200-202 is another (unidentified) list with the same type of data, dated July 24, 1884 and March 11, 1885. On pp. 226-318 is an alphabetically-tabbed section containing lists of men, giving name, rank, regiment/company, post office address and, in the “Remarks” column, a date, generally in the years 1884-1886. Entries within each letter of the alphabet are chronological. The nature and purpose of this list, also, is unknown.</p>

Location	Box	
106.F.9.6F-2	2	<p>Lists of Recruits Credited to Each Town and County, undated. 2 volumes.</p> <p>Entries are by county, thereunder by city or township. They list recruit's name, company, and regiment, and sometimes include a date (presumably of enlistment) and a term of service.</p> <p>Each volume is alphabetical by county, with some stray entries in the back of the volume. Counties do not appear to be duplicated between volumes.</p>
106.F.8.5B-1	3	<p>Monthly Report of Soldiers in Memphis Hospitals, June 1864 - June 1865. 1 volume.</p> <p>Lists, by month and hospital, giving soldiers' names, regiment, company, date admitted, date returned to duty, and remarks (transferred, furloughed, died, deserted).</p> <p>The latter half of the volume contains a variety of accounts of unknown provenance, pertaining to the sale and distribution of textbooks, [ca. 1868-1870].</p>
106.F.8.5B-1	3	<p>Record of Issues to Militia Units, 1863-1865. 1 volume.</p> <p>A ledger of arms, ammunition, tools, and supplies issued; there is a separate page for each company or regimental officer. All appear to be for local and county militia.</p> <p>[this box is ½ empty]</p>
106.F.9.7B-1	---	<p>State Militia: Roster of Commissioned Officers, undated [1863-1864]. 1 volume.</p> <p>Lists of officers by state militia unit (regiment, brigade, division). The entries give name, residence (city and county), date of appointment, office and rank (which are generally the same), and occasional remarks. There are several lines of space between each entry, apparently for later insertion of additional data, but none is present. All dates appear to be 1863-1864. The volume is indexed.</p>
126.J.1.2	---	<p>Allotment Rolls, 1861-1863. 2 oversize folders.</p> <p>Assignment-of-pay lists, for those soldiers who elected to send home a portion of their pay. Each entry gives name, rank, pay per month, amount to be reserved, assignee name and address, and a series of check marks, apparently denoting each payment sent.</p> <p>Regiments 1 and 4, 1861-1862. 1 folder. Regiments 4, 5, 8, and 10, 1862-1863. 1 folder.</p>

Location	Box	
106.F.9.6F-1	1	<p>Muster and Pay Roll, Blue Earth City Mounted Minute Men, [undated]. 1 item in folder.</p> <p>Entries give name, time and date of service (various dates, August-October, 1864), and total number of days of service. Originally one sheet; sectioned, laminated, and quad-folded.</p>
106.F.9.6F-1	1	<p>Muster-Out Rolls of Detachments of Volunteer Infantry, June 1865. 2 items in oversize folder.</p> <p>For two men mustered out from Satterlee U.S.A. General Hospital in Philadelphia: Samuel B. Smith, 8th Minnesota Infantry Company G (May 24) and John Clark, 1st Minnesota Infantry Company A (June 14). A note on the front of Clark's roll references 20 men being mustered out on this date, citing various military units, mostly from states other than Minnesota.</p>
109.K.13.11B	4	<p>General Correspondence, 1861-1865, 1885. 9 folders.</p> <p>The correspondence appears to relate primarily or entirely to troop assignments and reports, and to individual soldiers. Date spans of the folder contents overlap, and the letters do not seem to be in any order within folders. Each folder may originally have been a separate packet, and thus there may be topical distinctions between them.</p> <p>Official Communications, [1861-1865]. 26 folders.</p> <p>Various reports and correspondence, mainly regarding personnel assignments and changes: returns of killed/wounded/missing, resignations, promotions, transfers, desertions, discharges, troop assignments, and the like. Some files include reports of engagements (battles) by regimental officers. Arranged by regiment.</p> <p>1st Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>Several letters are to Governor Ramsey. A couple are flagged "to be restored." Includes an 1899 typescript to "Dear Comrades" on the loss record of the 1st Minnesota, asking that existing records be corrected.</p> <p>2nd Regiment Infantry. 7 folders.</p> <p>3rd Regiment Infantry. 2 folders.</p> <p>4th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>5th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>6th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p>

Location	Box	
109.K.13.11B	4	<p>7th Regiment Infantry. 2 folders.</p> <p>7th Regiment, Company H. [List of veterans or their widows], undated. 1 folder.</p> <p>List of 48 names, giving town, county, and state of residence; prepared sometime after the war, possibly in connection with the 1890 veterans' census. (Provenance: found among the Civil War Muster Rolls.)</p> <p>8th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>9th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>10th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>11th Regiment Infantry. 1 folder.</p> <p>1st Battery Light Artillery. 1 folder.</p> <p>2nd Battery Light Artillery. 1 folder.</p> <p>Includes an 1890 published roster.</p> <p>3rd Battery Light Artillery. 1 folder.</p>
109.K.13.12F	5	<p>Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry. 1 folder.</p> <p>1st Heavy Artillery. 1 folder.</p> <p>1st Company Sharp Shooters. 2 folders.</p> <p>(On one folded oversize "Report of Condition," the ink has faded to near illegibility.)</p> <p>1st Regiment Minnesota Mounted Rangers. 1 folder.</p> <p>Monthly Returns and Morning Reports of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, 1861-1865.</p> <p>All of these are tri- or quad-folded packets tied with cloth binding tape. A paper slip at the front of most packets identifies its content. Most of the identifications are in the handwriting of C. J. Humason, who may have used them in his creation of the 17-volume "Compiled Rosters of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments" (part of the separately cataloged series with that title).</p> <p>Monthly returns, Brackett's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry.</p> <p>Monthly returns, Hatch's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry and 5th Iowa Cavalry. 1 item.</p> <p>Descriptive roll of officers, Hatch's Battalion.</p> <p>Enlistment papers, Hatch's Battalion. 9 items.</p> <p>Morning reports, 11th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, August-September 1864. 3 items.</p> <p>Returns and reports, 2nd Battery Light Artillery.</p> <p>Returns of 1st Minnesota Infantry, mainly 1863.</p> <p>Monthly returns, 1st Battalion Minnesota Volunteers.</p> <p>Monthly returns, 1st Regiment Minnesota Heavy Artillery.</p> <p>Monthly returns, 1st Minnesota Light Artillery.</p>

Location	Box	
109.K.13.12F	5	Returns, 3 rd Regiments Minnesota Veteran Volunteer Infantry. 3 items. Monthly returns, 3 rd Minnesota Light Artillery. Three month men of 1 st Minnesota Infantry. Humason's "Volunteer Record" slips. Information may be duplicated in the "Compiled Rosters." Monthly returns, 2 nd Regiment Minnesota Cavalry. Monthly returns of enlisted men, 6 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. "Recruits for different Co's Third Regt Min Vol Infty" (Humason's identification). Monthly returns, 1 st Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 2 nd Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 3 rd Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 4 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 5 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 7 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 8 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, 1863-1865. Monthly returns, 9 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 10 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, 1863-1865. Morning reports, 10 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Monthly returns, 11 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers.
109.K.13.13B	6	Miscellaneous reports: A variety of packets or rolls of reports, some identified via paper slips by Humason or others, some unidentified. Minnesota soldiers in hospitals. 2 packets. Various monthly and weekly reports of troops, 1864-1866. 1 packet. The first item in the packet is a "List of deceased Soldiers of Sixth Min Vol Infty" as identified by Humason. "Records of U.S. Vet[eran] Eng[ineers]." 1 packet. Volunteer enlistment forms. "Detachment of 1 st U.S. Vet Engineers who are not attached to any of the Min Infty Regts," as identified by Humason. Humason's "Volunteer Record" slips. Information may be duplicated in the "Compiled Rosters." "Vouchers and proof for payment of Company E [2 nd Minnesota] prior to muster into the U.S. Service." 1 packet. List of persons liable to do military duty in Freeborn County. 1 item, quad-folded. "List of Killed Wounded &c in 7 th Minn Reg. from its organization to final discharge." 1 item. Miscellaneous reports. 3 rolls, 2 packets.

Location	Box	
109.K.13.10F	7	<p>Letters Received and Rosters, Indian Wars, 1864-[ca. 1890], 1915. 4 folders.</p> <p>Includes letters and lists regarding the formation of militia companies during the Dakota Conflict and subsequent claims for pensions; miscellaneous muster rolls of militia companies and Minnesota Infantry Volunteers companies; a muster-in roll of under cooks of African descent in Company E, 3rd Minnesota Infantry; and affidavits of service (forms and related correspondence) by members of the Renville Rangers (1885).</p> <p>A large group of C. J. Humason's "Volunteer Record" slips. Most are loose in the box. Those for U.S. Colored Troops from Minnesota (68 slips) have been placed in a separate file folder. The information may be duplicated in the "Compiled Rosters."</p> <p>Identification slips interspersed throughout characterize these as "Uncompleted Record of [military unit name]." However, the identifying slips appear often to have become separated from the units to which they refer, and the slips themselves are partially disarranged.</p>
109.K.14.4F	part	<p>Record of Casualties, Resignations, and Discharges. 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>Military Appointments, Commissioned Officers, 1861-1864. 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>Tender and Acceptance of Companies under Proclamation of Governor and General Order #1, April 1861; Adjutant General and Quartermaster General Accounts, 1861-1864. 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>Daybook, Quartermaster General, 1858-1862 (bulk 1861-1862). 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>A record of supplies issued.</p> <p>Daybook, [Quartermaster General], 1861-1863. 1 volume in phase box.</p> <p>A record of supplies issued.</p> <p><i>[These five volumes have not been inspected for content information.]</i></p>

Recruiting reports, 1864-1865. 9 folders.

Reports, filed by recruiting or mustering officers, detailing old and new military organizations whose manpower strengths were increased during the period and the counties and towns from which they came. The numbers were counted against the enrollment quotas assigned.

The various *Consolidated Report of Credits of men enlisted...* contain eleven columns: No [Number]; Names; Enlisted (When-Where-By Whom); No. of Years; Date of Muster; Regiment or Organization; and Where Credited (Cong[ressional] Dist[ri]ct-County-Town).

Location Drawer/Folder

A2/ov5 Drawer 1/F1

Report of the number of Black Volunteers mustered into the United States Service for the State of Minnesota during the month of August 1864. 1 item in partial oversize folder (shared with following entry).

Submitted by J. R. Paxton; Nashville, Tennessee, August 31, 1864. Statistical data only.

[Monthly] Report of the number of Volunteers mustered in the State of Minnesota, 1864-1865. 5 items (9 sheets) in partial oversize folder (shared with previous entry).

Submitted by State of Minnesota Chief Mustering Officer John T. Averill, December 1864 – April 1865. Compilations note enlistments by congressional district. Statistical data only.

Note: State of Minnesota reports include First Congressional District numbers for the same period.

Location

126.F.13.8F-1 ---

Consolidated Report of Credits of men enlisted in the State of Minnesota during the month of January 1865. 1 item (4 sheets) in oversize folder. [Labeled Folder 2]

Submitted by John T. Averill, Superintendent, Volunteer Recruiting Service, Saint Paul, Minnesota, January 31, 1865. Contain names of individual soldiers; names listed alphabetically indicate Regiment assigned and Town credited.

Location

126.F.13.8F-1 --- Consolidated Report of Credits of men enlisted in the State of Minnesota during the month of February 1865. 1 item (37 sheets) in oversize folder. [Labeled Folder 3]
Submitted by John T. Averill, Superintendent, Volunteer Recruiting Service, Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 28, 1865. Contain names of individual soldiers; names listed alphabetically indicate Regiment assigned and Town credited.

Location Drawer/Folder

A2/ov5 Drawer 1/F4 Tri-Monthly Reports [10th, 20th, end of month] of the number of Volunteers mustered in the State of Minnesota, 1865. 18 items in oversize folder.
Submitted by State of Minnesota Chief Mustering Officer John T. Averill. Statistical data only.
Reports, January 1-10 through May 11-20. 14 items.
Transmittal letters, John T. Averill to Oscar Malmros, March 25; April 5; April 21; May 2. 4 items.

Location

126.F.13.8F-1 --- Consolidated Tri-Monthly Report [10th, 20th, end of month] of Credits of men enlisted in the State of Minnesota, March 1865. 3 items (23 sheets) in oversize folder. [Labeled Folder 5]
Submitted by State of Minnesota Chief Mustering Officer John T. Averill, March 11; March 20; March 31. Contain names of individual soldiers; names listed alphabetically indicate Regiment assigned and Town credited.
Consolidated Tri-Monthly Report [10th, 20th, end of month] of Credits of men enlisted in the State of Minnesota, April 1865. 2 items (6 sheets) in oversize folder. [Labeled Folder 6]
Submitted by State of Minnesota Chief Mustering Officer John T. Averill, April 10; April 20. Contain names of individual soldiers; names listed alphabetically indicate Regiment assigned and Town credited.

Location	Box	
109.K.13.2F	5	Tri-Monthly Report (A.G.O. No. 78 [applicants refused]), 1864-1865. 10 items in folder. [Labeled Folder 7] Note numbers of soldiers enlisted and detached and the number refused enlistment with the reasons for refusal. Statistical data only. Saint Paul, September 5, 1864. 1 item. Rochester, 1865. 9 items. January 10, 20, 31; February 28; March 10, 20, 31; April 10, 20.

Location	Drawer/Folder	
A2/ov5	Drawer 1/F8	[Monthly] Report of the number of Volunteers mustered in the First [Congressional] District, January-July 1865. 7 items in oversize folder. May, June, and July are blank. Statistical data only.
A2/ov5	Drawer 1/F9	Tri-Monthly Reports [10 th , 20 th , end of month] of the number of Volunteers mustered in the First [Congressional] District, January 1-10 through April 11-20, 1865. 11 items in oversize folder. Statistical data only. Note: First Congressional District numbers are included in the State of Minnesota reports for the same period.