

CIVIL WAR COLLECTIONS

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Since the surrender of the Confederate armies in 1865, interest in the Civil War has seldom abated. This certainly has been true in Illinois, the state that produced both Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. During the war, Illinois sent 256,297 men to southern battlefields in the western theater of the war. By April 1865, names such as Shiloh, Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Atlanta were as familiar to Illinoisans as their own farms and towns.

Civil War manuscripts in the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections (IHLC) range in size from a single item to over a cubic foot of material.

This list is arranged in four sections: Illinois Artillery and Cavalry Units, Illinois Infantry Units, Non-Illinois Infantry Units, and Regular Army Units. There are numerous units listed under each section. To jump to the entry for a particular unit, please click the listing in the Table of Contents. Each entry contains a regimental and company designation as well as the manuscript collection name(s) that contain records or personal papers related to that unit.

For more information on the contents and scope of individual collections, please search the collection name within the [IHLC Manuscript Collections Database](#).

Collections are available for research on-site in the IHLC, located within the Main Library of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Please see the [IHLC unit website](#) for hours and additional information.

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I. ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER CAVALRY REGIMENTS

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Phineas Orlando Avery Diary (MS 836) [microfilm]

4th, Co. I; LaSalle County

Daniel M. Nettleton Papers (MS 964) [photocopies]

5th, Co. A; Cumberland County

Page Family Papers (MS 173)

7th, Co. B; Carroll and Ogle Counties

Henry C. Forbes Papers (MS 634)

Stephen A. Forbes Papers (MS 845)

7th, Co. L; McDonough County

Horatio Nelson Boyd Diary (MS 837) [microfilm]

8th, Co. K; LaSalle County

Silas D. Wesson Collection (MS 383) [transcripts]

9th, Co. I; Boone County

Edward P. Lander Diary (MS 052)

Chicago Dragoons

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

II. ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENTS

8th, Co. A; Macon County

George S. Durfee Correspondence (MS 603)

8th, Co. K and HQ; McLean County

Charles M. Clarke Letters, in the Edwin C. Hewett Correspondence (MS 706)

12th, Co. E; Edgar County

Henry Van Sellar Correspondence (MS 360)

12th, Co. I; Bureau County

Taylor-Langworthy Families Papers (MS 311)

20th, Co. I; Iroquois County

William Clemans Papers (MS 542) [typescript]

21st, Co. B; Cumberland County

Benjamin Franklin Reed Papers (MS 218)

25th, Co. A; Vermilion County

Jackson Family Papers (MS 757)

25th, Co. I; Champaign County

James G. Watson Letters (MS 374)

27th, Co. C; Pike County

Edward W. Crippin Diary (MS 567)

30th, Co. A; Mercer County

David T. Grow Letters (MS 677) [photocopies]

30th, Co. F; Clark and Edgar Counties

Ogden Greenough Papers (MS 672)

33rd, surgeon;

Edwin May Papers (MS 103)

34th, Co. H; Ogle County

Jacob Sheets Family Papers (MS 269)

36th, Co. D; Kendall County

George W. Thumb Diary (MS 323)

37th, Co. E;

Beal-Casey Family Papers (MS 459)

41st, surgeon;

John W. Coleman Letters, in the William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

42nd, Co. K; Cook County

Edward McGlynn Letters (MS 110)

51st, Co. I (later Co. B); Champaign County

George Sylvester Family Papers (MS 307)

53rd, Co. G; Livingston County

John Anderson and George R. Lodge Letters, in the William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

54th, Co. G; Cumberland County

Page Family Papers (John C. Jones) (MS 173)

59th, Co. F; Cumberland County

Tighlman H. Jones Papers (MS 767) [microfilm]

63rd, Co. D; McLean County

Wilson F. Cox, A. Anderson Lodge, and Charles Smith Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

63rd, Co. H; Macon County

Wilson F. Cox, A. Anderson Lodge, and Charles Smith Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

66th, Co. I; Lawrence County

George L. Childress Diary (MS 536)

73rd, Co. B; Tazewell County

Joshua Bailey Letters, in the Edwin C. Hewett Correspondence (MS 706)

73rd, Co. C; Vermilion County

William H. Newlin Reminiscence (MS 154)

73rd, Co. D; Piatt County

Thomas S. Jones, in Jones Family Letters (MS 768)

73rd, Co. D; Piatt County

Jonas Jones and Samuel Heath Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

76th, Co. G; Champaign County

Albert P. Cunningham Diary and Letters, in the Cunningham-Creamer-Miller-Housh Collection (MS 573)

77th, Co. F (transferred from Co. F, 130th; Bond & Mercer)

William Fleming Diary (MS 838) [microfilm]

77th, Co. H; Woodford County

Richard A. Huxtable Letters, in the Edwin C. Hewett Correspondence (MS 706)

77th, Co. I; Peoria County

Rufus Atherton Letters (MS 438)

78th, Co. I; McDonough County

James E. Withrow Diary (MS 403)

78th, Co. M;

James E. Withrow Diary (MS 403)

79th, Co. A; Edgar and Vermilion Counties

Jackson Family Papers (MS 757)

79th, Co. E; Douglas County

Montraville Reeves Papers (MS 222)

79th, Co. G; Douglas County

Montraville Reeves Papers (MS 222)

80th, Maj. and Lt. Col.; Marion County

Erastus Newton Bates Collection (MS 457)

81st, QMS;

Logan H. Roots Letters, in the Edwin C. Hewett Correspondence (MS 706)

94th, Co. A; McLean County

William and Hattie Lawrence Correspondence (MS 062)

96th, Co. A; JoDavies County

John Hoch Diary (MS 713)

99th, surgeon;

Edwin May Papers (MS 103)

107th, Co. E; Piatt County

James M. Holmes, Hamilton C. McComas, A.J. Williams, and John H. Wood Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

107th, Co. H; Piatt County

James M. Holmes, Hamilton C. McComas, A.J. Williams, and John H. Wood Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

107th, HQ;

James M. Holmes, Hamilton C. McComas, A.J. Williams, and John H. Wood Letters, in William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

114th, Co. G; Sangamon County

Alvin S. French Papers (MS 641)

116th, Co. E: Macon County

William G. Jones, in Jones Family Letters (MS 110)

117th, Co. D; Madison County

Sidney Robinson Letters (MS 238)

119th, surgeon;

Thomas Munroe Papers (MS 146)

123rd, Co. A; Coles County

William A. Pepper Diary and Letters (MS 185)

124th, Co. E; Kane County

Edward McGlynn Letters (MS 110)

125th, Co. H; Vermilion County

Wingard Family Papers (MS 991)

125th, Co. I; Vermilion County

Joseph W. Spry Letters, in Nancy Hogan Reed Collection (MS 220)

130th, Co. C (Revived)

William Fleming Diary (MS 838) [microfilm]

130th, Co. F; Bond and Mercer Counties

William Fleming Diary (MS 838) [microfilm]

132nd, Co. D;

Henry Harrison Darby Letters, in the Darby Family Papers (MS 812)

III. NON-ILLINOIS UNITS (arranged by state)

CONNECTICUT

18th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

INDIANA

43rd Inf., Co. B;

Artemus W. Allen Letters, in the Allen Family Papers (MS 419)

43rd Inf., surgeon;

G.C. Smith Letters, in the Allen Family Papers (MS 419)

63rd Inf., Co. H;

Hiram Yerkes Papers (MS 412)

73rd Inf.;

Artemus W. Allen Letters, in the Allen Family Papers (MS 419)

149th Inf.;

Artemus W. Allen Letters, in the Allen Family Papers (MS 419)

IOWA

3rd Cavalry

John R. Boden Reminiscence (MS 475)

KENTUCKY (Union)

9th Inf., Co. H;

Samuel A. Lodge Letters, in the William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)

12th Cav., Co. A;

William Bracken Papers (MS 484)

MASSACHUSETTS

26th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

MICHIGAN

19th Inf.;

James L. Belote Collection (MS 464) [transcripts]

MISSISSIPPI

1st Art.;

Francis G. Obenchain Papers (MS 159)

MISSOURI

2nd Brigade, Missouri Volunteers

Missouri Volunteers, Second Brigade, Order Book (MS 132)

NEW JERSEY

7th Inf., Co. E;

Solomon Shively Diary (MS 274)

NEW YORK

5th Art.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

127th Inf., Co. B;

James S. Ayars Papers (MS 442) [photocopies]

OHIO

11th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

28th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

34th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

36th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

37th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

42nd Inf., Co. A;

David Dudley Carlton War Records, Reminiscences, and Photographs (MS 506) [some copies, some original]

98th Inf.;

Duncan C. Milner Collection (MS 130)

102nd Inf., Co. D;

Osburn Family Letters (MS 167)

103rd Inf.;

Rhesa Houghton Letters (MS 715)

116th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

123rd Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

PENNSYLVANIA

3rd Reserve Corps;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

4th Reserve Corps;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

VIRGINIA (Confederate)

19th Cav.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

28th Inf., Co. H;

Francis G. Obenchain Papers (MS 159)

Botetourt Art.;

Francis G. Obenchain Papers (MS 159)

VIRGINIA (Union)

1st Light Art.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

1st Cav.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

10th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

WEST VIRGINIA

10th Inf.;

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

WISCONSIN

42nd Inf.;

Wisconsin 42nd Regiment Civil War Photographs (MS 404)

IV. REGULAR ARMY PERSONNEL AND UNITS

General

Robert Anderson Letters (MS 430) [copies]

U.S. Grant Letters (MS 663) [all published in John Y. Simon, *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant* (1967-).

31st Col. Inf., Co. A and B;

James S. Ayars Papers (MS 442) [photocopies]

39th Col. Inf.;

Culver-Culbertson Family Papers (MS 571)

51st Col. Inf.;

Edward P. Miller Papers, in the Cunningham-Creamer-Miller-Housh Family Papers (MS 573)

9th Corps, HQ

Heinrich A. Rattermann Collection (MS 210)

13th Corps, HQ

J.E. Willis Letters, Edwin C. Hewett Correspondence (MS 706)

15th Corps, HQ

Henry Van Sellar Correspondence (MS 360)

17th Corps, Pioneer Corps

J.W. Coleman Letters, in the William E. Lodge Collection (bulk of letter discusses Coleman's experience in the 41st Regiment, except for handwritten note on the first page that mentions the Pioneer Corps) (MS 081)

23rd Corps, HQ

W.C. Hubbart Letters, in the William E. Lodge Collection (MS 081)