

The State Archives of Florida

A Guide to Military Records and the Wartime Experience



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Introduction

The State Archives of Florida, under the Florida Department of State, is the official repository for the public records of the state of Florida. The Archives collects, preserves and makes available the permanently valuable records that agencies create or receive in conducting state business.

The State Archives collects records in five main areas. State Government Public Records are the core of the Archives collections. These records document the activities of Florida's territorial and state government from 1821 to the present. The Manuscript Collection of the State Archives is composed of collections from various entities: private citizens, religious organizations, businesses and other non-public groups or organizations. The Florida Photographic Collection consists of more than 1.5 million still images and thousands of motion picture films and tapes of Florida people, places and events from the middle of the 19th century to the present. The Genealogical Collection contains books, microfilm, online resources and other publications that provide an extensive information resource for genealogists. The Local Public Records Collection includes a limited amount of materials from various county and municipal governments around the state. All of these collecting areas offer valuable resources for researching the military service and wartime experience of individuals.

Archives staff compiled this guide to collections relevant to Florida's military history in part by conducting a search of the [State Archives of Florida Online Catalog](#), which is available to patrons both on site and remotely. The Online Catalog allows searching and browsing of information about the State Archives of Florida's holdings of almost 50,000 cubic feet of state and local government records and historical manuscripts. The catalog provides descriptions of more than 4,400 collections and lists the contents of containers and folders in many of those collections.

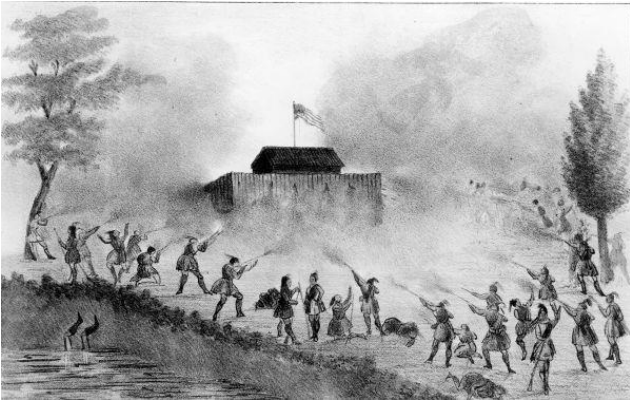
In addition to the records listed in this guide, the Archives holds other collections containing materials relevant to Florida's military history as well as documentation of veterans' organizations and peacetime activities. Subject files and correspondence of governors, legislators and state agencies often contain relevant records. Folder and box titles are searchable using the Online Catalog, a process which can be useful in locating relevant files contained within larger collections.

Some of the Archives' holdings are digitized and freely accessible on [Florida Memory](#). The materials marked with an asterisk (*) are either entirely or partially digitized on Florida Memory.

The Archives offers reference services for remote and in-person patrons. However, many of the collections listed in this guide are on microfilm, which is available to in-person patrons only. If such research is needed, researchers should plan to visit the Archives in person or arrange with a private researcher. Reference staff will provide a list of researchers upon request.

The State Archives of Florida is located in the R.A. Gray Building at 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida. The Reference Room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached by phone at 850.245.6719, or on the web at archivesflorida.com.

Seminole Wars, 1817-1858, and the Mexican-American War, 1846-1848



“Attack of the Seminoles on the blockhouse – Florida”

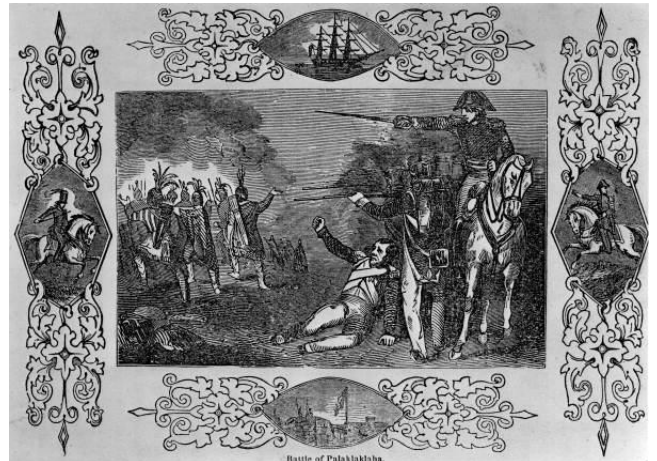
The Seminole Wars were three military conflicts between the United States Army in Florida and native Seminoles, occurring between 1817 and 1858. When Florida was under British rule, the British often incited Seminoles against American settlers who migrated south into Seminole territory. These old conflicts, combined with the safe haven Seminoles provided to enslaved Blacks, caused the U.S. Army to attack the tribe in the First Seminole War (1817-1818). Forces under General Andrew Jackson invaded Spanish Florida, attacked several key locations, and pushed the Seminoles farther south.

The Second Seminole War (1835-1842) was the fiercest war waged by the U.S. government against American Indians. It began when U.S. forces arrived in Florida to enforce the terms of the 1832 Treaty of Payne’s Landing, which required Seminoles to give up their Florida lands within three years and move west. The United States spent more than \$20 million fighting the Seminoles and forcibly removed 3,824 of them from their lands. The war left more than 1,500 soldiers and uncounted Seminoles and American civilians dead. Furthermore, the obvious duplicity of the U.S. government’s tactics marred American Indian-white relations throughout the country for future generations.

While still reeling from the effects of the Second Seminole War, Florida became the 27th state of the U.S. in 1845. One year later, the U.S. became embroiled in an armed conflict with Mexico over the Republic of Texas and its Mexican boundary. Faced with their first chance to fight for the United States and obliged to provide support, Floridians mustered 390 volunteer soldiers to assist against Mexico. Although the U.S. emerged victorious when the Mexican-American War ended in 1848, the high casualty rates and monetary cost undermined the acquisition of new territory and heightened sectional tensions on both sides.

A Third Seminole War broke out in 1855, when conflicts—largely over land—arose between whites and some Seminoles who remained in Florida. Constant military patrols and rewards for the capture of Native Americans reduced the Seminole population to about 200 when the Third Seminole War ended in 1858.

The State Archives has a variety of records documenting United States military involvement in the three Seminole Wars and the Mexican-American War and the experiences of Florida’s citizens at the time. The records include traditional military records such as muster rolls as well as financial records, maps, diaries, letters and other personal papers. Unfortunately, there is very little documentation of the Seminoles’ experiences, and what exists is primarily from the point of view of the agencies attempting to remove them.



“Engraving depicting the Battle of Palaklaha during the Second Seminole War.”

Government Records

S162

Indian War Claims Commission
Records, 1849-1926
1.75 cubic feet

The Indian War Claims Commission was responsible for examining and validating warrants issued in 1861 for services rendered during the Seminole War. These records consist primarily of correspondence and claims on warrants. The correspondence deals with Florida's attempts to settle with the federal government for reimbursement; the claims contain required documentation for the Commission, which may include letters of inquiry and complaint, sworn affidavits of service, and other supporting information. Also included in this series are muster rolls used to determine claim validity, a small selection of Commission reports and minutes, and informational publications describing the background of the Indian War Claims controversy.

S608

National Archives
Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served in Organizations from the State of Florida during the Florida Indian Wars, 1835-1858
63 microfilm reels

These compiled service records typically consist of a jacket-envelope containing card abstracts of entries relating to a soldier that usually show his rank, the unit in which he served, term of service, time and place of enlistment and promotions or demotions received. Certain organizations may also include information regarding his activities within the unit, dates of leave (either official or unofficial), illnesses and death. If a soldier was a member of a mounted organization, the abstracts also show the value of his mount and his equipment. Unit caption cards include information on when, where, and under whom the unit operated and often bear a copy of certification and endorsement, while "record of events" cards describe the activities of each unit from initial organization to disbandment.

S679

Florida. Governor William D. Moseley
Correspondence, 1845-1849
1 cubic foot

William Dunn Moseley was Florida's first governor under statehood, elected in 1845. While he was governor, the Mexican War began and skirmishes with the Seminoles continued. This series contains the official correspondence of Governor Moseley reflecting the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor. The series consists mainly of incoming and outgoing correspondence filed by general subject area, agency or organizational name, or county name.

S973

National Archives
Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During Indian Wars and Disturbances, 1815-1858
42 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains an alphabetical card index to the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served in various Indian wars or participated in the quelling or solving of incidents then referred to as Indian disturbances. Each index card gives the name of a soldier, his rank, and the name of the war or disturbance, as well as the unit or units in which he served.

S975

National Archives
Memoir of Reconnaissances with Maps During the Florida Campaign, 1854-1858
1 microfilm reel

This microfilm publication contains summaries of reports and accompanying maps received by Headquarters, Troops in Florida (1854-1856), and Headquarters, Department of Florida (1856-1858). These reports, filmed with maps that accompanied the originals, describe the various map-producing activities of the Army in Florida, including surveying, exploring, road-building and scouting. They contain extensive comments about the terrain and other topographic features of Florida's coastal and inland geography, field notes on the geology of the state and remarks about its flora. The reports also include many references to Indian life, diet, trails and villages. The accompanying maps are also largely the result of field observations and typically indicate prominent rivers and lakes, military posts and roads, forts, and the location of Indian trails and villages.

S1106

National Archives
U.S. Department of State Territorial Papers, Florida Series, 1777-1824
11 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication consists of 11 volumes containing communications addressed mainly to the United States Secretary of State from federal officials in Florida and letters from private individuals residing in Florida. Some of the earlier documents deal with the attempted seizure of East Florida (1811-1812) and the First Seminole War (1817-1818). Most of the collection deals with the cession of Florida and Andrew Jackson's military government.

S1109

National Archives

Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs Relating to the Florida Superintendency, 1824-1853
6 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains letters written mainly to the Secretary of War or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Florida governors, Indian agents, United States military personnel and private citizens. The correspondence deals generally with Indian attacks, activities during the Second Seminole War, and the negotiations and eventual removal of the Seminoles to the west. The correspondence from the Superintendent of Seminole Emigration specifically deals with the efforts of the federal government to remove the Seminoles from Florida. The correspondence of the Reserves mainly contains papers relating to administrative matters of military personnel.

S1123

National Archives

Letters Sent, Registers of Letters Received, and Letters Received by Headquarters, Troops in Florida and Headquarters, Department of Florida, 1850-1858
10 microfilm reels

The letters in this series detail the incidents of small-unit warfare against the Seminoles and include reports of Indian attacks, military operations, scouts and marches, and attempts to negotiate. Among the records are reports of surveying parties that charted the wilderness of interior Florida with maps to construct roads and fortifications. Also included are letters that describe garrison life on military posts in Florida that provide valuable insights into military life on the southeastern frontier just before the Civil War.

S1277*

Office of the Adjutant General

Original Florida Territorial Muster Rolls, 1826-1849
1 microfilm reel

The first state militia companies organized under the Florida Militia Law of 1822, adopted shortly after the United States' acquisition of Florida. This series contains muster rolls for the Florida State Militia units. It includes several from the 1820s organizational period, while the majority date from the Second Seminole War. In most instances the rolls contain the name and rank of the soldier, when and where they enrolled, and remarks. Also included is an abstract of the annual strength return for 1845.

S1281

Office of the Adjutant General

Seminole War Muster Rolls of Florida Militia, 1836-1841, 1856-1858
10 volumes

The volumes in this series contain photostatic copies of muster rolls for Florida militia volunteer units for the Second and Third Seminole Wars. The rolls list the name, age and rank of the soldier, the date and place of enlistment, information regarding pay, and general remarks. Most of these units are independent companies that may have served in more than one period of any or all three wars.

S1282

Florida. Office of the Adjutant General
Mexican War Muster Rolls of Florida Independent Companies, 1847-1848
1 volume (1 microfilm reel)

Of the five companies mustered into service for the Mexican-American War, only three saw action in Mexico; the other two served at Fort Brooke in Tampa. The muster rolls in this volume contain the following information: name, rank and age of soldier; when, where and by whom were they enrolled; when, where and by whom were they mustered into service; when they were last paid; number of miles travelled; subsistence and forage furnished by themselves; clothing due to soldier; value of equipment, arms, etc. received from the United States; value in dollars of horses and horse equipment; and remarks.

S1409

National Archives

Lists of the Adjutant General's Office for Carded Records of Military Organizations: Revolutionary War through Philippine Insurrection, "The Ainsworth List," 1817-1818, 1835-1841, 1857-1858
1 microfilm reel

This series contains Roll 39 of The Ainsworth List, a compilation of muster rolls of military organizations that served during various conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the Philippine Insurrection. Roll 39 contains records relevant to the Creek War, the First Seminole War, the Second Seminole War and the Third Seminole War for the states of Florida, Alabama, Arkansas and the District of Columbia. An index lists the military organizations involved, followed by individual cards that lists the dates and locations that the organization mustered into and out of service, the length of service, the number of men in the organization and other related notes.

Personal and Family Papers

M72-7

Gamble Family History Notes, 1898
1 microfilm reel

The Gambles were a prominent Tallahassee family for generations. This collection is a compilation of family history notes and transcriptions of various documents relating to events in the family's past. The collection contains Revolutionary War records of Robert Gamble and the Seminole War (particularly the Battle of Withlacoochee) journal of Major Robert Gamble.

M75-103

Maps of Florida, 1829-1888
9 items

The maps in this collection represent the entire state of Florida or parts of it. Four maps cover the whole state in four separate years: 1834, 1837, 1846 and 1855. Other maps are sectional, representing East Florida (1840) and South Florida (1856, 1888). The U.S. military drew the 1856 map, and it details the area west of Lake Okeechobee where much of the fighting in the Seminole Wars took place.

M82-1

Richard Keith Call Correspondence, 1791-1794, 1825-1849
.25 cubic foot

Richard K. Call was a Territorial Governor of Florida from 1836 to 1839, and again from 1841 to 1844. During his first term, Call led the army that defeated the Seminoles in the Second and Third Battles of Wahoo Swamp. This collection contains correspondence that discusses the determination of land ownership; the disposition of the territorial archives; the First and Second Seminole Wars, including the Battles of Withlacoochee, Fort Drane and Wahoo Swamp; and other political matters.

M82-4*

Richard Keith Call Journal, 1861
.25 cubic foot

This typescript copy of Call's reminiscences begins with a depiction of Call's early life before coming to Florida. Much of the account deals with his military career during the Creek War and the First and Second Seminole Wars. He details his relationship with Andrew Jackson at the Battle of Withlacoochee, as well as his leadership role as territorial governor and commander of U.S. troops fighting the Seminoles. Call includes some information on his term as Florida's territorial governor. The journal ends with Call's service in the Second Seminole War.

M86-12*

Thomas Sidney Jesup Diary, 1836-1837
1 volume

General Thomas Sidney Jesup was the third general to command Florida troops during the Second Seminole War. This collection consists of the campaign diary of General Jesup while commanding his first campaign from October 1, 1836 to May 30, 1837. The diary details the routine of a commander issuing orders, requisitioning supplies and directing troop movement. It also documents Jesup's relationship with the War Department and the state militia, and his communications with the Seminoles on their behalf. The diary reflects the hardships and problems Jesup and his men encountered in searching for the elusive Seminoles in the extensive Florida wilderness, as well as Jesup's personal thoughts about the campaign.

M89-32*

Daniel H. Wiggins Diaries, 1816-1834, 1838-1841, 1862
.50 cubic foot

Daniel H. Wiggins moved to Florida from Annapolis, Maryland, in 1838 and established a millwright trade in Jefferson and Leon counties. This collection contains several of Wiggins' diaries that document his early life in Annapolis and his later experiences in Florida. Wiggins is prolific in detail about his life in and around Leon, Jefferson and Gadsden counties. He relates information about Indian disturbances in and around Jefferson and Leon counties during the Second Seminole War. He describes his travels, the people he encountered and his observations about the growing territory.

N2017-20

Richard Keith Call Letters, 1839-1840
1 folder

This collection includes two letters written by Richard Keith Call. The first letter, sent to President Martin Van Buren in 1839, concerns the condition of Florida and its inhabitants during the Second Seminole War. The second letter, from Call to Major General Thomas Jesup, discusses a conflict between Call and the Secretary of War and what he describes as a "deliberate attempt" by the government to "disgrace" him.

N2017- 61

Parkhurst Family Letters, 1846-1847, 1886, 1897
.25 cubic foot

In 1846 Edwin and Ellen Parkhurst of Pennsylvania went to Pensacola, Florida, on a business trip during the Mexican-American War, returning home in 1847. This collection consists of letters the Parkhursts sent to family members during their trip to Pensacola. The letters discuss their

experiences with traveling to and in Florida; the ongoing Mexican-American War, such as the Siege of Veracruz and celebration at the Navy Yard; and their arrangements for returning home.

N2017-108

William Alhurtis Letter, 1840
1 folder

Captain William Alhurtis was born in West Virginia and was stationed in Florida during the Second Seminole War. He died on March 11, 1847, fighting in the Battle of Veracruz during the Mexican-American War. This letter is from Alhurtis in Palatka, Florida, to his mother in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on July 22, 1840. The letter discusses Alhurtis' experience as a soldier during the Second Seminole War, as well as personal affairs.

N2017-109

Second Seminole War Papers, 1837, 1840-1843, 1880
.25 cubic foot

This collection consists of correspondence with general discussions of military affairs and soldier experiences, and a

bill authorizing payment to Captain George E. McClellan's Company of Volunteers for services rendered in the Seminole War.

N2017-115

Third Seminole War Letters, 1856-1857
1 folder

This collection consists of four transcriptions of letters to Governor James E. Broome during the Third Seminole War, discussing war events, volunteer efforts and civilian situations across the state.

N2019-13

Captain Adam Gramling Papers, 1835, 1837, 1839-1840
1 folder

This collection includes four items related to Captain Adam Gramling of Tallahassee, Florida. There are three commissions of Gramling: two as captain of the militia dated 1835 and 1837 and one as a Justice of the Peace in Leon County in 1840. Also included is the 1839 roster of Company A of the Centerville Militia that Gramling commanded.

Civil War, 1861-1864

Florida joined the United States as a state in 1845, but in April 1861, Florida became the third of 10 Southern states to secede from the Union. For years, differences between North and South over slavery and the federal government's right to regulate it had divided the country. Political leaders in Florida and throughout the South considered Lincoln's election the breaking point. If slavery were to survive, the South would have to leave the Union.

At the time, Florida had the smallest population of the Confederate States and nearly half the population were enslaved Blacks, so Florida only sent 15,000 troops to the Confederate States Army. The state's incredibly long coastline made it an easy target for invading Union forces, especially since the Union maintained control of Key West, Fort Jefferson and Fort Pickens. Furthermore, Florida's meager industrial resources made the state of little strategic importance to either side. However, it was a vital source of beef and salt for the Confederacy and supported the blockade runners that evaded Union blockade ships along Florida's coastline.

There was little fighting in Florida, the only major conflict being the Battle of Olustee, near Lake City in February 1864. However, there were pockets of anti-Confederate feeling across the state. As the war dragged on, allegiance to the Confederate cause began to fracture under the weight of deaths, hardships and disagreeable policies put into place by state and Confederate leaders, such as conscription and impressment. Wartime conditions also made it easier for enslaved people to escape, and many of them became useful informers to Union commanders.

The last significant battle of the Civil War in Florida occurred at Natural Bridge, near St. Marks in March 1865. It was a key Confederate victory; but the war ended two months later, and Union troops re-established federal control.

The State Archives has a variety of records that document Florida's involvement in the Civil War and the experiences of Florida's citizens at the time. The records include traditional military records such as compiled service records and pension applications as well as maps, diaries, letters and other personal papers.



Portrait of Union Brigadier General Joseph Roswell Hawley



Portrait of Confederate Second Lieutenant John A. Henderson

Government Records

S587*

State Board of Pensions
Confederate Pension Application Files, 1885-1954
113 cubic feet

The series contains files documenting pension claims that include the original application, any supplemental applications, proof of service and residency, and occasional correspondence between the applicant and the Board. Veterans' application files generally include name, date and place of birth, unit dates and places of enlistment and discharge, brief description of service, wounds received, sworn statements on proof of service by comrades, War Department service abstracts, and place and length of Florida residency. Widows' application files generally include, in addition to the above, her full name, date and place of marriage to the veteran, and date and place of the veteran's death.

S978

National Archives
Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Florida, 1861-1865
11 microfilm reels

These records consist of a jacket-envelope for each Union soldier with his name, rank and unit in which he served, and typically containing card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in documents such as muster rolls, returns, hospital rolls, descriptive books, and lists of deserters; as well as the originals of any papers relating solely to the soldier. Preceding the jacket-envelopes are records of event cards giving the stations, movements, or activities of the unit or a part of it, and sometimes information relating to its organization or composition. **Series S977** (1 microfilm reel) contains an alphabetical card index to the compiled records in this series.

S981

National Archives
Records Relating to Confederate Naval and Marine Personnel, 1861-1865
7 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains records relating to persons serving in the Confederate Navy and Marine Corps, arranged in three series: compiled hospital and prison records of naval and marine personnel; reference cards and papers relating to naval personnel; and reference cards and papers relating to marine personnel. The first series consists of card abstracts of entries relating to each individual in Union and Confederate hospital registers, prescription books,

Union prison and parole rolls, and other papers relating to each individual. The second and third series consist of reference cards and any papers relating solely to an individual sailor or marine. The reference cards indicate rank and contain references to vessel papers, payrolls, muster rolls and volumes in the War Department Collection of Confederate Records.

S982

National Archives
Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Florida, 1861-1865
111 microfilm reels

These records consist of a jacket-envelope for each Confederate soldier with his name, rank, unit in which he served, and often a statement concerning the origin or background of that unit. The jacket-envelopes typically contain card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in documents such as muster rolls, returns, rosters, payrolls, appointment books, hospital registers, Union prison registers and rolls, parole rolls and inspection reports; as well as the originals of any papers relating to the soldier. Also included in the series are records relating to soldiers from Florida selected from the "Unfiled and Unfileable" series of the War Department Collection of Confederate Records. **Series S1504** (9 microfilm reels) contains an alphabetical card index to the compiled records in this series.

S989

National Archives
Compiled Military Service Records of General and Staff Officers from the State of Florida, 1861-1865
5 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains the military records of Florida's general and staff officers who served in the Confederacy. These records include correspondence, receipts, registers of appointments, payroll records and other related documentation.

S1147

Confederate States of America Army, Florida Infantry 8th Regiment
Pay Vouchers, 1862-1863
.25 cubic foot

The series contains pay vouchers for some members of the Confederate 8th Florida Infantry Regiment. Most of the documents record payments issued for service during a specified period. Some items, issued at the time of a soldier's discharge, give information such as birthplace, occupation, age, height and complexion.

S1210

Florida Military Department
 Confederate Marine Corps and Navy Personnel Card
 Roster of Floridians, 1925
 .25 cubic foot

This series is a typescript card roster of Confederate Marine Corps and Navy personnel who had connections with the State of Florida. The cards generally contain the place of birth, appointment, ranks, promotions and military career.

S1273

Office of the Adjutant General
 Original Florida Confederate Muster Rolls, 1861-1865
 1 microfilm reel

These records document individuals from Florida serving in Confederate military units, including units mustered into Confederate service and those that remained in state service during the war. The muster rolls generally include the name and rank of the soldier, when and where they enrolled, payroll information and remarks. At the end of the series are non-unit rolls from the Chattahoochee Arsenal and the Warrington Naval Yard (Pensacola).

S1279

Office of the Adjutant General
 Florida Confederate Muster Rolls, 1861-1865
 37 volumes (8 microfilm reels)

The volumes contain photostatic copies of muster in rolls; muster out rolls; descriptive rolls; annual, monthly and quarterly returns; and special orders for Florida Confederate soldiers. The muster rolls may contain the name and rank of a soldier; when, where and by whom they mustered or enrolled into service; last paid and remarks. In addition, the descriptive rolls include city and county of birth, age, occupation, hair and eye color, complexion and height.

S1280

Office of the Adjutant General
 Florida Cavalry Regiments of the Union Army Muster
 Rolls, 1863-1865
 10 volumes (2 microfilm reels)

The volumes contain photostatic copies of muster in and muster out rolls, descriptive rolls, some annual, monthly and quarterly returns, and special orders of federal Florida cavalry regiments. The muster rolls may contain the name and rank of a soldier; when, where and by whom they were mustered or enrolled into service; last paid and remarks. In addition to the above information, the descriptive rolls also include city and county of birth, age, occupation, and information about hair and eye color, complexion and height.

S1300

National Archives
 Letters Sent by the Department of Florida and Successor
 Commands, 1861-1869
 2 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains letters and reports dispatched by the commanding officers and their adjutants from department and district headquarters. The letters reveal the vacuum in military authority experienced in Florida at the commencement of the Civil War, and the problems with communication delays, discipline and duties throughout the war. The reports describe the movements of the enemy and provide intelligence gleaned from behind Confederate lines, and some letters include battle action reports. Matters relating to protecting the civil and political rights of Blacks and Union sympathizers are prominent.

S1301

National Archives
 Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for
 Presidential Pardons: Amnesty Papers, 1865-1867
 1 microfilm reel

This microfilm publication consists of applications for pardon to President Andrew Johnson from former Florida Confederates who were excluded from the provisions of his amnesty proclamation of May 29, 1865. Included with each application is a signed oath of allegiance and, in many cases, recommendations from prominent citizens for clemency or letters from relatives or friends with pleas for compassion. The individual files often contain considerable information on a pardon applicant's background, his activities during the war years and his attitude in defeat.

S1313

National Archives
 Consolidated Index to Compiled Service Records of
 Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865
 535 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication contains the master index of all the names of Confederate soldiers found in the records used in compiling the service records for each soldier, regardless of whether the service was with a unit furnished by a state, with a unit raised directly by the Confederate government, or as a staff officer. Each card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, the unit in which he served, and often a statement concerning the origin or background of that unit.

S1563

National Archives

Compiled Service Records of Confederate General and Staff Officers and Non-Regimental Enlisted Men, 1861-1865

275 microfilm reels

This series contains the compiled service records of Confederate officers and enlisted men who did not belong to any single regiment, separate company or comparable unit, or special corps. This class of military personnel included general officers; officers and enlisted men of the so-called staff departments; members of army corps, division and brigade staffs; and various appointees with special status such as aides-de-camp, military judges, chaplains, agents and drillmasters. The staff departments were those of the Adjutant and Inspector General, the Quartermaster General, the Commissary General, the Medical Department, and the Ordnance Department.

S1567

National Archives

Confederate States Army Casualties Lists and Narrative Reports, 1861-1865

7 microfilm reels

This microfilm publication reproduces part of the unbound lists and narrative reports of casualties that the Confederate States Army submitted to the Confederate War Department during the Civil War. The records are generally nominal lists of casualties that were not published in the official records as a matter of policy, statistical lists from which abstracts were compiled and published, and narrative reports that were not published for such reasons as the relative unimportance of the reporting unit.

S1725*

Civil War Recollections of S.M. Hankins, 1861-1865

.10 cubic foot

This series consists of a typescript entitled "My Recollections of the Confederate War," transcribed from the original. The recollections begin with Florida's secession in 1861, when Hankins was 14 years old. They recall Floridians' initial reactions to the threat of war; the raising of military units; the death of a cousin resulting from combat wounds and imprisonment; the imprisonment of women and children and the burning of their homes if their husbands, fathers or brothers were suspected of deserting; the shooting of deserters; the wartime treatment of Black Americans; Hankins' enlistment at age 16; escorting prisoners to Andersonville; the Battle of Natural Bridge; and other wartime events.

S1845

National Archives

Register of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Citizens Who Died in Federal Prisons and Military Hospitals in the North, 1861-1865

1 microfilm reel

This microfilm publication reproduces a register that provides the names of individuals, their rank, company, regiment, date of death, number and location of grave, and the prison camp or other location of death.

Personal and Family Papers

The State Archives currently maintains nearly a hundred manuscript collections with materials relating to the Civil War in Florida and South Georgia. This section highlights just a few of these collections. For a comprehensive list, see Appendix A.

M81-11

Matthews Family Papers, 1856-1910

.25 cubic foot

David Matthews served in several Confederate military organizations during the Civil War. The collection consists primarily of the correspondence of David and Nancy Matthews and other correspondence relating to them by family and friends. The letters present a detailed picture of life during the war, on the front and at home. Also included are military records, newspaper clippings, receipts, agreements and photographs. Of interest is Nancy's correspondence with the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to which she applied for a pension on behalf of her deceased husband.

M83-4

Albert W. Peck Papers, 1861-1865

.25 cubic foot

Albert W. Peck served as an enlisted man and officer in Company D, 17th Connecticut Infantry Regiment from 1862 to 1865. This collection includes a diary, which is a retrospective account of Peck's Civil War service that details military and civilian life during the war. The collection also contains letters to family members while Peck was stationed in Picolata, Florida that document his life as a soldier. Other materials include an article on the history of the 17th Infantry Regiment that recounts the regiment's involvement in several skirmishes including Welaka, Saunders and Dunn's Lake, Florida, and a copy of the muster roll of Peck's unit.

M86-14

Map of Pensacola Bay, 1861

This Civil War map depicts the city of Pensacola, the Navy Yard and Santa Rosa Island, showing the location of fortifications and the station of the blockading squadron. G. C. Rickman sketched the map for Captain B. W. Powell of Company C, 1st Florida Infantry Regiment.

M87-10*

Thomas Benton Brooks Correspondence, 1864
.25 cubic foot

Thomas Benton Brooks joined the Union Army in 1861 as a First Lieutenant in the 1st New York Engineers. In 1864, he went to Florida to aid in a major Union expedition to establish a loyal Florida government and to interdict Confederate supplies in Jacksonville. The materials in this collection deal primarily with operations in Florida relating to that expedition and include correspondence from naval and army leaders, reports from commanders, a newspaper account of the movements and a pamphlet. Also included is Brooks' letterbook that contains copies of Brooks' outgoing letters. These materials give a relatively complete account of operations around Fernandina in early 1864.

M87-21

Confederate States of America Army. Kilcrease Light Artillery Records, 1863-1864
2 volumes

The Kilcrease Light Artillery mustered at Camp Leon, Florida in 1863 and it remained in north Florida until the end of the war. These records include a Company Descriptive Roll that lists commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of the unit, as well as registers of men transferred, discharged, died and deserted. Entries usually include name, age, height, complexion, color of eyes, color of hair, town and state of birth, occupation, place and date of enlistment, name of enrolling officers, length of enlistment and additional remarks. Also included is a Morning Report Book that gives a detailed, daily unit status account including the number of officers and men present for duty, sick, on special duty, in arrest, absent sick, absent with leave, absent without leave and men on special service. Also included is a remarks column with information on personnel changes, conditions of the battery's horses, etc.

M87-22

George Washington Scott Papers, 1850-1904
.25 cubic foot

In 1860, George Washington Scott enlisted in the Tallahassee Guards, a Leon County militia organization. Upon the formation of the Confederacy he was appointed captain of Company D, 2nd Florida Cavalry. In 1863, Scott organized and

was elected lieutenant-colonel of the 5th Florida Cavalry Battalion, which served throughout middle and east Florida. These papers document Scott's life, representing most heavily the Civil War period. The collection contains personal and official military correspondence, Civil War reports and hand-drawn maps, a partial muster roll of the 5th Florida Cavalry, an account of the Battle of Natural Bridge and other related items.

M88-28

Joseph C. Shaw Papers, 1863-1910
3 cubic feet

Born in Ohio in 1840, Joseph C. Shaw initially enlisted in the 6th Michigan Infantry Regiment before accepting a commission in the 15th Regiment Corps d'Afrique. This unit, consisting of Black enlisted men with white officers, campaigned in Louisiana until late in the war, when it transferred to Florida for the remainder of the war. This collection contains Shaw's private papers including letters, post-war legal records and official papers primarily regarding his actions as Regimental Quartermaster and courts-martial board member. The legal records include letters, reports, requisitions, circulars and orders. This collection provides information on the administration of a Black Union military organization along with details concerning conditions in the Civil War and in the immediate post-Civil War period in Florida.

M88-70*

Wilbur Wightman Gramling Diary, 1864-1865
.25 cubic foot

Wilbur Wightman Gramling enlisted with his brother, Irvin, in Company K of the 5th Florida Regiment at Tallahassee on February 20, 1862. Gramling missed several months' service during the winter of 1862 to 1863 due to illness but otherwise was present for several major battles including Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At the May 1864 Battle of the Wilderness, Union troops wounded and captured Gramling, and he remained imprisoned until June 1865. This collection comprises one of the very few surviving diaries written by a Florida soldier in the Civil War. It is even rarer in that it documents the experiences of a Florida serviceman incarcerated in a Union prisoner-of-war camp. The entries concentrate on topics such as food, weather, living conditions, illnesses among the prisoners, war news, condition of family and friends, and the hope for exchange.

M90-2

Confederate States of America Army, Florida Reserve Letterbook, 1864-1865
1 folder

The Florida Reserve functioned as a home guard and adjunct to Confederate troops in repelling Union coastal raids and

interior incursions into Florida. It was comprised of local companies of men and boys exempted from conscription into Confederate forces. Brigadier General William Miller commanded the Florida Reserve, and Major William G. Poole served as Assistant Adjutant General. The collection contains a photocopy of a letterbook of the orders and communications of the Headquarters, Florida Reserve and Headquarters, Military District of Florida, from October 13, 1864, to April 24, 1865. They concern troop recruiting, troop movements, railroads, salt works and hospitals.

N2000-4

Louis James M. Boyd Civil War-Era Letters, 1862-1871
.25 cubic foot

Louis James M. Boyd served as 3rd Assistant Engineer aboard the U.S. gunboat *Albatross* from March 6, 1862, to August 26, 1863. During his service, Boyd witnessed many Union naval operations carried out along the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River. The *Albatross* remained on the Gulf Coast after the surrender of Port Hudson on July 9, 1863, and assisted in the blockade of Mobile Bay until the end of the Civil War. This collection includes letters from Boyd to his wife. While the correspondence is personal, most of it focuses on various aspects of the Navy's blockade of Southern ports, and there is mention of campaigns along

Florida's Gulf Coast and up the Mississippi River. The letters also relate contemporary opinions of Blacks serving in the Union army, the status of Maryland during the war, and the Southern response to the presence of the Union navy.

N2009-5

United States Dept. of the Interior, Civil War Veterans Medical Journal, 1896-1903
.3 cubic foot

This medical journal of Dr. Thomas H. Hammond of Oxford, Florida, details medical examinations of Civil War veterans required for approval of pension applications or for an increase in an existing pension allowance. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions required the examinations as part of the application process. For each individual examined, the reports include such information as type of pension claim (original, increase or restoration); pension claim number; claimant's name, rank, company and regiment; post office address of examining surgeon and claimant; cause of disability; current pension amount; claimant's statement as to reason for claim; and the physician's examination report, including pulse rate, respiration, temperature, height, weight, age and a detailed narrative description of wounds, condition and disabilities.

Spanish-American War, 1898

In 1898 national attention turned to Florida as the Spanish-American War began in Cuba. Florida, the closest state to Cuba and home to a large Cuban immigrant population, became the setting for much of the action. The primary issue was Cuban independence from Spanish rule, and tensions in Cuba had been rising for decades. The United States was eager to protect its business interests and citizens in Cuba but was hesitant to declare war. The catalyst for war and U.S. involvement was the explosion of the USS *Maine* off the coast of Havana.

U.S. troops used many Florida cities as military bases from which to depart for Cuba, and the port city of Tampa served as the primary staging area. The arrival of over 30,000 troops, including Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders cavalry unit, changed Tampa from a small town into a city. The Spanish-American War lasted only a few months, from April to August, and was over when Spain signed a peace treaty with the United States that granted independence to Cuba.

The State Archives has few records that document Florida's involvement in the Spanish-American War and the experiences of Florida's citizens at the time. The records include traditional military records such as muster rolls and compiled service records as well as correspondence and photographs.



Group portrait of Theodore Roosevelt and other high-ranking officials of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment - Tampa, Florida.



8th U.S. Infantry ready to embark for Cuba

Government Records

S578

Governor Bloxham
Correspondence, 1881, 1897-1901
10.25 cubic feet

William D. Bloxham served twice as governor of Florida, from 1881 to 1885 and again from 1897 to 1901. During Bloxham's second term he guided the state through the Spanish-American War, a conflict that called for heavy participation from Florida. This series contains Bloxham's correspondence that reflects the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor, including discussions of military affairs relating to the conflicts with Spain.

S1283

Florida. Office of the Adjutant General
Spanish-American War Muster Rolls of Florida
Companies, 1898-1899
17 volumes (3 microfilm reels)

When the United States declared war on Spain in April 1898, the federal government requested each state provide troops in proportion to their population. Florida provided one infantry regiment consisting of 12 companies that convened in Tampa. In July 1898, the troops went to Fernandina; in August, they transferred to Huntsville, Alabama. They remained there until the war ended, and the companies were all discharged by January 1899. One battalion of Florida troops, Company C, served in Cuba as a part of the 3rd U.S. Volunteer Infantry Regiment. These volumes contain copies of muster rolls and pay accounts that contain the soldier's name and rank; when, where and to whom they reported for duty and enrollment; when, where and by whom they were mustered into service; when they were last paid; travelling (place of residence and place of discharge); subsistence and forage furnished by themselves since mustered into service; valuation of horses, equipment and clothing; monies due to the United States (arms and equipment, quartermaster stores and equipment); remarks; balance paid to the soldier; and from whom they received payment.

S1302

National Archives
Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who
Served in the Florida Infantry During the War with
Spain, 1898-1899
13 microfilm reels

This series contains the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers in the 1st Florida Infantry Regiment. Preceding the jacket-envelopes for individual soldiers are envelopes containing "record of events" cards for field and staff offices and for each company that indicate the stations, movements

and activities of the regiment from the time of its organization to its disbandment. Card abstracts for an individual soldier show his rank; the company in which he served; when, where and how long he served; and any payment due to him, either as salary or compensation. In addition, abstracts of descriptive lists give the soldier's age, physical description, date and place of birth, residence, occupation, marital status and next of kin. Medical card abstracts document illness incurred, length of illness, where the soldier recuperated or transferred to, and the date of return to active duty.

Personal and Family Papers

M82-79*

David Franklin Kemp, Spanish-American War
Photographs, 1898
6 photographs

David Franklin Kemp was a sergeant in the Ohio National Guard's 3rd Ohio Volunteers. This collection contains six photographs of Spanish-American War soldiers in Ybor City and Tampa. Subjects include three photos of the Ohio Volunteers in camp; two photos of General Joe Wheeler and General William Shafter, leaders of the U.S. troops against Spain, along with their staff; and one photo of General Shafter at the Tampa Hotel.

M82-105*

Jacksonville Area Photographs, ca. 1890s and n.d.
17 photographs

These photographs depict people, scenes and events in and around Jacksonville, Florida in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. There are scenes of encamped soldiers, including Black soldiers, during the Spanish-American War; Jacksonville landmarks; agricultural scenes; a formal group portrait; a parade; the steamboat "City of Jacksonville" and a shipyard image.

M84-34*

Spanish-American War Photographs, 1895-1908
56 photographs

This collection contains photographs of soldiers during the Spanish-American War. Several images depict soldiers in training in an unidentified North Florida area. Other images include training in Huntsville, Alabama and military camps in Havana, Cuba. The photographs depict camp life of the soldiers and include images of soldiers shooting at targets, relaxing at camp and dining. A few images document the interiors of soldiers' tents showing the kinds of souvenirs, photographs and other personal items that soldiers brought with them to camp. Photographs taken in Havana include images of the USS *Maine* submerged under water and of

Valentin Berdugo, a Cuban executioner for Spanish General Valeriano Weyler.

M91-5*

Simpson Family Papers, 1825-1978
8.25 cubic feet, 39 volumes

The Simpson family moved to Monticello, Florida in the early 1900s. The bulk of this collection consists of the Simpson family's personal papers, photographs and business records. It also contains papers of the Conrad, Perkins, Palmer and

Finlayson families. Of interest are letters of Charles A. Simpson during the war with Spain.

M91-17*

Spanish-American War Photographs, 1897-1898.
7 photographs

This collection contains images of soldiers training in Tampa and Orlando and one print of Governor William Bloxham with his staff in Tampa.

The Mexican Punitive Expedition, 1916-1917, and World War I, 1914-1918



Mitchell Evans as a WWI soldier.

Prior to the United States' involvement in the First World War, it conducted a short-lived and unsuccessful military operation against the paramilitary forces of Francisco "Pancho" Villa, a Mexican revolutionary, from March 14, 1916, to February 7, 1917. Incensed by Villa's attack on the border town of Columbus, New Mexico, an expeditionary force attempted to pursue and capture Villa while another 140,000 troops patrolled the U.S.-Mexican border. This included more than 1,000 men of the 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment led by Colonel Albert H. Blanding of Bartow.

Floridians at the border saw little action, and as the U.S. intrusion into Mexico caused increasing resentment with no success against Villa, President Woodrow Wilson quietly ordered the troops to withdraw. The men returned home just in time for a brief respite before a much larger and more demanding conflict.

When the United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917, thousands of Floridians joined the millions of other Americans heeding President Woodrow Wilson's call to make the world "safe for democracy." Although the United States was involved in the global conflict for only 19 months, the war still impacted the social, economic and environmental conditions of Florida. Of the 4 million American men

and women who joined the armed services between 1917 and 1918, more than 42,000 were Floridians, serving in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard.

On the home front, countless others performed their patriotic duty by purchasing liberty bonds, volunteering with service organizations, and conserving food and raw materials. These efforts occurred against the backdrop of the war's larger domestic side effects. A series of deadly influenza outbreaks in 1918, heightened racial tensions, intense anti-German sentiment, and the increased political activism of woman suffragists and Black Americans further consumed the attention of Florida's civilian patriots.

After the November 1918 armistice, Florida's veterans returned to the familiar comforts of home. While much of the state remained the same as it had been before the war — mostly rural with an agricultural economy — WWI undoubtedly marked Florida's transition into a new era rife with modern industrial, political and economic possibilities.

The State Archives has a variety of records that document Florida's involvement in the Mexican Punitive Expedition and the First World War, as well as the experiences of Florida's citizens at the time. The records include traditional military records such as draft records and rosters as well as maps, diaries, letters and other personal papers.



Curtiss aircraft crewmen - Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Government Records

S1142

Florida. Office of the Adjutant General
World War I Induction Records of Floridians, 1917-1918
6.5 cubic feet

The series contains lists of men called into service during World War I. The records generally include the applicant's race, his address and the date of his induction. Some lists include the occupations of the inductees and information on whether the individual entered military service.

S1204*

Florida. Military Department
World War I Army Card Roster, 1924
8 cubic feet, 11 microfilm reels

This series consists of a card roster of Floridians who served in the U.S. Army during World War I. Each soldier has one or two cards that provide information on his military service, such as name, serial number, residence, place and date of birth, military organizations in which he served, rank, engagements in which he participated, wounds or injuries received, dates serving overseas, discharge date, percentage disabled and additional remarks. On the microfilm copy, Black veterans are listed separately from white veterans; officers are listed on Roll 11. Roll 10 contains the cards for promotion or reenlistment.

S1233*

Florida. Military Department
World War I Coast Guard Card Roster of Floridians, 1925
.25 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

The series contains a card roster of Floridians who served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War I. The cards generally include the serviceman's full name, date and place of enlistment, age and address at time of enlistment, place or ship in which he served, rating or assignment while on active duty, and date and place of discharge.

S1234*

Florida. Military Department
World War I Marine Corps Card Roster of Floridians, 1925
.50 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

The series contains a card roster of Floridians who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I. The cards generally include the serviceman's full name, residence, place and date of birth, place and date of enlistment, organization in which he served, promotions, engagements participated in

(if any), wounds (if any), date of discharge and additional remarks.

S1249*

Florida. Military Department
World War I Navy Card Roster of Floridians, 1925
2.5 cubic feet, 4 microfilm reels

This series contains a card roster of Floridians who served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. The information includes name, rank or rating, location and/or ships served, date and place of discharge and additional remarks.

S1296

Florida. Office of Secretary of State
Record of Commissions for County Guards, 1917-1920
1 volume, .75 cubic foot

The Florida Legislature created the County Guards in 1917 to replace the National Guard of Florida that it had activated for European service as part of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I (Chapter 7292, Laws of Florida). Each county was responsible for nominating officers and bore the costs of equipping the Guards. The County Guards were to be available for service in times of riot or disorder. The Legislature abolished the County Guards four months after the end of World War I. The series contains records of commissions for the County Guards. A bound volume contains the official commissions signed by the Governor and the Secretary of State. The volume contains an alphabetical index of counties. Also included are resignation letters submitted and notifications of appointments from 1917 to 1918. Although the County Guards disbanded four months after a peace treaty was concluded, a few commissions are dated in 1919 and 1920.

S1333

United States. Army. Florida 2nd Infantry Regiment
Journal, 1916-1917
.25 cubic foot

The 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment was a Federalized National Guard unit that mobilized in July 1916 and mustered out in March 1917. It served as a border guard during the punitive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Mexican cross border raiders. This journal contains the daily unit activities of the 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment, its battalions and companies while serving during the Mexican Punitive Expedition. Only a few of the regiment's members are named in the entries.

S1344

Florida. Military Department
 Summary of Florida Veterans of World War I, 1925
 3 volumes

This series contains a summary of the citizens of Florida who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War I. It documents the individual's name, race, period served, the branch in which he served, ranks attained, those killed or wounded, and any awards or citations earned. The first volume contains both state and county statistical summaries of how many officers and enlisted served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, and the number of dead and wounded or deserted. The Army statistics list Black and white servicemen separately. The Marine Corps and Navy did not commission or enlist non-whites at the time. The listings for the counties include name, race, rank if an officer, branch of service, place of residence and period of service.

S1416

United States Army. Florida 2nd Infantry Regiment
 Regimental Roster While on Federal Service, 1916-1917
 .25 cubic foot

The 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment was a Federalized National Guard unit that mobilized in July 1916 and mustered out in March 1917. It served as a border guard during the punitive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Mexican cross border raiders. This series is a listing of the units, names, ranks, home stations and dates of service of the members of the 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment during its service on the border with Mexico.

S1418

United States Army. 4th Corps Area Headquarters
 Lists of Florida Draft Evaders in World War I, 1920-1922
 .25 cubic foot

The local draft boards that administered the conscription of men in the United States for service during the First World War reported to U.S. Army Corps Area Commands; boards in the Southeast reported to the 4th Corps Area and provided Command with the names and hometowns of men who were inducted, rejected or had failed to respond to orders to report for induction. The Corps headquarters then published the names of those evading conscription to identify those

men who were in violation of the draft laws so that they could be apprehended and prosecuted. This series contains lists of those men whom the Army reported as draft "deserters" during World War I. These names were to be published in newspapers or posted in public places. The lists also contained the citations of law or regulations under which law enforcement could seize the evaders.

S1461

Florida. Military Department
 Applications for Victory Medal, 1921
 .50 cubic foot

This series contains applications for the Victory Medal that Florida's World War I veterans sent to the U.S. Office of the Adjutant General. The applications generally include the applicant's full name, army serial number, rank, company name, local address, participation in any major battles, defensive sector service with dates and areas served overseas. Also recorded on the applications are approval or denial for a Victory Medal and which, if any, battle clasps were issued.

S1848

National Archives
 World War I Draft Registration Cards (Florida), 1917-1919
 39 microfilm reels

The Selective Service Act of 1917 authorized the president to temporarily increase the military establishment of the United States and to draft men for induction into military service. This microfilm publication contains World War I draft registration cards for Florida. The information on each registration card may differ somewhat but the cards usually include name, permanent home address, age, date and place of birth, race, citizenship, civilian occupation, place of employment, nearest relative and the registrant's signature. The physical description includes height, build, color of eyes and color of hair. It is important to note that not every man who registered for the draft served in the military and not all men who served in the military registered for the draft. Furthermore, these are not military service records; the draft record ends when an individual reported to military training camp. These records contain no information about an individual's military service.

In addition to the series listed above, the State Archives also has microfilmed copies of military discharge records for soldiers and sailors who served in World War I. These records, dating from 1917 to 1950, originate from the following counties: Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Dade, DeSoto, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Leon, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Pasco, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla and Walton. These materials are copies of records maintained at the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county.

Personal and Family Papers

M82-8*

Drew Family Papers, 1856-1999
32.25 cubic feet

George Franklin Drew was a successful businessman in the lumber industry before he became Florida's 12th governor in 1876. Two of Governor Drew's grandsons, Herbert J. Drew and George F. Drew, served overseas during World War I as officers in the American Expeditionary Force. Of interest within these records is correspondence, military records, personal papers and other materials related to the family's experience during World War I.

M82-82*

R. E. MacDonald, U.S.S. *Florida* Photographic Postcards, 1915-1917
9 postcards

The U.S.S. *Florida* (BB-30) was a U.S. naval battleship that served during World War I in the North Sea. When the U.S. entered the war in 1917, the battleship left the Virginia Coast as part of Battleship Division Nine to join the British Grand Fleet in the North Sea. R.E. MacDonald was a naval officer on the U.S.S. *Florida* while it served with the Grand Fleet. This collection consists of nine photographic postcards of the naval battleship during the First World War. The images depict the ship at sea, sailors loading the ship's guns, the ship firing, and several images of the ship's deck.

M87-46

Albert Hazan Blanding Papers, 1917-1958
.5 cubic foot

Albert Hazen Blanding was a prominent National Guard officer. He graduated from East Florida Seminary in Gainesville in 1894. In 1895 he enrolled in the Gainesville Guards, Florida State Troops. By 1899, he was a Colonel in the 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment, and he commanded the Regiment when it was called into federal service during the Mexican Punitive Expedition from 1916 to 1917. During World War I, Blanding served in France with several units and earned the Distinguished Service Medal. This collection contains Blanding's papers, including photocopies of three pocket diaries he kept during his service in World War I that document the participation of American troops in World War I.

M88-29

Joseph P. Butzloff Oral History and Photographs, 1988
5 items

Joseph P. Butzloff was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on April 5, 1896. After moving to Florida, he enlisted in Company H, 2nd Infantry, Florida National Guard in September 1914. During the Mexican Punitive Expedition, Butzloff served with his unit along the Texas-Mexican Border. During the First World War he served in France with the 116th Machine Gun Battalion. This collection consists of Butzloff's oral history in which he details his participation in the Mexican Punitive Expedition and World War I. No transcription of the interview is available. Also included in the collection are copies of four photographs of Mr. Butzloff; two were taken during World War I, one during the final reunion of Company H, 2nd Florida Infantry in 1981, and one in 1988.

M89-33*

World War I Poster, 1917

This collection consists of one World War I poster with the heading, "World War for Liberty, United States Army, 1st Infantry (Florida), Company M." The poster contains a roster of the company's officers and enlisted members, as well as a list of field grade officers. The poster includes a picture of Woodrow Wilson, the flags of the United States and the Allied Powers, and depictions of the various branches of the Army and Navy.

M90-24

W. George McMullen Memoirs, 1985
1 folder

W. George McMullen, born in Largo, Florida, enlisted in the Army in 1917 and served with the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division, American Expeditionary Force. The units of the 2nd Division were among the first United States forces in France to meet the Germans in battle. McMullen was present for much of the early fighting. This collection contains McMullen's memoirs of his participation in World War I. His recollections deal with the who, what, where and when of his military life, and express the realities of army life both in the United States and in Europe.

M99-1

Diaries of William Terrell Eddins, 1901, 1908-1915, 1937-1942
.5 cubic foot

William Terrell Eddins moved with his family from Mississippi to Florida in 1894 or 1895. He served briefly in the Army during World War I, sometime between 1918 and 1919. This collection consists primarily of Eddins' personal pocket diaries including one volume that consists of brief notes concerning his experiences and acquaintances during his service in Europe.

N2001-2*

Bevins Family Papers, 1900-1936, 1936, 1999
.5 cubic foot

This collection contains correspondence, photographs and some newspaper clippings that pertain to the Bevins family of Davenport, Florida. The Bevins family moved to Davenport prior to 1915 from Pennsylvania and attempted to homestead. After the U.S. entered the First World War, Algy and his brother Arthur enlisted into the U.S. Coast Guard and served aboard the U.S.S. *Tampa*, a Coast Guard cutter serving on convoy duty with the U.S. Navy in Europe when it disappeared into a fog bank and exploded with the loss of all hands after a German U-boat torpedoed it. Included in the collection is a letter from the Navy to the parents of Algy and Arthur describing the work done by their ship and the circumstances surrounding their loss. The clippings are newspaper accounts of the sinking and the various memorial services held in commemoration of their sacrifice. The photographs are of Algy in civilian and naval pursuits, Arthur aboard the Tampa, and some other views of life in Florida and England.

N2008-9

Kirvin Family Papers, 1891-1918
.5 cubic foot

In 1891, Mary Ann Kirvin married Joseph Wildon Whitfield in Calhoun County, Florida, and they had three children: Allie, Minnie, and Joseph Alfred. When Mary Ann died around 1898, the three children went to live with their grandmother Mary Ann Stone Kirvin in Allanton, Florida. During World War I, Joseph Alfred Whitfield served as a captain and saw action in France. This collection consists of Mary Ann Stone Kirvin's personal papers that document Kirvin family affairs, primarily through family correspondence and tax records. The correspondence includes several letters from Joseph Alfred during his military training and deployment in World War I.

N2018-1

Manley Pollock Papers, 1915-1919
.5 cubic foot

Manley Pollock, born in Wisconsin, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1918. He served as a private at the Dorr Field Flying School Detachment Air Service from April 22 to November 15, 1918. Located east of Arcadia, Florida, Dorr Field was established during World War I to support flight training operations at Carlstrom Field. This collection documents Manley Pollock's service in the Army, specifically his time stationed at Dorr Field during World War I. The collection consists of a scrapbook, postcards, a panoramic photograph of the Dorr Field Flying School Detachment Air Service, and Pollock's military records and medals.

World War II, 1939-1945

When the United States entered World War II on December 8, 1941, Florida was still one of the least populated southern states, mostly rural and agricultural. However, the war efforts at home and abroad would drastically change it forever.

Florida's large swaths of land, warm climate and extensive coastline made it ideal for training hundreds of thousands of military recruits, particularly in aviation and amphibious landing operations. In just a few years, the federal government established more than 170 military installations of various sizes, including major bases like Camp Blanding, which became Florida's fourth largest city during the war.



View showing U.S. Navy dive bombers flying over Miami during WWII.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in the war, more than 250,000 were Floridians, and thousands more contributed to the war effort at home. They volunteered for civil defense tasks like patrolling the coastline and watching the skies for enemy aircraft. Families conserved food and collected scrap metal and other materials to be recycled into goods for the war effort. Agriculture became more important than ever, as did the state's shipbuilding industry.



Woman welding for the Saint Johns River Shipbuilding Company - Jacksonville, Florida.

As the U.S. economy and industry boomed, women found opportunities to work in jobs previously believed to be "man's work" in shipyards, welding shops and farms. Women also served the armed forces in support positions. While women were expanding their roles in the workforce, Black Americans continued to experience segregation and racism. Black servicemen were assigned to all-Black units, lived in separate quarters and served almost exclusively in non-combat support roles. By the end of the war, many were serving in combat roles but only after Black leaders such as Floridians Mary McLeod Bethune and A. Philip Randolph pressured the Roosevelt administration to order the changes.

The State Archives has a variety of records that document Florida's involvement in the Second World War and the experiences of Florida's citizens at the time. The records include traditional military records such as rosters and casualty card files, as well as state agency administrative records and personal papers such as scrapbooks, photographs and correspondence.

Government Records

S406

Florida Governor Holland
Correspondence 1941-1945
60.5 cubic feet

Spessard Lindsey Holland was Florida's 28th governor, elected in 1940. His administration was primarily concerned with World War II and coordinating Florida's defense effort with the federal government. This series contains Governor Holland's correspondence that reflects the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor. The series consists mainly of incoming and outgoing correspondence filed by general subject area, agency or organizational name, or county name.

S417

Florida. State Defense Council
Financial Ledgers, 1941-1945
5 volumes

Frederick P. Cone, Florida's 27th governor, created the State Defense Council in November 1940 to direct a concerted effort leading toward total war preparedness for Florida. It was comprised of twelve divisions: Industry and Material Resources, Labor and Personnel, Civil Protection, Fire Protection and Water Supply, Agriculture, Food, Health and Housing, Communications and Transportation, Power and Fuel, Finance and Budget, Home Community Service, and Information, Education and Morale. This series contains the Council's ledger books that document various financial activities. One ledger records orders and payments to the Council for county maps; the remaining four record payment of expenses incurred, including travel, office supplies and telephone and telegraph services.

S419*

Florida. State Defense Council
Subject Files, 1940-1946
31 cubic feet

This series contains State Defense Council subject files that provide information on the activities of the Council and its officers. Letters, publications, reports, resolutions, maps and charts from local, state and federal agencies detail defense issues affecting the council from its creation in 1940 to its dissolution after the war. Correspondence, conference proceedings and various publications represent all twelve divisions of the council and reveal the objectives and functions of defense projects in the state. The series also documents the military service and civilian defense activities of Florida women. A scrapbook entitled "Fore and Aft" details the collection of scrap metal in Florida during the war with newspaper clippings, photographs and newsletters. In

addition, a collection of maps marks the placement of dim-out lights in Florida by county.

S506

Florida. State Defense Council
Minutes, 1941-1945
.25 cubic foot

The series consists of the minutes of the State Defense Council from January 1941 through February 1944. The minutes document topics discussed, decisions made and actions taken by the council relating to the civil defense effort in Florida during World War II.

S1042

Florida. State Board of Conservation
Emergency Coordinator of Mines Herman Gunter
Records, 1935-1945
1 cubic foot

During World War II, the federal government ordered minerals such as phosphate, limestone, dolomite, gypsum and kaolin to be reserved for war use. To coordinate the production of these vital minerals, former State Geologist Herman Gunter was appointed Emergency Coordinator of Mines in 1941. This series primarily contains correspondence to and from Gunter before and during his time as Emergency Coordinator.

S1131

Florida. State Defense Council
Scrapbooks, 1941-1944
13 cubic feet

The series contains scrapbooks of newspaper clippings relating to the activities of the State Defense Council from April 1941 to July 1944.

S1205*

Florida. State Defense Council
Posters, 1942-1944
100 items

The series contains printed posters issued during the World War II by various federal agencies. The posters portray a variety of subjects, including conservation and rationing, espionage and counterespionage, war bonds, war production, health and the allies. Also included are the famous "Four Freedoms" posters by Norman Rockwell.

S1316

Florida. State Defense Council, Division of
Transportation and Communication
Florida Motorized Civil Unit Records, 1940-1943
1.25 cubic feet

Prior to U.S. involvement in the war, Guy H. Allen, the Tampa branch manager of American Oil Company, was worried that Florida's long coastline left it vulnerable to saboteur units and spies, so he created the Florida Motorcycle Corps in August 1940 under the sponsorship of local chambers of commerce. With the creation of the State Defense Council in 1941, the corps achieved official status as an escort for military truck convoys under the Council's Division of Transportation and Communication. However, wartime pressures on the "home guard" eventually took their toll as men dropped out to enroll in military service and as shortages of rubber and gasoline mounted. This series contains correspondence, organization files, memoranda, news clippings and county files of the Florida Motorized Civil Unit and later of the Subdivision of Motor Escort and Transportation. Also included are the papers of Guy Allen relating to the creation of this unit and his plans to build motorized cavalry units behind enemy lines.

S1420

Florida State Guard
Roster, 1941-1951
.5 cubic foot

The Florida Legislature established the Florida Defense Force, later called the Florida State Guard, in 1941 as a state funded military force to replace the National Guard if the federal government deployed it abroad. This series contains the roster of men who served in the Florida Defense Force and the Florida State Guard between 1941 and 1951. The information provided includes the serviceman's name, the place where he enlisted and the unit in which he served.

S1432

Florida. Military Department
World War II Casualty Card Files, 1950
1 cubic foot

This series contains cards that the Military Department assembled and used as a central file to track the military casualties from Florida during World War II. Each card has the name, rank and last known hometown of each casualty. Also included is how the service member died (i.e., battle death, sickness, accident, etc.), the location by theater of action (i.e., European, African, South Pacific, etc.), and the authority for listing the casualty. In addition, there is information about persons listed as missing or those confirmed as prisoners of war.

S1475

Florida Industrial Commission
War Manpower Commission Reports, 1943-1945
2.5 cubic feet

The Florida Industrial Commission served as the recruitment and placement service for vital war industries throughout

World War II. It divided the state into War Manpower Commission Administrative Areas headquartered in Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Panama City and Tampa, and Labor Market Areas in those cities, as well as in Gainesville, Key West, Lakeland, Pensacola and West Palm Beach. These offices reported to state and federal agencies regarding the demand, supply and availability of labor, actual and expected in-migration of labor, and the consequent effect on existing community facilities and training agencies. The reports in this series consist of State Director's reports, field operating reports from the Administrative Areas, labor market developments reports and demand and supply supplements from designated Labor Market Areas. Also included are 1943 labor market surveys for Pensacola and Gainesville.

S1476

Florida Industrial Commission
Reference Files, 1936-1953
4 cubic feet

This series contains reference files of the Florida Industrial Commission related to its Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service Divisions. Included are bulletins, reports and memoranda from the U.S. Social Security Board, U.S. Bureau of Employment Security, U.S. Employment Service, War Manpower Commission and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The unemployment compensation files document the development of the program in Florida and other states under the guidance of the U.S. Social Security Board's regulations. There are also conference reports and proceedings of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies. The labor files document labor markets, labor supply and wages during World War II at state, regional and national levels. Wage reports document the type of industries and wages in Florida after the war.

S1477

Florida Industrial Commission
Subject Files, 1937-1949
5 cubic feet

The series contains subject files that consist of bulletins, memoranda, correspondence, manuals and reports from the U.S. Social Security Board, U.S. Bureau of Employment Security, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the War Manpower Commission. The bulk of the materials are related to the operations of the Florida State Employment Service, the U.S. Employment Service and the War Manpower Commission. The series documents the mobilization of labor for defense industries.

Personal and Family Papers

M84-6

Tommon Tinney, Aviation Photographs, 1941-1945

13 photographs

This collection contains photographs of aviation activities during World War II. Photographs include Jim Fair flying several planes, including the B-17. Images depict planes on the ground and flying over Cape Canaveral, Florida and Panama.

M87-16*

Langford Family Papers, 1935-1945
1 folder

This collection contains items related to World War II including several ration cards and stamps, a news clipping advertising DDT and a 1945 postcard to a German POW in a camp near Jacksonville.

M87-39

F. Arlie Rhodes Papers, 1850-1980
3.25 cubic feet

F. Arlie Rhodes, a native of Woodville, Florida, served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946, spending 20 months of active service in the South Pacific. This collection contains correspondence, photographs, genealogical materials, newspaper clippings, cassette recordings and other items. Of interest are letters and items related to Rhodes' experience in World War II.

M99-3

World War II War Ration Books, 1943
3 items

These ration coupon booklets belonged to Dale Lawrence Canfield, Elaine R. Canfield, and Herbert H. Canfield of Rockledge, Florida. The United States Office of Price Administration issued the booklets, entitled "War Ration Book Four," in 1943.

N2003-5

Talmadge L. Buller World War II Reminiscences, 1999
29 pages

Talmadge L. Buller served as a Private First Class of Company C, 124th Infantry of the 31st Infantry Division during World War II. During his tour of duty, Buller fought in the Battle of Colgan Woods in the Philippine Islands in May 1945. This collection contains Buller's reminiscences of events during the battle, written in 1999. The paper provides a brief introduction and history of the battle, in which he argues that although there were heavy casualties, the battle itself was of no strategic value. The information Buller provides in his reminiscences comes from his own research, recollections and through conversations with fellow soldiers at reunions. Buller provides a detailed account of his fellow soldiers and officers and the difficult events they faced.

N2004-5

William Thomas Cash Papers, 1918-1951 (bulk 1936-1947)
2.25 cubic feet

William Thomas Cash was Florida's first State Librarian, appointed in 1927. This collection contains personal correspondence, articles on Florida history, financial papers and news clippings that Cash accumulated and wrote while he was State Librarian. Most of the materials date from the Great Depression and World War II and document ways in which the Library Board and Cash dealt with financial difficulties during this time.

N2004-6

Craig Mills Papers, 1935-2002
8 cubic feet

Barber Craig Mills was a highly decorated U.S. Army Officer with the 771st Tank Battalion during World War II, which fought in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. This collection contains correspondence, news clippings, subject files and photographs documenting Mills' career as an educator, soldier, state employee, consultant and public speaker. Included are letters from his brother, E.S. (Gene) Mills, Jr., who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during the 1940s, and letters from various soldiers of the 771st Tank Battalion and their families. Other materials of interest include presentations, photographs, correspondence and clippings of Mills' career as a soldier in World War II; and materials related to the history of the 771st Tank Battalion.

N2004-13

World War II Posters, 1944-1945
3 items

This series contains printed posters that various federal agencies issued during the Second World War. The posters portray a variety of subjects, including conservation and rationing, espionage and counterespionage, war bonds, war production, health and the allies.

N2006-1

William Paul Shelley Papers, 1914-2007
4.5 cubic feet

William Paul Shelley, Jr., born in 1914, in Liberty County, Florida, entered the U.S. Army on active duty as a 1st Lt. assigned to Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on January 13, 1942. He was later assigned to the 77th Infantry Division, 306th Field Artillery Battalion and served in the Pacific Theatre throughout World War II. During his active duty service, Shelley obtained the ranks of Captain and Major. After the war, Shelley had a long career in politics and law. This collection contains business, personal, political and

military records documenting the life, careers and activities of Shelley and his wife, Erin Clark Shelley. There is correspondence from Shelley to his parents while he was serving in World War II that provides insight into his career in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps, and the photographs include images of Shelley during World War II.

N2007-4

World War II Memoir of Navy Cross Recipient Dale M. Leslie, 1942
1 compact disk

Dale M. Leslie was a native of Madison County, Florida. Leslie entered Naval aviation training in May 1941 after attending college. He selected the U.S. Marine Corps as the service in which to take his commission and flew dive bomber and fighter aircraft in the Pacific campaigns. On September 27, 1942, Leslie provided close air support to a Marine unit trapped by a significantly larger Japanese force and supervised the retrieval of every Marine of the infantry unit. For his actions, Leslie earned the Navy Cross, the nation's second-most senior decoration for valor in combat. This collection consists of an audio recording and photographs relating to Dale M. Leslie's combat activities during World War II. The recording is of Leslie's address to the Men's Methodist Fellowship in Madison on November 2, 1962 in which he recounts the actions for which he earned the Navy Cross and relates his adventures after being shot down in the air battles for Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 1942. The photographs include images of Colonel Leslie and some of his squadron mates.

N2008-11

Byrd, Bernard, Bradford, Taylor and Tilden Family Papers, ca. 1918-2000
1 cubic foot

The Byrd, Bernard, Bradford, Taylor and Tilden families came to Leon County, Florida, in the early 1800s and eventually became linked through marriage. This collection contains letters, photographs, business records and other papers documenting these families over much of the 20th century. Among the papers are World War II ration booklets for the Taylor family; Robert Taylor's World War II military identification card; correspondence from the Office of Price Administration regarding the rationing of items at the Byrd family grocery store; and mileage ration identification folders, weekly operations reports and tire inspection reports for the Byrd grocery store vehicles.

N2012-1*

Beatrice Swain Szumanski, Riddle Field Pilot Training Papers, ca. 1943-1945
.10 cubic foot

Riddle Field, near Clewiston, Florida, was used for training U.S. Army Air Corps/Army Air Forces cadets and British Royal Air Force cadets during World War II. This collection contains photographs and papers from Beatrice Swain Szumanski's time assisting at Riddle Field for British Royal Air Force cadet pilot training. Included are group photographs of graduating classes (Course 17, Course 19 and Course 22); a group photo of instructors and officers; images of RAF cadet Alan Davidson in the cockpit and with Swain; a certificate of appreciation for her assistance "to the British Mission in North America;" and an invitation to the graduation ceremony for the cadets of Course 23 on June 16, 1945.

N2013-1

Charles E. Tribble Papers, 1940-1956, bulk 1942-1945
3 cubic feet

In 1942, Dr. Charles Emerson Tribble of DeLand received a Lieutenant Commander's commission in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve and served as a surgeon until 1945. After several shore station assignments in Florida, he transferred to hospital operations in various locations of the South Pacific in 1943. He later transferred to the hospital ship USS *Solace* (AH-5) in 1944. While aboard the *Solace*, Dr. Tribble cared for victims of the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa in 1945. This collection documents the life and career of Dr. Charles E. Tribble. The collection also contains Navy orders and routine correspondence providing a general outline of Dr. Tribble's experiences with the Navy.

N2014-11*

Michael J. Drake, Sarasota County Aviation Collection, ca. 1910-1950
1 cubic foot

Michael J. Drake was a historian of historic airports and aviation activities in southwest Florida. This collection consists of Drake's accumulated research materials and includes photocopies of news clippings, military reports, photographs, ephemera and correspondence. Much of the collection documents the history of airports around Sarasota and Arcadia, including the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, which was known as Sarasota Army Air Field during World War II. The bulk of the material pertains to military aviation. Some correspondence dates from the 1930s and 1940s and documents the actions of military personnel, but most of the letters are between Drake and former military members who shared their stories and sometimes photographs and documents with him. The collection also includes three rolls of microfilm containing declassified photographs, reports and other records from Sarasota Army Air Field, and three films with footage of Sarasota Army Air Field featuring personnel and training activities during its final year as a military facility in 1945.

N2016-3

Saulson Family Papers, 1943-circa 2000s, bulk 1940s
1 folder, 2 compact disks

During World War II, William Feiven Saulson served in the United States Army Air Corps as a bomber pilot assigned to the 301st Bomber Group 419th Squadron. He became a highly decorated veteran. His wife, Lila Mae, worked as an American Red Cross volunteer at veterans' hospitals. This collection contains scans of the daily letters exchanged between Saulson and his wife during World War II, as well as a copy of the certificate given to William listing his military awards and Bronze Service Stars.

N2017-92

Claude Pepper Letters and Transcripts, 1941, 1950
1 folder

Claude Pepper was a Congressman from Florida. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1936 to 1951, and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1963 until 1989. This collection includes three transcripts of Senator Pepper's radio addresses, dated January 22, January 25 and January 26, 1941, that are about Pepper's public feelings towards World War II and democracy. One letter is from William Thomas Cash dated February 1, 1941, regarding the speech transcripts. The second letter, dated March 11, 1950, is to Dr. Dorothy Dodd regarding Pepper's support of the State Library and Dr. Dodd's efforts and assistance in his campaign for re-election.

N2017-146

William Russell O'Neal Papers, 1924, 1940-1945
1 cubic foot

William Russell O'Neal settled in Orlando, Florida in 1886. There he was the author of two local newspaper columns, "The Observer" and "Memoirs of a Pioneer," for the Orlando Sentinel-Star. These columns covered a variety of topics, such as the early development of the city of Orlando and its buildings, people and events. He also discussed daily events

on a local level and worldwide events during World War II, giving insight into what was happening on the home front during the war. This collection contains typescripts of O'Neal's newspaper columns between the years 1940 and 1945. Filed with the typescripts are various letters, postcards and other correspondence from readers of his columns.

N2018-10

John Kent Folsom Papers, 1941-1947, bulk 1943
1 cubic foot

John Kent Folsom was a veteran of the Second World War and a Tallahassee-based lawyer. Registering for the Army in 1942, he trained at Camp Crowder in Missouri, Camp Murphy in Florida and Camp Davis in North Carolina. Servicemen at the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center at Camp Crowder specialized in communication trades, serving as wiremen, radio operators, message center men, clerks, cooks and aircraft warning technicians. Folsom trained in radio before switching to telephone. This collection contains correspondence sent to Folsom during his training, photographs and other personal records. The papers provide valuable documentation of a segment of North Florida culture during the war.

N2018-22

George Leroy Chamberlin Scrapbook, 1940-1942
1 volume

George Leroy Chamberlin served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1940 to 1945. Though he started his army career in the Panama Canal Zone, Chamberlin also served at Eglin Airfield and Fort Walton Beach in Florida and at Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. Chamberlin prepared this scrapbook to memorialize his early years of military service prior to and during World War II. It includes news clippings, cards, letters, photographs and other mementos. Chamberlin includes descriptors throughout the scrapbook to provide more context. The scrapbook gives a concise glimpse into the life of a soldier in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Post-World War II Conflicts, 1950 to the Present

World War II was unfortunately not the last major war in which the United States was involved. Since the mid-20th century, the U.S. military has seen action in the Korean War (1950 to 1953), the Vietnam War (1954 to 1975), the Persian Gulf War (1990 to 1991), the War on Terrorism (2001 to the present), Afghan War (2001 to the present), the Iraq War (2003 to 2011) and the Iraqi conflict (2003 to the present). As before, hundreds of thousands of Floridians answered the calls to action, an unequalled act of sacrifice that changed lives abroad and at home.

The State Archives of Florida has limited relevant material within our collections. The government records series and manuscript collections listed below are suggestions for research and may provide documentation of the military and home front experiences at the time.



First Lieutenant Robert Bruce Graetz standing beside a destroyed Iraqi anti-aircraft gun approximately 30 miles inside southern Iraq.



Air Force General Daniel "Chappie" James.

Korean War, 1950-1953

The Korean War was a conflict between the communist government of North Korea, aided by China and the Soviet Union, and South Korea, aided by the United Nations but primarily the United States. The war began when the North Korean military crossed the border into South Korea, which the U.N. denounced as an invasion. More than 294,000 Floridians wore the uniform of the armed forces of the United States during the three-year war.

S235

Florida. Governor Fuller Warren
Correspondence, 1949-1953
52.5 cubic feet

This series contains the correspondence of Governor Fuller Warren that reflects the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor. The series consists

mainly of incoming and outgoing correspondence filed by general subject area, agency or organizational name, or county name, including several folders relating to civil defense, Florida's Military Department (now the Department of Military Affairs) and veterans.

N2012-5

Albert Trull Papers, 1952-1999

.5 cubic foot

Dr. Albert Trull, Jr. was a prominent architect and civic figure in Tallahassee, Florida in the late 20th century. This collection

of his papers and books includes his thesis and doctoral dissertation as well as an October-November 1952 yearbook of the Fort Belvoir Engineer Replacement Training Center, where Trull was stationed during his Korean War service (2nd Training Company).

Vietnam War, 1954-1975

The Vietnam War and active U.S. involvement began in 1954, although it was part of a larger regional conflict that stretched back several decades. The conflict was between the communist government of North Vietnam, supported by China and the Soviet Union, and the government of South Vietnam, whose primary ally was the United States. After providing political and financial support to South Vietnam for several years and sending thousands of military advisors who at times engaged in covert operations, the U.S. provided active combat units beginning in 1965, including 386,000 Florida residents. The U.S. withdrew its forces in 1973 when the cost and casualties of the war proved too much, and in 1975 South Vietnam fell to the North.

S131

Florida. Governor W. Haydon Burns

Correspondence, 1965-1967

34 cubic feet

This series contains Governor W. Haydon Burns' official correspondence that reflects the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor. The series consists mainly of incoming and outgoing correspondence filed by general subject area, agency or organizational name, or county name, including a number of folders regarding Vietnam, the military and veterans.

Vietnam War casualties from the beginning to the end of the conflict. The releases were issued daily or every few days and listed casualties by branch of service and then by state. The casualty categories include died due to hostile action, died not due to hostile action, missing due to hostile action and missing not due to hostile action. The releases also contain the name and addresses of the casualties' next-of-kin.

M73-5

United Service Organizations (Vietnam)

Registry of Florida Servicemen Visiting the Saigon U.S.O., 1968-1973

1 volume (1 microfilm reel)

Established in 1941, the United Service Organization (USO) is a congressionally chartered, private organization of non-profit service associations that support active military members and their families, primarily by boosting the morale of troops through social centers. The first USO center to open during the Vietnam War was in Saigon, South Vietnam, in April 1963. This collection contains the USO registry for its Saigon center that documents visiting Florida servicemen from December 16, 1968, to January 19, 1973. It contains the name, date of visit, serial number, military and home address of each visitor.

S923

Florida. Governor Claude R. Kirk

Correspondence, 1967-1971

65 cubic feet

This series contains Governor Claude Kirk's official correspondence that reflects the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of the Governor. The series consists mainly of incoming and outgoing correspondence filed by general subject area, agency or organizational name, or county name, including a number of folders regarding Vietnam, the military and veterans. The records are complete for 1967, but there are large gaps in the series from 1968 to 1970.

N2015-3

Meginniss Family Papers, ca. 1887-1998

3 cubic feet

This collection primarily consists of Mary Meginniss Harris' personal papers that document her life in Tallahassee, Florida. It also includes a series of letters from her son, Joseph Richard Harris Jr., who served during the Vietnam War and died at Tay Ninh on April 8, 1972. He wrote the letters to Mary during his military service.

S1169

Florida. Department of Military Affairs

Vietnam Casualty Records, 1961-1973

4 microfilm reels

This series consists of news releases from the United States Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) that list

Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991

In August 1990, the armed forces of Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait over oil disputes. The United States, leading a coalition of United Nations forces, began a military mission to protect Saudi Arabia from a similar fate at the hands of the Iraqi forces now arrayed upon its border with Kuwait. After several months of diplomatic confrontation, the U.N. passed several resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait and authorizing the use of force to secure that objective. Shortly after the adoption of these resolutions the U.S. Congress authorized the use of American forces to implement the United Nations' demands. More than 650,000 U.S. service members served in in the Gulf War, including several units from the Florida Army and Air Force National Guard.

S1336

Florida. Governor Bob Martinez
Speech Files, 1987-1990
7 cubic feet

This series consists of the speeches of Governor Bob Martinez from January 1987 to December 1990. The speeches reflect the Governor's position on important issues and programs. The series also includes copies of Martinez's weekly column titled, OUTLOOK.

S1337

Florida. Governor Bob Martinez
Press Files, 1986-1991
6 cubic feet

This series contains the press releases issued by Governor Martinez's press office from November 1986 to January 1991. The series also includes indexes that list the press release titles by date.

S1465

Florida. Department of Military Affairs
Oral History of Florida National Guard Units, 1990-1991
10 audiotapes

This series contains interviews with members of Florida's National Guard as they recount their thoughts and actions while on active duty in support of operations against Iraq. Unit Commanding Officers, First Sergeants and senior enlisted personnel provide the highlights of those experiences that relate to the position each person held in the activated units. The format is a question and answer with emphasis on the relations among the various levels of military professionalism, i.e. Regular (active duty), Reserve and National Guard in the U. S. Army forces in theater and prior to the deployment of these units from the U.S. Not all the Florida units activated for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm are represented in this series.

S1946

Florida. Governor Lawton M. Chiles
Subject Files, 1991-1998
20 cubic feet

This series consists of legislative budget requests and amendments, workpapers and documentation used in analytical recommendations, records relating to major issues facing the governor, and incoming and outgoing correspondence and memoranda. Among the materials are records related to Operation Desert Storm such as news and correspondence regarding troops overseas.

War on Terrorism, 2001-present; Afghan War, 2001-present; the Iraq War, 2003-2011; and the Iraqi conflict, 2003-present

Launched after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were part of the larger Global War on Terrorism, an international military campaign led by the United States against radical extremist terror organizations worldwide. Although the War on Terrorism is not a war in the traditional sense, military troops have been actively engaged in combat and non-combat roles since its beginning, making it the longest war in U.S. history. The War in Afghanistan began in October 2001 with the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan; it officially ended in December 2014, but several thousand troops remain in the region. The Iraq War began in March 2003 when U.S. and coalition forces invaded Iraq and it ended in December 2011.

S2102

Florida. Governor Jeb Bush
Public Relations and Outreach Files, 1998-2006 (bulk 2002-2006)
31.1 megabytes (636 files, 32 folders)

This series documents the Bush administration's planning for, or public response to, a wide variety of special events and occurrences. Included in the series are letters to families of Florida military service personnel killed in Iraq or Afghanistan,

and reports providing basic background information on these individuals, including relation to Florida, cause of death, age, names and addresses of next of kin and additional background information (e.g., unit, where trained, etc.).

S2103

Florida. Governor Jeb Bush
Weekly Newsletters, 2001-2006
43.5 megabytes (303 files)

This series consists of weekly issues of "In the News," a newsletter issued by the Executive Office of the Governor "to provide [readers] with highlights about issues, activities, and priorities important to Governor Bush's administration." Typical issues include information about major events (e.g., the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, hurricanes and disaster relief, etc.); information about the Governor's programs, priorities and initiatives (e.g., support for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, utilizing technology for e-government services, etc.) and lists of press releases and selected newspaper articles.

S2113

Florida. Governor Jeb Bush
Press Office Photographs, 2001-2006
1.97 gigabytes (1,630 files, 38 folders)

This series consists of digital photographs maintained by the Governor's Press Office to document public events and activities in which Governor Bush participated, appeared or had an interest, including bill signings, ceremonial events and observances, meetings, etc. Included are photos taken during an April 2006 visit to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan during the

Iraq War by a delegation of governors including Governor Bush.

S2116

Florida. Governor Jeb Bush
Media and Internet Broadcasts, 1999-2006
1.88 gigabytes (51 files, 2 folders)

This series consists of television, radio and internet broadcasts documenting Governor Bush's participation in a variety of public activities and settings, including inaugural addresses; State of the State speeches to the legislature; press conferences, including those focusing on budget recommendations and signings; and news broadcasts. The segments reflect the Bush administration's interest in and viewpoints concerning a wide variety of policy areas and issues, among them troop morale in Iraq during the Iraq war.

S2192

WFSU-TV (Television Station: Tallahassee, Fla.)
Florida Government Affairs Broadcast Audio and Video Recordings, 1976-2003
3524 audio tapes, 796 video tapes, 146 compact disks

WFSU provides public radio and television service to the wider Tallahassee area. This series contains audio and video recordings of government affairs programs as well as local and statewide news programs broadcast by WFSU. Also included are recordings of call-in shows with the governor, inaugurations, openings of the Legislature and other events and activities. Of interest are two recordings (Tapes 606 and 607) of the Perspectives program with discussion on the War in Iraq.

Appendix A – Civil War Collections

M72-11*

Albert S. Chalker Letters, 1864-1865
12 items

This collection contains letters between Albert Chalker and his sweetheart, Martha Ann Bardin, written while Chalker served in the Confederate Army. The correspondence mainly concerns Chalker's wartime experience at Baldwin in Duval County, his involvement in the Battle of Natural Bridge, and his affections for Bardin. Also included are two letters from Bardin to Chalker, and a certification of enlistment of William Sims Bardin, Martha's father, into Colonel Arthur Roberts' Company of Lake City.

M73-15

West Family Papers, 1827-1881
1 microfilm reel

Dr. Theophilus West enlisted in the 8th Florida Infantry of the Confederate States Army and was appointed assistant surgeon. He accompanied his regiment to Northern Virginia, where he served out the war. This collection contains various papers of the West family of Jackson County, including deeds, land grants, tax notices, seizure of property notices and a confederate bond. Of interest is an 1863 Civil War letter from Dr. Theophilus West, at a camp near Brandy Station in Virginia, to his sister in Marianna.

M74-70

Green A. Chaires Papers, 1865-1866
2 items

This collection contains the 1865 pardon and amnesty for Green A. Chaires' participation in the Civil War, signed by President Andrew Johnson. It also includes an 1866 letter to Chaires from Jefferson Davis, in prison at Fort Monroe, Virginia, thanking Chaires for his offer to send Davis money for his comfort.

M75-86*

Randolph Family Papers, 1820-1978
2 cubic feet

The collection contains papers of the Randolph family of Leon County, Florida. The correspondence includes letters from Thomas Easton and William Duval Randolph to their family while serving in Pensacola during the Civil War. There is also a transcript of Dr. Arthur Moray Randolph's diary describing his journey to Virginia from Florida to tend to his dying son in a Civil War hospital, as well as some genealogical materials.

M75-89

George W. Messer Papers, 1861-1908
4 items

George W. Messer of Dellwood, Florida, served in Company D of the 17th Regiment of the Georgia Volunteers (Decatur Guards) during the Civil War. This collection contains Messer's personal papers, most of which relate to his service in the Civil War. Included is a certification of his membership in the Decatur Guards, a muster roll of the Decatur Guards, and a copy of his parole from the Army of Northern Virginia.

M76-131

United Daughters of the Confederacy. Anna Jackson Chapter No. 224 (Tallahassee, Fla.)
Records, 1862-1865, 1898-2016
25.75 cubic feet

Records of the Anna Jackson Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Tallahassee, Florida, include correspondence, minutes, organizational papers, subject files, programs, membership lists and yearbooks. The original Civil War material includes an 1862 diary of David E. Coombs describing operations around Charleston, South Carolina; various letters; and a journal by John David Cay while he was a prisoner at Point Lookout in Delaware. The records also include post-war correspondence and reports regarding wartime actions.

M76-134*

Joshua Hoyet Frier Memoirs, 1895-1903
.25 cubic foot

In 1864, Joshua Hoyet Frier enrolled in a Florida militia company that eventually became the 1st Florida Reserves, Company B. The collection contains a photocopy of Frier's journal of reminiscences entitled "Reminiscences of the War Between the States by a Boy in the Far South at Home and in the Rank of the Confederate Militia." Frier's memoirs vividly describe the period immediately before and during the Civil War and document his service in the 1st Florida Reserves, portraying the everyday life of the common Confederate soldier. His narrative closes shortly before the Confederate surrender in May 1865.

M76-139*

Robert Watson Diary, 1861-1865
.25 cubic foot

In September 1861, Robert Watson enrolled in a Florida "Coast Guard" company at Cedar Key, which mustered into Confederate service as Company K, 7th Florida Infantry

Regiment in 1862. Watson's company remained along Florida's west coast until late June, when it joined the Confederate Army in Tennessee. Watson continued to serve in various places throughout the south until the end of the war. This collection contains Watson's Civil War diary, which documents his service in the 7th Florida Infantry Regiment and in the Confederate Navy. It is arguably the most detailed and complete diary kept by a Floridian during the Civil War, and it is certainly unique in documenting the activities of a Floridian who served in the Confederate States Navy.

M82-55

Duncan Galleries, Confederate Soldiers Photographs, 1861

2 photographs

This collection contains two photographs of Company B of the 9th Mississippi of New Orleans in a camp at the Warrington Navy Yard at Big Bayou in Pensacola, Florida, on April 21, 1861. The photographs are some of the earliest known Confederate subjects in Florida.

M83-5

Washington Waters Letters, 1863-1864

1 folder

In 1863, Washington Waters enlisted in the Confederate Army, where he served in Company C, 4th Florida Battalion of Infantry. The 4th Florida fought in Virginia in 1864, and on August 4 of that year, Waters was hospitalized in Richmond, where he died a few days later. The collection contains transcripts of two of Waters' letters to his wife that he wrote while in Marianna, Florida. Waters writes of his health and diet, poor medical attention, hopes for a furlough, and the treatment he received after being absent without leave. He devotes much of the letters to advising his wife on running the farm and selling goods.

M87-6

Roderick Gospero Shaw Letters, 1861-1864

14 items

Roderick and his brother James Shaw served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. This collection contains letters that the brothers wrote, primarily to their sister in Quincy, Florida, during their service. The correspondence begins with the service of Roderick around Pensacola in 1861. Included throughout is information on military activities and family matters. The last letter in the collection is an unfinished one that Roderick started on the eve of his death in battle. Other materials describe Roderick's death and burial, while a single letter from James in Winchester (Virginia?) describes regional military affairs and camp news.

M87-19

Patrick Augustus McGriff Letters, 1861-1864

.25 cubic foot

Patrick Augustus McGriff served in the 5th and 12th Regiments of the Georgia Militia from March 1864 to the end of the war. The collection contains McGriff's letters written while he was serving in the Georgia Militia that detail military, social and economic matters. The collection also contains an undated speech in which McGriff discusses the course of the war against "an arrogant and self-reliant foe" and calls for increased aid for soldiers' families. In addition, there are letters from two other Confederate soldiers, including one that contains some information about military activities in Florida during the period.

M87-35

Council A. Bryan Papers, 1862-1902

.25 cubic foot, 1 volume

In February 1862, Council A. Bryan, the Clerk of Court of Leon County, enrolled in the Trapier Guards, which eventually became Company C of the 5th Florida Infantry. The materials in this collection deal primarily with Bryan's Confederate service. In correspondence with his wife, he often comments on the condition of the men in his company and his concern for his brother and his wife. He also writes of military activities and campaigns. The collection also includes a casualty list of the Florida Brigade for the 1864 Wilderness Campaign and a Confederate Veterans pamphlet.

M87-36

Palmer Family Letters, 1856-1915

.25 cubic foot

In 1862, Samuel Augustus Palmer enlisted in Company H, 3rd Florida Infantry Regiment, and spent much of his military career either on the sick list or serving as a clerk or nurse. Union troops captured him in 1864 near Nashville and imprisoned him until the end of the war, when he returned to Monticello. The Palmer family papers contain correspondence from pre-Civil War, Civil War and post-war eras. In the Civil War letters, Palmer writes about his own health, his concern for his family and business, his desire to return home, and the military situation in the area.

M87-37

Hanna Family Papers, 1856-1875

.25 cubic foot

The Hanna family lived in Gadsden County, Florida. Brothers Calvin and Hamilton were both Confederate soldiers in Company B, 8th Florida Infantry Regiment. Hamilton died in August 1862 at the Second Battle of Manassas while Calvin remained in service until the end of the war. This collection documents the Hanna family primarily through letters to and

from Calvin and Hamilton. The correspondence contains information on local activities, farm and family news, and military matters. In addition, there are some legal and military documents.

M88-1

Stone Family Papers, 1827-1959
3 cubic feet

The Stone family lived in Calhoun County, Florida. This collection contains materials related to the Stone, Compton and Godwin families and other families in Jackson and Calhoun counties. The records include correspondence, diaries, photographs, financial papers and land records. The collection also contains Civil War materials relating to Daniel Hall of the 6th Florida Infantry and Thomas A. Godwin of Company H, 1st Florida Infantry, including correspondence and a receipt for Confederate tax. The correspondence relates to furloughs and several deaths during the Civil War.

M88-3

Francis Rinaldo Nicks Letters, 1863-1864
2 items

Francis Rinaldo Nicks served in Company C, 3rd Florida Infantry Regiment throughout the war, although he was often absent from his unit due to illness. This collection contains two letters of Francis Nicks. The first letter, written in Tullahoma, Tennessee, on March 9, 1863, describes the weather, living conditions, military activities, Nicks' hopes for a furlough and his thoughts on the outcome of the war. Nicks wrote the second letter in Brooksville, Florida, in July 1864 to Captain Walter Terry Saxon. In this letter, Nicks describes his recent illness and inability to return to his unit until he is well.

M88-18

David Lang Letters, 1862-1864
.25 cubic foot

At the outbreak of the Civil War, David Lang joined the 1st Florida Infantry Regiment. He organized and was elected captain of a new company that became Company C of the 8th Florida Infantry Regiment. Upon the illness of Edward A. Perry, Lang temporarily commanded the entire Florida Brigade. He served with the Brigade until the end of the war, surrendering at Appomattox in April 1865. This collection consists of 14 letters Lang wrote during the Civil War to his cousin, Elizabeth Atkinson, of Marietta, which describe his experiences in camp and battle.

M88-21

William Tennent Stockton Papers, 1845-1869
1.25 cubic feet

Originally from Pennsylvania, William Stockton served in Florida during the Second Seminole War, then settled in

Quincy. In January 1861, Stockton offered his services and those of a Quincy cavalry company, the Gadsden Dragoons, to the state. In July 1861, Stockton received a commission as a major in the 1st Florida Cavalry, with which he served in the western theater of the war from 1862 to 1863. While in Chattanooga, Stockton was captured by Union forces and spent the remainder of the war in Johnson Island Prison, Ohio. Released in July 1865, Stockton returned to Quincy. This collection consists of letters, primarily between Stockton and his wife, newspaper clippings relating to the family, Stockton's military commission and other records.

M88-45

Washington Ives Diary, 1860-1862
.25 cubic foot

Washington Mackey Ives enlisted into the 4th Florida Infantry Regiment in the spring of 1862 and served in that unit for the rest of the Civil War, rising to the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major. The collection contains a photocopy of Ives' personal diary that details his activities from March 1860 until May 1862. The entries contain information on his hunting, fishing, schooling in Jacksonville, local activities of vigilantes, militia duties, movements of troops and formation of various units for service in the Confederate Army, and early engagements between Northern and Southern forces near Jacksonville.

M88-57

Thomas J. Clark Papers, 1862-1864
7 items

Thomas J. Clark enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862 in Company H, 5th Florida Infantry Regiment. At the Battle of Antietam, Clark was severely wounded and evacuated to a nearby military hospital, where Union forces captured and later paroled him, but he died there in mid-November. This collection consists of photocopies of Clark's letters to his wife between June and September 1862, sharing general camp news, comments about his concern and affection for his wife, a brief description of the Second Battle of Manassas and the beginning of the Confederate invasion of Maryland. There is also a later letter to Martha describing Thomas' death. The collection also contains a poem written by Thomas Clark, entitled "A Soldier's Life," and an 1864 letter from Thomas' brother to Martha in which he describes activities in Florida following the Battle of Olustee.

M88-71

United Confederate Veterans, Florida Division Records, 1861-1865, 1887-1928
.50 cubic foot

The Florida Division of the United Confederate Veterans formed in 1891 as a social, literary, historical and benevolent organization. This collection consists of records pertaining to the No. 1 Brigade of the Florida Division and Camp Ward No.

10 in Pensacola. The collection also includes several photocopied Civil War letters: 11 letters by Samuel House, who served in a Tennessee artillery unit, and 30 letters from Thomas T. Bigbie of the 33rd Alabama Infantry Regiment.

M88-74

Chapman Family Papers, 1858-1883
1 folder

In May 1862, Giles P. Chapman enlisted in the Marion Dragoons, which later became Company C, 2nd Florida Cavalry Regiment. He was discharged for disability in December of that year and died in November 1863 from measles complications. This collection contains photocopies of 10 letters of the Chapman family, including pre-war letters between Giles Chapman and his parents, wartime letters from Chapman to his wife, and several letters written after Giles' death between his widow and his father. The collection also includes a copy of a special order for Giles, dated 1865. The wartime letters document military activities in east Florida, including the areas of Jacksonville and Palatka.

M89-22

William D. Rogers Letters, 1862-1865
14 items

William D. Rogers of Milton, Florida, enrolled in Company K of the 1st Florida Infantry on May 31, 1861, and served in various other Florida units until November 17, 1864, when federal forces captured him and his brother John at Pine Barren, Florida. They were imprisoned at Ship Island, Mississippi, where William died on March 8, 1865. This collection contains photocopies of 12 letters written by William D. Rogers during the Civil War that document camp life and military operations. Rogers describes the retreat from Corinth, Mississippi following the April 1862 Battle of Shiloh, and the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee (December 1862-January 1863). One of the letters is from Ship Island shortly before Rogers' death. Also included are two photographs of the brothers in their military uniforms.

M90-5

R.H. Tate Letters, 1864
8 items

Robert Henry Tate was from Hall County, Georgia. Shortly after his marriage to Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cantrell on February 14, 1864, Tate left to serve as a member of the E Company, 2nd Florida Infantry. This collection consists of photocopies of eight letters that Tate wrote to his wife. The letters, written between March 29, 1864, and September 3, 1864, document Tate's wartime experiences and seem to indicate that Tate was in action around the Wilderness, Petersburg, and Richmond.

M91-10

Lewis G. Schmidt Research Files
6 cubic feet

Lewis G. Schmidt was a Civil War historian and author. This collection consists of his research materials and includes photocopies of newspaper clippings; Civil War soldiers' diaries, memoirs and letters; and maps and illustrations. These records document military operations throughout the state, including those at Pensacola, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Fernandina, Key West and Ft. Jefferson. There is also information on the naval blockade of Florida and on the battles of Santa Rosa Island, Olustee, Marianna and Natural Bridge.

M92-1*

Call and Brevard Family Papers, 1788-1925
6 cubic feet (27 microfilm reels; 33 compact disks)

This collection contains various records of Richard Keith Call and his family, and Theodore Washington Brevard and his family in Leon County, Florida. The records provide documentation of Florida's territorial, early statehood and Civil War history, issues and attitudes concerning slavery and race, and the effects of the Civil War on the lives of planters of the Old South. Notable among the Call papers are Call's writings regarding slavery and race, secession, the Union and the Civil War, and Ellen Call Long's Civil War diary in which she discusses the progress and conclusion of the war and the assassination of President Lincoln. In the Brevard Family Papers, there is correspondence during and after the Civil War, including many letters from T. W. Brevard written from Confederate camps and the battlefield.

M92-2

J.T. (Jesse Talbot) Bernard Papers, 1842-1949
.25 cubic foot

In 1861, Jesse Talbot Bernard entered the Provisional Army of the Confederacy and was later appointed Captain and Assistant Quartermaster for the 8th Florida Infantry Regiment. He served in that capacity until his assignment to General Robert E. Lee's staff, where he remained until the end of the war. This collection contains journals, letters, photographs and reminiscences of Bernard and his family. Most of the letters are from Bernard to his family and wife in Florida and give some account of the nature of Bernard's service during the war and conditions in the theater of operations in Virginia and Maryland. There is also a transcription of Bernard's "Journal Six" that covers 1856-1861, 1883-1884 and 1891.

M94-3

Andrew Denham Civil War Pardon 1865

1 item

At the close of the Civil War, President Andrew Johnson issued a Reconstruction Proclamation on May 29, 1865. Among the subjects included was the dispensing, upon petition, of personal pardons to former Confederate military and civil officers. Andrew Denham received this pardon for his activities as a civil officer of the Confederate States. This is the original document granting a personal pardon to Andrew Denham. It sets forth the conditions of issuance and acceptance as well as the date of issue.

M96-11

A.B. Noyes Letterbook, 1864-1867

1 volume

Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, A.B. Noyes served as the United States customs officer at St. Mark's in Wakulla County, Florida. When Florida seceded, he joined the Confederate Coast Guard. He subsequently took a commission as a major in the Confederate Army and was assigned as the chief subsistence officer of the Second District of the Military District of Florida. This letterbook documents the communications between Noyes in Tallahassee and the officers under his command, the other subsistence officers in Florida, as well as his superiors. The last third of the volume contains some of Noyes's correspondence following the war and is mostly from St. Marks.

M96-18

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Florida Division Scrapbooks, 1900-1935

12 volumes

United Daughters of the Confederacy members collected information regarding the activities of the people of the South during the Civil War as soldiers, families, enslaved people, civilian war workers and as victims of the effects of total war. Some of the early volumes of this collection contain veterans' accounts from all the theaters where Florida troops fought. As the years advance there are retellings of these accounts by historians as well as second-hand accounts by descendants of those who experienced the war. Also included are many essays on the history, myths, politics, symbols and other facets of the entire experience of the southern wartime experience.

M97-20*

William McLeod Civil War Pocket Diary, 1864-1865

1 volume

In March 1862, William McLeod enlisted as a private in Company B of the 7th Florida Infantry Regiment that served in Florida until mid-1862, when it was sent to Chattanooga,

Tennessee. McLeod's diary describes his experiences as a Confederate soldier. The diary begins during the Atlanta Campaign and describes day-to-day siege warfare and the various engagements in which he was involved, including the Battles of Peachtree Creek, Atlanta and Jonesboro. The diary concludes in the aftermath of the Confederate defeat at Nashville, documenting the withdrawal into Mississippi, McLeod's furlough on January 23, 1865, and his subsequent railroad trip into Alabama and Georgia.

N2000-22

McKeown and Mayo Family Letters, 1853-1863

.25 cubic foot

The McKeown and Mayo families were wealthy labor farm owners and prominent figures in Hernando County in the early 1850s. This collection contains letters by various members of the McKeown and Mayo families. The last four letters give some detail of McKeown brothers' service in the Civil War.

N2002-4

Seaborn D. Harris Civil War Records, 1861-1862

1 folder

Seaborn Harris joined the 4th Florida Infantry, Company I on September 25, 1861. He served first as sergeant and later as First Lieutenant. He was killed in action at the Battle of Stones River/Murfreesboro on January 2, 1862. This series contains Harris's military records including requisitions, muster roll cards and a letter to his brother on May 3, 1862 describing conditions in Jacksonville, Florida. There are also some excerpts from the Harris family history and a photograph portrait of Harris.

N2006-12*

Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home Admission Application Records, 1908-1929

1 cubic foot

The Florida Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home began in April 1893 to support aging Confederate veterans, and it remained in operation until 1938 when the last resident died. This collection consists of applications for admission to the Home, including a small amount of supporting documentation attesting to the veracity of the applicant's claim. Applications provide information about each applicant's current residence, medical condition and their Civil War service, including such information as unit, dates served and wounds incurred/cause of disability.

N2010-7

David W. Hartman Correspondence and Research Materials, 1861-1994
1 cubic foot

This collection contains correspondence and research materials sent to David W. Hartman from descendants of Florida's Confederate and Union veterans for a published compilation. The correspondence generally discusses the name of the ancestor, date of service, rank, names of units, birth and death dates, and if the ancestor was wounded or a prisoner of war. Background materials that are sometimes included with the correspondence include compiled service records, pension records, diaries, family histories, local histories, family group sheets, lineage charts, newspaper clippings and magazine articles.

N2014-9

Joseph P. Barco Civil War Letters, 1863-1864
.10 cubic foot

Joseph Pottle Barco moved to Marion County, Florida, in 1852 with his wife, Caroline. During the Civil War, Barco served as First Lieutenant with Company G, 9th Regiment, Florida Infantry. Union troops captured him near Baldwin, Florida, in February 1864, and he moved through several Union prisons until he died at Fort Delaware, Delaware, in late July 1864. This collection consists primarily of transcripts of letters from Barco to his wife during his Civil War service. Barco's letters date April 26, 1863, through April 27, 1864, and a few subsequent letters from others notify Caroline of Joseph's illness and death. The letters discuss domestic issues, the war, camp life, and Lt. Barco's capture, illness and death.

N2015-4

Marion Anne Jewett Porter Family Papers, 1826-1948, 1988
.5 cubic foot

This collection consists of letters and two photographs compiled by Mrs. Porter from the Ferguson, Atkinson and Weathers families that document the daily lives of the families, who predominately resided in Scotland and in Marion County, Florida. The letters record local conditions as well as perspectives regarding state, national and even world events including the cattle plague and Fenian Rising of 1867 in the United Kingdom, the American Civil War and post-Civil War Reconstruction.

N2015-10

Hackley and Randolph Family Papers, ca. 1849-1868, 1909-1915
.25 cubic foot

The Randolph and Hackley families settled in Tallahassee in 1829, becoming active in the city's civic and social life. This

collection consists of 10 mid-19th century letters between members of the Hackley and Randolph families. The letters primarily discuss family matters such as health, marriages, births, deaths, children and employment, but also touch on other issues and events such as national politics and the impact of the Civil War on family members

N2017-6

Richard Joseph Adams Papers, 1855-1872
.25 cubic foot

Richard Joseph Adams served as a wagon master for the Quartermaster Department of the Confederate Army in Waldo, Gainesville, Archer and Jacksonville. After the Civil War, he returned to Palatka, Florida, to continue his work on steamboats until his death on November 22, 1912. Adams was prominent in Palatka's development, having served on the city council and in other positions in local government. This collection consists of the personal and business papers of Richard Joseph Adams, including family letters, Civil War records, business records and a diary. The letters include discussions on family affairs and the hardships caused by the Civil War. Adams' Civil War service papers include orders for conveyance of supplies for the Confederate Army quartermaster.

N2017-11

Joseph P. Barco Letters, 1863-1864, 1966
.25 cubic foot

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N2017-12

Joseph P. Barco Letters, 1863-1864
.25 cubic foot

This collection includes letters Joseph Pottle Barco wrote during his service as a Confederate soldier. These letters discuss domestic issues, the war and life as a soldier. Also included are some letters to Barco's wife from various soldiers giving news of Joseph's death and offering their sympathy and condolences.

N2017-17

John T. Bryan Papers, 1822, 1864-1865
.25 cubic foot

John T. Bryan was a Confederate soldier who served from July 1862, through May 4, 1865, when he was discharged through a parole order. This collection includes records related to Bryan's service in the Confederate Army, 1st Georgia Regiment. Also included is a bill of sale for three enslaved people to the Bryan family in Laurens County, Georgia, in 1822.

N2017-19

Sarah "Sallie" Jane Galphin Burroughs Letters 1857-1858, 1861, 1865
.25 cubic foot

Sarah "Sallie" Jane Burroughs was a member of the prominent Galphin family from Tallahassee. They owned the Belair Plantation in Leon County. This collection includes letters sent to Sarah J. Galphin Burroughs by her family members discussing family matters and local affairs. Of interest are the letters from her husband, Benjamin Burroughs, regarding his service in the Confederate Army.

N2017-31

Fort Barrancas Papers, 1864-1865
1 folder

Fort Barrancas was a military fortification in Escambia County. Construction started in 1840, and Union forces occupied it during the Civil War. This collection includes papers from Fort Barrancas, including special orders, quartermaster property reports and letters from the Office of the Engineer in Charge.

N2017-44

Washington Ives Papers, 1859-1869, 1893-1903
1 cubic foot

Washington Mackey Ives enlisted in the 4th Florida Infantry Regiment in the spring of 1862 and served in that unit for the rest of the Civil War, rising to the rank of regimental sergeant major. This collection consists of Ives' letters that detail his activities during the Civil War such as militia duties, movements of troops and formation of various units for service in the Confederate Army. The letters also include his thoughts regarding his activities at the time.

N2017-48

William Letford Special Order, ca. 1861-1865
1 folder

William Letford was a Confederate soldier from Fernandina, Florida. He enlisted on September 12, 1861, in the Florida 2nd Cavalry Regiment. This collection includes the

Confederate Special Order No. 100 from Madison, Florida, for Letford to secure clothing from Columbus, Georgia.

N2017-54

Roderick McLennan Papers, 1864, 1887
1 folder

This collection includes photostats of records relating to Roderick McLennan's experience as a wrongfully captured prisoner of war in Florida. Records included are his release papers from Key West, Florida; a letter explaining the circumstances behind his imprisonment; and a letter detailing the entire situation, his losses due to his wrongful imprisonment and the claims he has against the United States for his losses.

N2017-70

B.L. Rice Letters, 1862
1 folder

B.L. Rice served as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. This collection includes two letters from Rice to his mother during his service. The first letter is from Chattahoochee, Florida, on June 8, 1862. Rice discusses the Chattahoochee River and the health of the soldiers. The second letter is addressed from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 14, 1862.

N2017-93*

Leon County Amnesty Oaths, 1865
.25 cubic foot

On May 29, 1865, President Andrew Johnson issued his Amnesty Proclamation to former Confederate soldiers and individuals who aided in the rebellion. His proclamation granted the restoration of all rights of property, excluding enslaved people, on the condition of swearing loyalty to the United States. This collection includes oaths of allegiance for citizens of North Florida, taken by the Provost Marshal of Tallahassee, Florida. These oaths list the signer's name, county of residence, occupation and the date they swore allegiance. Some entries also include the individual's complexion, height, hair color and eye color.

N2017-96

Civil War papers, 1843,1861-1867
.25 cubic foot

This collection consists of letters, oaths, residency forms and other records related to the United States Civil War. Most of these records are from Confederate soldiers and officials, including Judah P. Benjamin and Josiah Gorgas.

N2017-97*

Civil War Report, 1862

1 folder

This collection includes a report conducted in District 4 of Hamilton County, Florida that details the families of soldiers fighting in the Civil War, including their names, ages and additional remarks. Remarks include information on supplies, such as clothing or food, needed by the families and details about the health of the family members.

N2017-98

Civil War Poems, 1864

1 folder

This collection includes three poems. The first, "Respectfully dedicated to my comrades of the Huntsville," is a handwritten poem by "Ravelin" dated October 1864 detailing a sea battle on Mobile Bay. The two other poems, "The Sentinel's Dream of Home" by Colonel A. M. Hobby and "The Light of God," are newspaper clippings.

N2017-135

Calvin L. Robinson Memoirs, 1914, 1962

1 folder

Calvin Lewis Robinson was a successful businessman in Jacksonville prior to the Civil War. He was loyal to the Union during the war and faced harsh treatment after Florida seceded from the Union. This collection includes a copy of "The Memoirs of Calvin L. Robinson: Concerning the Experiences of the Robinson Family in Jacksonville During the Civil War," dated 1914. The memoirs detail Robinson's experience as a Union sympathizer. This includes losing his businesses, being chased out of his home with his family, being threatened by fellow Southerners and related experiences and struggles.

N2017-139

Thomas Benton Ellis Papers, 1913

.25 cubic foot

Thomas Benton Ellis was a Confederate veteran from Alachua County, Florida. This collection includes his memoir, written on September 30, 1913, that outlines his experience serving as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War, including where he was stationed, the battles he took part in, his duties and other soldiers he knew. Also included are notes taken on the memoir providing additional context and information.

Appendix B – Multi-War Collections

S32*

Florida. Governor.
Territorial and State Governors Letterbooks, 1836-1909
83 volumes

The series contains the official outgoing correspondence of Florida's territorial and state governors that reflect the official, constitutional and political duties of the Office of Governor.

S43

Comptroller's Office
Territorial and State Military Expenditures, 1839-1869
1.5 cubic feet

This series contains expenditure records for territorial militia companies, frontier guard units of the Seminole Wars, Confederate military organizations and local guard activities. The records include invoices, receipts, provision records, vouchers, payrolls and requisitions for forage.

S1144

Florida. Department of Military Affairs
Militia Photographs, 1900-1987
550 items (.25 cubic foot)

The series contains images of individuals, groups and units of the Florida State Troops and Florida National Guard from the period of the Spanish-American War to 1987. Included are many panoramic views of units and campsites as well as groups of officers and enlisted personnel. While the series contains few photographs of troops in national service, most illustrate the training and state service activities of the National Guard between the world wars. Also included are several photographs of the Florida troops engaged in the activities of the Mexican Punitive Expedition of 1916.

S1146*

Florida. Office of the Adjutant General
Muster Rolls and Supporting Documents, 1870-1918
10 cubic feet (6 microfilm reels)

This series contains muster rolls and supporting documents of the Florida State Militia, the Florida State Troops and the Florida National Guard. During the documented 50-year period, Floridians served in two wars and a federal "expedition" into Mexico and were called into active state duty for countless natural disasters and civil disturbances. The muster rolls in this series are the only known surviving listings of the Floridians who served in the State Militia, the State Troops and the National Guard during this era. Of interest are several rolls for organizations manned and officered by Black soldiers.

S1207*

Florida. Naval Militia
Administrative Files, 1897-1941
4 cubic feet

Formed to assist in the protection and defense of Florida's extensive coastline, the Florida Naval Militia existed during three separate periods: from 1897 to 1903, from 1911 to 1917 and from 1934 to 1941. During the Spanish-American War and World War I, the federal government activated the Florida Naval Militia for service. After World War I, the state did not reconstitute the organization until 1934. In 1941, under the threat of U.S. involvement in World War II, the federal government again called the militia into service and the state dissolved the organization. This series contains some information on each period of the Florida Naval Militia's existence. Included are reports, muster and pay rolls, enlistment and discharge records, correspondence, budget information and a variety of other records. Most of the material covers the period from 1934 to 1941. Also included are some correspondence and records of commission in the Florida Volunteer Naval Force.

S1209

Florida. Military Department
Unit and Unit Location Historical Card File, 1968
1 microfilm reel

This series provides information on the evolution of Florida's military forces from 1893 to 1960. The unit information cards cover three periods: pre-World War II (1890s to 1940s), World War II (1941-1947) and post-World War II (1940s to 1960s). The unit cards of each period contain information on the creation of the unit, any organizational changes, names of commanding officers and any active state or federal service performed. A less extensive file provides information on the units of the Florida Air National Guard from the 1940s to 1960s. The location cards document the geographic location within the state where each unit was raised and served.

S1303

National Archives
Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900, 1861-1917
1 microfilm reel

This microfilm publication contains index cards that refer to pension applications of veterans who served in the U.S. Army from Florida between 1861 and 1917. Most of the records pertain to Civil War veterans, but they also include veterans of the Spanish-American War. Florida Union veterans served in the 1st and 2nd Florida Cavalry Regiment; veterans of

Spanish-American War served in the 1st Florida Infantry Regiment. Each card gives the soldier's name, rank, unit and terms of service; names of relationships of any dependents; the application number; the certificate number and the state from which the claim was filed.

S1425

Florida. Military Department
Historical Records, 1860-1945
2.5 cubic feet

This series contains materials that document the participation of Florida's Militia, National Guard and private citizens in the wars of the United States. These records include casualty notices, correspondence and statistical reports that the Florida Adjutant General's Office and the service departments in Washington, D.C. generated. Much of the correspondence deals with the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I. Material that covers later wars is mostly in the form of official casualty notice releases from either the Office of War Information or the U.S. Department of Defense.

S1433

Florida. Military Department
Veterans Death Notices, 1942-1960
1 cubic foot

This series contains cards that list veterans' deaths from 1942 to 1960. The cards contain the following information: name of veteran; serial number; last address; where death occurred (i.e., at home, at Veterans Administration Hospital, etc.); name, relationship and address of next of kin; date and place of birth; race; date and cause of death; date of burial or other disposal of remains; cemetery; branch of service and rank; dates of service and organization served; dates of discharge and foreign service (if any); and name of the funeral director who submitted the card.

S2153*

Office of Secretary of State
Territorial and Early Statehood Records, 1821-1878
3.25 cubic feet

This series contains various government documents that cover many topics of importance to Florida's territorial and early statehood legislatures and governors. It includes correspondence, petitions and legislative records (acts, resolutions and committee reports) that pertain to Florida's boundary, banking, slavery, the status of free Blacks in Florida, Indian affairs, state militia concerns, the war with Mexico, railroads, gambling, agriculture, party politics, secession and the Civil War.

M74-6

Loomis L. Langdon
Papers, 1856-1906
1.25 cubic feet

Loomis Lyman Langdon dedicated himself to the service of his country, achieving the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army after a distinguished military career. This collection contains Langdon's letters that primarily discuss his activities in Florida during the Third Seminole War and the Civil War.

M84-35*

Coleman Family Photographs, 1875-1966
115 photographs

The Coleman family lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, during the 20th century. Several members of the Coleman family served in the U.S. Navy during the Spanish-American War and both world wars. Several of the images in this collection were taken at the Naval Station in Pensacola, Florida. These images include Fort McRae Tunnel before it collapsed and various Navy airplanes in flight and on the ground.

M90-16

Anna Hahn Diaries, 1897-1925
6 volumes

Anna Hahn was the daughter of James W. and Clara Buskirkin Hahn of Chester, Pennsylvania. She and her sister, Clara Hahn Smith, owned several rental properties in Green Cove Springs, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; and Chester, Pennsylvania. This collection includes copies of Anna's diaries that provide glimpses into her everyday life and business. The diaries record her travels between Florida and Pennsylvania, as well as reactions to such events as the Spanish-American War, the end of World War I and the first sighting of Halley's Comet.

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Newspaper Clippings and Letters, 1771-1862
.25 cubic foot

This collection consists of photostatic copies of a variety of letters, newspaper clippings and a resolution. Various settlers and immigrants wrote the letters in Pensacola and Tallahassee, dating from 1771 to 1848. The topics cover many of the issues facing Floridians during this time, including territorial issues of American relations with the Spanish in Pensacola, conflicts with Seminoles in Florida and Georgia, the living conditions in Tallahassee, the cost of enslaved people, and problems with farming and growing cotton in Leon County. Also included are copies of various newspaper clippings from several national newspapers, dating from 1817 to 1862. Topics include General Andrew Jackson's occupation of Florida, Seminole attacks in Florida and Georgia, and Civil War action at Santa Rosa Island near Pensacola. In addition, there is an 1835 resolution in which the citizens of Shell Point

condemn interference by northern abolitionists in the affairs of the South.

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Muster Rolls 1862-1864, 1896-1898

1 cubic foot

This collection includes various muster rolls from the Civil War and the Spanish-American War for Florida regiments and battalions.

Appendix C – State Library of Florida Selected Bibliography

This bibliography lists books available at the State Library of Florida relating to United States military history with an emphasis on Florida's participation and the experiences of Floridians. In addition to the resources listed here, scholarly journals, subject-based periodicals, doctoral dissertations and masters' theses, and genealogy holdings are available through the electronic databases on the computers in the State Archives/State Library reference room.

The State Library also maintains biography files on Floridians; federal and state military maps, reports and statistics; and numerous works on a variety of subjects published by state and local organizations.

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Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation
Clewiston, Florida 33440
Phone: 877.902.1113
Email: museum@semtribe.com

[Florida Historical Society](#)

435 Brevard Avenue
Cocoa, FL 32922
Email: archivist@myfloridahistory.org
Phone: 321.690.1971 x211

[Florida State University Institute on World War II and the Human Experience](#)

430 Bellamy Building
113 Collegiate Loop
Tallahassee, FL 32306
Email: ww2@ww2.fsu.edu
Phone: 850.644.9541

[Florida State University Special Collections and Archives](#)

116 Honors Way
Tallahassee, FL 32306
Email: lib-specialcollections@fsu.edu
Phone: 850.644.3271

[HistoryMiami Museum](#)

101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
Email: archives@historymiami.org
Phone: 305.375.1623

[National Archives](#)

8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740
Phone: 1.866.272.6272
Request Form: <https://www.archives.gov/contact>

[University of Florida Special and Area Studies Collections](#)

1508 Union Road
Gainesville, FL 32611-7005
Email: special@uflib.ufl.edu
Phone: 352.273.2755

[University of Miami Special Collections](#)

1300 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33124
Email: asc.library@miami.edu
Phone: 305.384.9552

[University of South Florida Special Collections and University Archives](#)

4202 E. Fowler Avenue LIB122
Tampa FL 33620
Email: spcinfo@usf.edu
Phone: 813.974.2731

[University of West Florida Archives and West Florida History Center](#)

11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514
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Phone: 850.474.2213

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All potential acquisitions are reviewed by staff to ensure that they conform to the guidelines outlined in the Archives' [Collection Development Policy](#). In general, the Archives will accept records in a wide variety of formats, including paper originals, microfilm, photographs, audio and video recordings, and digital. The Archives does not collect artifacts, newspapers, or materials not related to Florida, nor does the Archives purchase collections. For further information, comments or suggestions, contact the Archives' Collections Management staff at:

Florida Department of State, Bureau of Archives and Records Management, Mail Station 9E,
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, phone 850.245.6750 (select option 5), or archives@dos.myflorida.com.

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