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ADJUTANT GENERAL Civil War Records

An Inventory of the Compiled Rosters of Minnesota Civil War Regiments

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Office of the Adjutant General.
- Series Title:** Compiled rosters of Minnesota Civil War regiments,
- Dates:** [ca. 1865], [ca. 1915].
- Abstract:** Compilations of service information on individuals who served in Minnesota regiments during the Civil War and the Dakota Conflict, and on some soldiers in the Federal army who enlisted from Minnesota.
- Quantity:** 6.5 cu. ft. (5 boxes and 1 partial box; 3 v. shelved loose).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Two separate sets of compilations (ca. 1865 and ca. 1915) of service information on individuals who served in Minnesota regiments during the Civil War. The 1915 compilation also contains registers of Minnesota draftees and substitutes, enrollees in the U.S. Engineers, enrollees in the U.S. Colored Troops, and militia units who served in the 1862-1865 Dakota Conflict. The entries give name, rank, age, nativity, date and place enrolled and mustered, residence, and remarks (usually on service transfer or termination). The basic information is on the soldier's status at the time of enlistment; only in the remarks is subsequent service data recorded. The 1865 compilation is incomplete, and its entries provide somewhat less, and occasionally variant, data than that found in the 1915 compilation. Neither compilation specifies the source of the information presented, although the Civil War muster rolls (cataloged separately) are the most likely source.

The compilations are supplemented by a set of compiled muster rolls [ca. 1865] that give similar data, under instructions that these data be derived from the "Company Records."

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into the following sections:

[Final Record of Personnel of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, ca. 1865.]
Compiled Muster Rolls, [ca. 1865].
Alphabetical List of Minnesota Volunteers in the Civil War, 1915.
Compiled Rosters of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, [ca. 1915].
Miscellaneous Service Compilations, [ca. 1915].

RELATED MATERIALS

Published rosters in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars* (St. Paul, 1890). Minnesota Adjutant General's report, 1866 (reprinted in 1997 by Park Genealogical Books as *Minnesota Adjutant General's Report of 1866*). Adjutant General: Civil War muster rolls, 1861-1865.

The compiled rosters provide more information than is found in the published rosters, and similar information (but with variances in completeness and details) to that found in the 1866 Adjutant General's report. The muster rolls often contain additional service details that are not found in any of these compilations, as well as providing information on sequential personnel changes for each company or other service unit.

INDEX TERMS

These records are 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.
Soldiers—Minnesota—Registers.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Minnesota—Registers.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Participation, Afro-American.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Veterans—Minnesota.
Veterans—Minnesota—Registers.

Persons:

Humason, Charles J.
Kerr, Aaron Hervey, 1819-1890.

Types of Documents:

Rosters.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

[Final Record of Personnel of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, ca. 1865]. 1 volume in partial box; 1 volume shelved loose.

A compilation of service information on individuals who served in Minnesota regiments during the Civil War. Each entry gives name, rank, age, nativity (state or country), date enrolled, date mustered (if different), residence (town, county, and state), and remarks (whether discharged with regiment, or date and circumstances of other termination of service).

Entries are by regiment and company. Within each company, field and staff officers are listed first in rank order, then privates in roughly alphabetical order. At least one volume of this set is missing; those present cover only the 1st-5th and part of the 11th Minnesota Infantry regiments, the 1st Heavy Artillery, and the 1st Company of Sharpshooters.

This compilation provides more information than is found in the published rosters in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars*. It provides similar but generally somewhat less information than the 1866 Adjutant General's report.

Location	Box	
126.J.1.3-2	loose	1 st -5 th Minnesota Infantry Regiments. Spine title: War Record 1861, State of Minnesota.
106.F.9.7B-1	---	11 th Infantry (Companies E-K); 1 st Infantry Battalion (officers); 1 st Heavy Artillery; 1 st Company of Sharpshooters.

Compiled Muster Rolls, [ca. 1865]. 1 box.

Paperbound muster rolls, one for each company (3rd and 7th Volunteer Infantry missing). Organized by regiment and company. Each entry gives name, rank, description (age, height, eye and hair color, complexion), state or country and town or county of birth, occupation, when and where enrolled, where and when mustered in and by whom, residence (town, county, state), whether married or single, and "Remarks" (major service events, primarily separation from the company).

Instructions printed on the covers state that the first part of the roll should be a copy of the original organization roll; that it should then be continued with information on all recruits, draftees, and substitutes that subsequently joined the company, taken from the "Company Records"; and that the "Remarks" should include date and cause of death or discharge, information on desertion, transfer to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and promotions.

Location	Box	
109.K.14.3B	---	Compiled Muster Rolls, [ca. 1865]. 1 st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-H, K. 2 nd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-K. 4 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-K. 5 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-K. 6 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A K. 8 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A K. 9 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies B-I. 10 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-K. 11 th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Companies A-K. 1 st Battalion Volunteer Infantry, Companies A-I. 1 st Mounted Rangers, Companies A-M. 2 nd Minnesota Cavalry, Companies A-M. Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry, Companies A-D. 1 st Minnesota Heavy Artillery, Companies A-M. 1 st Company Minnesota Light Artillery. 2 nd Company Minnesota Light Artillery. Independent Battalion of Cavalry, Companies A-F. 3 rd Minnesota Battery.

Alphabetical List of Minnesota Volunteers in the Civil War, 1915. 2 volumes in box.

A handwritten list of 21,991 soldiers who served in Minnesota Civil War regiments, or who enlisted from Minnesota into Federal military units. It is, in effect, a quasi-alphabetical summary of the persons recorded in the Compiled Rosters of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments (see below). The entries are organized by first letter of the soldier's surname, and thereunder by regiment. For each letter of the alphabet, they transcribe name, company, and regiment in the order in which the names beginning with that letter appear in the Compiled Rosters (e.g., all of the "A" entries for the 1st Regiment, then all the "A" entries for the 2d Regiment, etc.). The entries in the list were also assigned sequential numbers, from 1 to 21,991. It is not known whether these numbers serve any reference purpose beyond being a running tally of the number of names in this list.

On the flyleaf of Volume 1, in an unknown hand, is written: "This Index was prepared by C. J. Humason formerly of Co K 3rd Min Vol Infy July 10 1915." It was formerly cataloged as "Compiled index of Civil War volunteers and drafted men." However, this identification appears nowhere on the volumes; their spine titles (and page headings) are "Alphabetical List of Minnesota Vol(unteers) in the Civil War."

Location	Box	
113.D.2.10F	---	Volume 1. A – K. Volume 2. K (3 mo. men; U.S. Engineers) – Z.

Compiled Rosters of Minnesota Volunteer Regiments, [ca. 1915]. 17 volumes in 3 double oversize boxes.

A handwritten compilation of service information on individuals who served in Minnesota regiments during the Civil War. One volume also contains a record of Minnesota draftees and substitutes who served in these and other regiments, enrollees in the U.S. Engineers, and enrollees in the U.S. Colored Troops. They are arranged by regiment, and list all regimental privates and field officers in a single sequence, roughly alphabetical by surname. Surgeons, musicians, chaplains, and quartermasters are included, but not the regimental staff officers (colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, adjutants), unless they began their service at a lesser rank.

Each entry gives number (from 1 to xxx within each regiment), name, rank at enlistment, age, birth place, date of enrollment, where enrolled, date and place of muster-in (usually the same as enrollment), term years (number of years enlisted for), company, regiment, residence when enrolled (for Minnesota, often just the township or city), date and place of muster-out, and remarks (died, deserted, transfers, promotions, captured, status at close of war, and the like).

This compilation is in the same handwriting as the Alphabetical List, above, and thus was presumably created by C. J. Humason in, or shortly before, 1915. The purpose and circumstances of its creation, and the source(s) from which the information is derived, are unknown.

These volumes provide somewhat more information than that in the 1866 Adjutant General's report. Data found in these volumes that are generally not given in the 1866 report: where and when enrolled, where mustered in, where mustered out, and term of enlistment. The "remarks" are often more expansive in the compiled rosters than in the report. Some information in the other categories differs between the rosters and the report, and occasionally one gives information not found in the other. There are occasional variations in the spelling of names and/or in middle initials, as well.

Location	Box	
126.J.1.7	1	1 st Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1285 entries. partial volume. 1 st Battalion Volunteer Infantry: 709 entries. remainder of volume. 2d Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1782 entries. 1 volume. 3d Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1402 entries. 1 volume. 4 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1601 entries. 1 volume. 5 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1158 entries. 1 volume.

Location	Box	
126.J.1.8	2	6 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1253 entries. 1 volume. 7 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1127 entries. 1 volume. 8 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1041 entries. 1 volume. 9 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1086 entries. 1 volume. 10 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1090 entries. 1 volume. 11 th Regiment Volunteer Infantry: 1005 entries. 1 volume.

Location	Box	
126.J.2.4	3	<p>1st Minnesota Mounted Rangers: 1284 entries. 1 volume. 2d Minnesota Cavalry: 1347 entries. 1 volume. Hatches [sic] Battalion of Minnesota Cavalry: 720 entries. partial volume. Brackett's Battalion of Minnesota Cavalry: 613 entries. remainder of volume. 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery: 1750 entries. 1 volume. Entry noted: Benjamin Evans, "col[ored] cook." 1st, 2d, and 3d Light Artillery: 694 entries. partial volume. 1st and 2d Sharpshooters: 208 entries. remainder of volume. [Other units]. 1 volume. (None of the entries in this volume appear in the 1866 Adjutant General's report, although subsequent enlistments are recorded there, and in the volumes above, for many of the three month men.)</p> <p>Unassigned Substitutes and Drafted Men: 441 entries. Includes assignees to the Federal army. The "remarks" often note who the individual substituted for.</p> <p>Three Month Men [of 1st Minnesota Infantry]: 220 entries. Detachment of U.S. Engineers: 94 entries. Many are ranked as "Artf," signifying "Artificer" (mechanic).</p> <p>U.S. Colored Troops: 72 entries. Privates and first lieutenants only. The remarks note those who were substitutes.</p>

Miscellaneous Service Compilations, [ca. 1915]. 2 volumes.

Two handwritten compilations of service information on individuals who served in Minnesota military units during the 1862 Dakota Conflict. Both are in the same handwriting as the [1915] Alphabetical List and the Compiled Rosters (above), and thus are presumed to have been created by C. J. Humason at about that same time.

One is identified at the top of the first page, in [Humason's] handwriting, as "History of the 9th Regt Minn Vol Inftry by the Chaplain A. H. Kerr." This may denote the work from which the data in the compilation was derived; however, no such work has been located. The 9th Regiment initially served on the Minnesota frontier before being transferred East. The entries begin with the regimental officers, and then are arranged by company. For each company, there is a roughly alphabetical list of the original enrollees, followed by a list (not in alphabetical order) of the 1864 recruits. The entries give name, rank, age, occasionally muster-in or enrollment date, and remarks (discharge, death, taken prisoner, wounds, promotions, and/or transfers). The remarks tend to be somewhat more expansive than those in the Compiled Rosters, especially as regards wounds and deaths. In addition, there are numerous inconsistencies in dates and sometimes other data between this compilation and the other sources cited above, including spellings of both forenames and surnames.

The other compilation is identified at the top of the first page, in [Humason's] handwriting, as "List of Citizen Soldiers who took part [in the] Massacre of 1862 between Aug 15 & Sep 15." It consists of a numbered list of 3363 individuals, in roughly alphabetical order, covering the many militia units who served on the Minnesota frontier during the Dakota Conflict. These units numbered over five dozen; many were identified with the area they served (for example, the LeSueur Tigers, the Hutchinson Guards, the Chisago County Rangers, and the Scandinavian Guards). The entries give name, rank, inclusive dates of service, service unit and commanding officer, and very occasional remarks (usually regarding illness or death). Most, if not all, of these individuals also appear in the published rosters in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars*. At the rear of this compilation is a "List of Names of Citizens who took part in the defense of Fort Ridgely" (1 page, 67 names); and a "List of persons who sought refuge at Ft Ridgely on the outbreak of the Indian war as reported by Lt N. H.[?] Culver...." (1 page, 23 names, also giving age, birth place, residence, and information on husband's service unit or relatives killed).

Location	Box	
106.J.2.10	loose	9 th Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. 1 loose-bound volume in phase box.
106.J.2.11	loose	List of Citizen Soldiers. 1 loose-bound volume in phase box.