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An Inventory of the Military Service Records, Dakota Conflict

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota. Office of the Adjutant General.
Series Title:	Military service records, Dakota Conflict.
Dates:	1862-1865, 1907.
Abstract:	Records documenting the role of citizen militia and home guard units during the Dakota Conflict.
Quantity:	4 oversize folders in map drawer.
Location:	See Detailed Description section for folder locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

In August 1862, settlers on the Minnesota frontier, frightened of a possible Indian conflict organized local, grass roots organizations for mutual protection in dozens of cities and towns around Minnesota. Active campaigns against the Indians resulted in the battles of Birch Coulee, Mankato, and New Ulm. An expedition, commanded by Colonel Henry H. Sibley and comprised of many of the citizen groups, was also undertaken to remove the threat from any remaining hostile Indians.

Although the Minnesota Adjutant General's Office sought to compensate the involved citizenry, compensation varied widely. Requests for payment were submitted to the Adjutant General's office and vouchers were created to authorize payment. These pay voucher ledger sheets (1862) document the names, the amounts paid, and the voucher numbers assigned. These sheets were used by Judge Charles E. Flandrau, commander of the forces at the Battle of New Ulm, to create the rosters that appear in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865*.

While Indian hostilities within the state ended in 1862, companies were formed in 1863, 1864, and 1865 that provided home guard service. The scout muster-in rolls (1863-1865, 1907) note the individuals in each scouting unit, their rank, the date and place from which they mustered-in, and some additional personal details; they do not contain pay information.

INDEX TERMS

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Places:

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Minnesota—Militia—Registers.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Registers.

Persons:

Anderson, Joseph, 1826-1897.
Bates, J. W.
Bean, A. M.
Bean, Joseph F.
Belm, John.
Bierbauer, William.
Brandt, Ernst.
Bronson, David, 1834-1919.
Buck, C. F., 1847-.
Buggert, Louis.
Chamberlain, William J.
Cleary, James.
Colburne, N. P.
Collins, A. M.
Cox, E. St. Julien (Eugene St. Julien), 1835-1898.
Crays, James.
Cullen, William J.
Davis, D. L.
Dellaughter, William.
Dipolder, Sidel.
Dole, William P., [ca. 1818]-1889.
Few, George W.
Flandrau, Charles E. (Charles Eugene), 1825-1903.
Foster, R. R.
Fowler, Giles H.

Freeman, Ambrose, 1823-1863.
Gorman, James.
Grefe, Charles.
Harrington, Lewis.
Hegler, Fletcher.
Hendricks, Mark.
Holley, H. W. (Harvey Whitcomb), 1828-1897.
Huey, William.
Hughes, Robert.
Kelly, John.
Lloyd, David D.
Mason, A. D.
McCord, Joseph.
Meagher, John F.
Meyer, Wolf H.
Munch, Emil, 1832-1887.
Olds, F. A.
Oleson, Stone.
Patchin, A. S.
Porter, G. W.
Post, C. I.
Potter, Calvin, 1825-1902.
Rees, Charles.
Reinartz, Ignatz.
Rich, Robert.
Roos, Charles, 1825-1878.
Rummell, William.
Sanders, E. C.
Schilling, Louis.
Smith, T. D.
Stark, Gustav A.
Starkey, James.
Sterrett, J. R.
Strout, Richard.
Sturges, James.
Taylor, G. W.
Thompson, Benjamin.
Tyler, Aaron.
Wagner, Charles, 1832-1887.
Wakefield, J. B.
Walker, Joseph.
Webb, Isaac W.
Whitcomb, George Carlos, 1821-1901.
Wickersham, Jason.

Organizations:

United States. Army—Recruiting, enlistment, etc.—Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States. Army. Minnesota Cavalry. Cullen Guards.
United States. Army. Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 9th (1862-1865). Company B.
United States. Army. Minnesota Cavalry. Hastings Rangers.
United States. Army. Minnesota Cavalry. Renville Rangers, 1862.
Sibley Guards.
Malmros Guard.

Types of Documents:

Registers.

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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.

Pay Voucher Ledger Sheets, 1862.

These ledger sheets document the names of those citizens who served, the amounts paid, and the voucher numbers assigned. Compiled on standard muster-in roll forms, they include the name of each officer or soldier, the soldier's rank and the number of days served, and the amount of payment with the date paid and the voucher number. Each citizenry group is listed on a separate page signed by the unit commander. Remarks written on the sheets provide historical background and insight. Sheet numbers were assigned by the Adjutant General's Office.

These sheets were used by Judge Charles E. Flandrau, commander of the forces at the Battle of New Ulm, to create the rosters that appear in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865* (pp. 754-817). [The pay voucher ledger sheet from the unit headed by Charles Read, page 816, *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars*, is not among these sheets. Also, the sheet for the unit headed by Captain William Rummell appears twice, in variant forms, on pages 792 and 817.]

The following folder list notes the sheet number, the unit commander, the unit name, dates of operation, inclusive voucher numbers, and the corresponding page in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars*.

Location Drawer/Folder

- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F2 Sheets A1-A19.
- A1. Commanded by D. Bronson, Jr., Stillwater Frontier Guards, [August 30 - September 20, 1862], Voucher Nos. 1-57, p. 804.
 - A2. Commanded by C. F. Buck, Winona Rangers, August 27 - October 14, 1862, Voucher Nos. 58-120, p. 782.
 - A3. Commanded by Lewis Harrington, Hutchinson Guards, from August 23, 1862 for 70 days, Voucher Nos. 121-197, p. 803.
 - A4. David D. Lloyd's Company, [Rice County], organized August 20, 1862, Voucher Nos. 198-290, p. 783.
 - A5. Commanded by John F. Meagher, Mankato Home Guard, organized September 14, 1862, Voucher Nos. 291-395, p. 811.
 - A6. Commanded by James Starkey, Chisago County Rangers, organized August 17, 1862, Voucher Nos. 396-447, p. 813.
 - A7. Commanded by Wolf H. Meyer, St. Peter Home Guard, organized September 6, 1862, Voucher Nos. 448-504, p. 814.
 - A8. Commanded by C. E. Flandrau, St. Peter Frontier Guards, August 19-26, 1862, Voucher Nos. 505-692, p. 754. 2 sheets.
 - A9. William Bierbauer's Riflemen, [Mankato Company], August 31 - October 12, 1862, Voucher Nos. 693-736, p. 815.
 - A10. Commanded by Joseph Anderson, Cullen Guards, August 22 - September 28, 1862, Voucher Nos. 737-806, p. 778.
 - A11. Commanded by William Dellaughter, LeSueur Tigers, No. 1, August 19-27, 1862, Voucher Nos. 807-900, p. 767.
 - A12. Commanded by G. W. Porter, Butternut Valley Guards, organized September 20, 1862, Voucher Nos. 901-922, p. 802.
 - A13. Commanded by Calvin Potter, Calvin Potter's Mounted Men, organized August 22, 1862, Voucher Nos. 923-949, p. 784.
Includes memorandum regarding records being lost.
 - A14. Commanded by James Gorman, Renville Rangers, in service from August 19, 1862, Voucher Nos. 950-995, p. 780.
Includes sworn testimony of Theophyle Richer.
 - A15. Commanded by D. L. Davis, Goodhue County Rangers, August 24 - September 22, 1862, Voucher Nos. 996-1036, p. 775, 786. Original and copy.
 - A16. Commanded by George C. Whitcomb, Sibley Guards, in service from August 24, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1037-1100, p. 773.
 - A17. Commanded by E. St. Julien Cox, Frontier Avengers, in service from August 23, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1101-1148, p. 779.

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- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F2 A18. Commanded by Richard Strout, citizens attached to Co. B, 9th Infantry Regiment, August-September 1862, Voucher Nos. 1149-1193, p. 771.
A19. Commanded by F. A. Olds, Malmros Guards, organized August 29, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1194-1258, p. 791.
- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F3 Sheets A20-A39.
A20. Commanded by C. I. Post, Fillmore County Volunteers, September 1 - October 6, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1259-1322, p. 765.
A21. Commanded by J. B. Wakefield, Blue Earth City Cavalry, September 5 - October 5, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1323-1365, p. 798.
A22. Commanded by Robert Rich, Marine Guards of Washington County, September 4-20, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1365-1412, p. 797.
A23. Commanded by Charles Rees, Independent Rangers of Carver County, organized August 23, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1413-1461, p. 793.
A24. Commanded by Fletcher Hegler, Roscoe Mounted Militia, August 28 - September 30, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1462-1496, p. 796.
A25. Commanded by P. Vandenberg, Red Wing Cavalry, thirty days from August 27, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1497-1517, p. 795.
A26. Commanded by William Bierbauer, Mankato Company of Volunteers, organized August 19, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1518-1599, p. 757.
A27. Commanded by J. R. Sterrett, Company of Mounted Men, from August 24, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1600-1626, p. 790.
A28. Commanded by N. P. Colburne, Fillmore County Volunteers, from September 1, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1626-1735, p. 766.
A29. Commanded by Gustav A. Stark, Scandinavian Guard, organized August 27, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1736-1838, p. 907.
A30. Commanded by James Cleary, Marysburgh Home Guard, organized September 21, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1839-1897, p. 806.
A31. Commanded by Sidel Dipolder, Lafayette Company, August 19-26, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1898-1934, p. 774.
Includes two loose papers titled 'Corrected.'
A32. Commanded by S. Ramsdell, Sauk Center Volunteers, August 25 - October 25, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1935-1989, p. 794.

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- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F3
- A33. Commanded by A. M. Bean, Nicollet County Guards, organized August 19, 1862, Voucher Nos. 1990-2007, p. 764.
 - A34. Commanded by Joseph F. Bean, Eureka Squad, August 26 - September 8, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2008-2030, p. 781.
 - A35. Commanded by H. W. Holley, Winnebago City Guards, August 23 - September 7, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2031-2089, p. 763.
 - A36. Commanded by Benjamin Thompson, T. D. Smith's Company of Citizens, organized August 24, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2090-2170, p. 761.
 - A37. Commanded by Ambrose Freeman, Northern Rangers, August 24 - October 14, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2171-2245, p. 762.
 - A38. Commanded by George W. Few, Ramsey Picket Guards, September 1-18, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2246-2280, p. 800.
 - A39. Commanded by Joseph Walker, Faxon Rangers, no term of service specified, Voucher Nos. 2281-2319, p. 801.
- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F4
- Sheets A40-AA43, A48, A52-A58, A65.
- A40. Commanded by E. C. Sanders, Le Sueur Tigers No. 2, August 20-27, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2320-2371, p. 770.
Soldiers on furlough.
 - A41. Commanded by John Belm, John Belm's Company, from August 18, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2372-2520 ½, p. 776. 2 sheets.
 - A42. Commanded by Charles Roos, Brown County Militia, September 7 - October 7, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2521-2606 ½, p. 758.
 - A43. Commanded by Louis Buggert, Brown County Militia, August 19-25, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2607-2661, p. 760.
 - A48. Commanded by Charles Roos, Brown County Militia, November 10, 1862 - January 10, 1863, Voucher Nos. 2783-2885, p. 809.
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 - A52. Commanded by G. W. Taylor, Hastings Rangers, for 12 days service, Voucher Nos. 2960-2997, p. 805.
 - A53. Commanded by Ignatz Reinartz, Brown County Militia, September 15 - October 15, 1862, Voucher Nos. 2998-3086, p. 787.
 - A54. Commanded by William Huey, St. Peter & Nicollet County Guards, August 19-26, 1862, Voucher Nos. 3087-3110, p. 769.
 - A55. Commanded by Mark Hendricks, Battery of Light Artillery, no term of service specified, Voucher Nos. 3111-3138, p. 785.

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- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F4 A56. Commanded by William Rummell, Wabasha County Rangers, August 22 - September 5, 1862, Voucher Nos. 3139-3153, 4002-4015, p. 792, 817.
- A57. Commanded by William J. Cullen, St. Paul & Cullen Guards, no term of service specified, Voucher Nos. 3154-3175 ½, p. 772.
- A58. Commanded by Isaac W. Webb, W. P. Dole Esq. Mounted Men, for 20 days service, Voucher Nos. 3176-3187, p. 789.
- A65. Commanded by Stone Oleson, Lake Prairie Rangers, no term of service specified, no voucher numbers, p. 799.
- A70. Commanded by Charles Wagner, Co. C, Irregular State Militia, September 15 - October 10, 1862, Voucher Nos. 4016-4079, p. 788. Original and copy.

Scout Muster-In Rolls, 1863-1865, 1907.

The following lists, on standard muster-in roll forms, note the individuals in each scouting unit, their rank, and the date and place from which they mustered-in. They may also contain additional personal details (age, description) and frequently include a personal description and valuation of the horse and equipment provided by the scout. The rolls do not contain pay information and are not duplicated in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865* (see page 754 of that volume for further description of these home guard-like units).

The following chronological sheet list notes leader, location, and date.

- A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F5 1863.
- Giles H. Fowler, [Newport], [June 30, 1863].
Not an original document; copy made by C. J. Humason, September 20, 1907. A signed statement attesting to this appears on the document.
- J. W. Bates, Glencoe, August 1, 1863.
Emil Munch, Monticello, August 1, 1863.
James Sturges, [Wright County], [August 10, 1863].
James Sturges, [McDelleville], [August 10, 1863].
James Sturges, [Wright County], [August 14, 1863].
James Sturges, [Wright County], [September 18, 1863].
James Sturges, [Buffalo], [September 20, 1863].
John Kelly, [Wright County], [September 22, 1863].
Joseph McCord, [Monticello], [October 15, 1863].
- 1864.
- A. M. Collins, [Mankato], [August 25, 1864].
R. R. Foster, [Blue Earth City], [August 25, 1864].
Wm. J. Chamberlain, [Shelbyville], [August 25, 1864].
A. D. Mason, [Vernon], [August 25, 1864].
James Crays, [Winnebago City], [August 31, 1864].
A. S. Patchin, [Chain Lake Center], [September 26, 1864].

Location Drawer/Folder

A3/ov5 Drawer 9/F5 1865.
Jason Wickersham, Mankato, May 11, 1865.
Ernst Brandt, Sigel, May 12, 1865.
Charles Roos, New Ulm, May 15, 1865.
Charles Grefe, Cottonwood, May 18, 1865.
Aaron Tyler, Rapidan, May 19, 1865.
Louis Schilling, Milford, May 21, 1865.
Robert Hughes, Mankato, May 23, 1865.