

RECORDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY

History

The Connecticut State Library originated from a series of General Assembly acts and resolutions authorizing the acquisition - mostly by exchange, seldom by purchase - of basic publications of state constitutions, statutes, judicial decision, etc., for the General Assembly's and state officers' use. The two State Houses had accumulations of these records, but only in June 1854 did the General Assembly authorize the appointment of the first full-time State Librarian. In his single year of office, J. Hammond Trumbull arranged for expanded space for the collection, made substantial progress inventorying and organizing the books and prepared an annual report recommending measures for building a more complete collection.

During the next eighty years, only two men, Charles J. Hoadly (1855-1900) and George S. Godard (1900-1936), both energetic and aggressive administrators and scholars, directed the Library. They built its collections, broadened its functions, strengthened its staff and edited and published early records. Under Hoadly, the Library moved from its first quarters in the Old State House to the present Senate Chamber in the Capitol. Godard supervised the move to the present building in 1910.

On Mr. Godard's death, his deputy, James Brewster, succeeded him. Mr. Brewster served for more than twenty years. His successors were Robert C. Sale in 1957, Walter Brahm in 1964, Charles E. Funk, Jr., in 1975, Clarence Walters in 1980 and Richard Akeroyd in 1986.

It is not possible or necessary here to describe the development of the Library's internal structure, which of course underwent many changes over the years. The records listed below come from only a few of the administrative units that have existed; most functions are clear enough from the title.

Scope and Content

Most of the Library's nineteenth century records and many recent records appear to have been lost or destroyed. Fragments of Mr. Godard's correspondence on various subjects remain, but the large general file from the Office of the State Librarian (Item I) covers about sixty years (1931-1990).

There is a large block of records from the War Records Department that document Connecticut citizen's contributions to the war effort both in the military and on the home front. The collection consists of survey forms, organizational records, ephemera and other related materials.

Provenance

Prior to the mid-1970s, there was no conscientious effort to save the agencies records beyond what each individual State Librarian or manager decided to keep. Upon his arrival as State Archivist, Robert Clause actively sought out the agency's historic records and organized them into the present record group. The Office of Public Records

Administrator has worked to actively identify records for permanent retention as part of the records management function. Many records arrived as part of this effort. Occasionally the staff found other records during the course of the RECON project. Of the records transferred to the Archives, staff discarded some items after re-appraisal. Information on this process is available from the Archives staff

Series List

I. OFFICE OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN

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| 1. | General file, 1931-79. ¹
Correspondence, reports, notes, memoranda, etc. on all aspects of the Connecticut State Library's work, 1931-50. Alphabetical by subject or correspondent. See list at end of register (Annex 1). Fragmentary file of State Librarian's office materials including some unprocessed materials covering 1956-1979. 57 feet. | Boxes 1-49 |
| 2. | Not in use. | |
| 3. | George S. Godard, State Librarian, 1909-36.
Papers including correspondence, notes, memoranda regarding State Library administration and Godard's other interests. Principal groups are: Letters, Letters of Request and Inquiry, Appropriations, Library Records, Miscellaneous Memoranda, Gifts, Letters of Thanks, Trumbull Papers Transfer. The last folders are Godard family genealogical materials and letters and other materials regarding Godard's illness and death. Grouped by subject; most arranged by correspondent. See list at end of register (Annex 3). 2 feet. | Boxes 50-54 |
| 4. | State Library history and administration, 1910-32.
3 inches | Box 55 |
| 5. | War Library Fund, 1917.
Correspondence. Alphabetical by town, followed by quotas and amount raised. 3 inches. | Box 56 |
| 6. | Catalogs, 1850 and May 1855.
Two volumes, 1 inch. | Box 57 |
| 7. | "Daily Receipt" books, 1855-1903.
Accession registers, with some loose purchase correspondence and loans records in the first volume. 8 vols. 6 inches. | Boxes 57-58 |
| 8. | Loan Records, 1869-1901.
5 vols. 3 inches. | Boxes 58-59 |

¹Someone evidently discarded substantial parts of this file years ago.

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| 9. | Accession register, 1921-55.
Microfilm and miscellaneous material 1 volume. 1 inch. | Box 59 |
| 10. | Lists, no date.
Book, map, and manuscript material. Not labelled.
2 vols. 3 inches. | Box 59 |
| 11. | Accession register, 1903-1936.
35 vols. 5 feet. <i>(1915) mostly bulletins by institutions as acc. it.</i> | Item 60
(#1-35) |
| 12. | State Library Board, 1900-1982.
Formerly called the State Library Committee. Minutes and related correspondence, 1900-53. 1 foot.
Accession No. 84-016: Meeting folder and bylaws, 1965-1982. | Box 61-61a

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| 13. | Governor's Committee on Libraries, 1962.
papers. 1 folder, 2 audio tapes. 1 inch. | Box 61 |
| 14. | Personnel, 1898-1938.
Job descriptions, employee lists, etc. 4 inches. | Box 62 |
| 15. | Organization charts, 1937-67.
Charts showing organizational units, staff grades and titles in each unit and some staff names. One each for 1937, 1940, 1943, 1953, 1954, 1966, and 1957. .25 inch. | Item 63 |
| 16. | Speeches, 1912-1955.
Scripts mostly about the State Library and historical subjects by G.S. Godard and J. Brewster. 1.75 feet. | Boxes 64-67 |
| 17. | Press releases, 1957-64.
Multiple copies. Chronological. 8 inches. | Boxes 68-69 |
| 18. | Scrapbooks, 1900-1963.
Compiled by State Librarians Godard, Brewster, and Sales.
See list at end of register. 1 foot. | Boxes 70-70b |
| 19. | Emery Record Preservation Process, n.d.
Samples and explanatory material. 2 inches. | Box 70 |
| 20. | Forms, 1935.
Unarranged. 4 inches. | Box 71 |
| 21. | Form letters, 1920-47.
State Library issued. Alphabetical by subject or title.
5 inches. | Box 72 |
| 22. | Tercentenary Commission, 1934-1949.
Printing agreements, copyright certificate, etc.;
manuscripts for possible publication in the Tercentenary Pamphlet series. 2.5 inches. | Box 73 |
| 23. | Not in use. | |

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24. Valuable papers insurance policy, 1935-47. Box 74
Materials list. 1 envelope. .5 inch.
25. Exhibits, 1940. Box 74
"500 years of Printing." 3 inches.
26. Department Seals, 1926-1931. Box 75
Correspondence concerning official State Government
seals, 1926 and other states' official seals, 1931.
27. Not in use.
28. Mitchelson Coin Collection, 1911-1938. Box 76-79
Correspondence. Alphabetical. 1.25 feet.
29. Museum of Connecticut history, 1923-36. Box 79
Correspondence regarding museum items, badges, medals, etc.
1 expansion folder. 1.5 inches.
30. Annual Property Inventories, 1921-1954. Boxes 80-82
1921; 1934-54. 1 foot.
31. Ledger, 1901-23. Box 83
Records of expenditures for salaries, books, supplies,
equipment and services. 3 volumes: State Library,
1901-11; Military Census, 1917-1919; Department of War
Records, 1919-23. Each grouped by payee with an index
in the front. 4 inches.
32. Vouchers, 1910-23. Boxes 84-88
General, 1910-23; Building vouchers, 1911-23. 14 feet.
33. Not in use.
34. Examiner of Public Records, 1911-19. Box 88
1.5 inches.
35. Cancelled checks, 1911-33. Box 89-91
8.5 feet.
36. Bank statements, 1911-34. Box 91
8 inches.
37. State Library Facilities, 1902-1991. Boxes ²95-98
Contracts, estimates, insurance policies, etc. connected
with building, equipping and operating the original
building, 1902-1950. Specifications, drawings, change
orders, correspondence for the annex addition, 1955-62.
Contract specifications for the addition to the State
Records Center Addition, 1967. Correspondence,
specifications, drawings and other materials pertaining
to the constructions, enlargement or repair of Library
buildings and the Record center, 1950-91.
Annotated blueprints with change specifications, additions, Main 7
and repairs to the 231 Capitol Ave. building. Building

37. State Library Facilities, 1902-1991. (cont.)
drawings, c. 1906-1910. See list at end of register
(Annex 4 & 5) 17 feet.
Accession No. 91-041: Background files for "A Comprehensive
Facilities Plan for the Connecticut State Library," HBW
Associates, Inc. 1 foot. 90 Wash

- 38-42. Not in use.

43. Visitors registers, 1911-58. Item 99
Begins with William Howard Taft and ends with groups of
school children. 11 vols. 2.5 feet. (#1-11)

44. Memorabilia, n.d. Box 100
Proclamations, exhibit announcements, etc.

45. Connecticut Library and Information Network Services, n.d. 90 Wash
Minutes, reports and correspondence. 1 c.f.

46. Lucius B. Barbour, c. 1935. Box 70
Estate list of imprints. 1 vol.

47. Associate State Librarian for Programs, 1987-88. Main 7
Accession No. 91-008: Correspondence, reports, draft
proposals and support materials regarding the Connecticut
Union Catalogue and subject files concerning the Inter
Library Loan Task Force including the 1988 ILL Forum.
25 c.f.
Accession No. 92-023: Correspondence, hearing transcripts
and copies of official drafts of proposed regulations
regarding filing record land maps with town clerks.
Accession No. 95-029: Memos concerning operations within the State Archives unit
48. Deputy State Librarian, 1986-1989. Main 7
Accession No. 91-040: Copy of the State Police investiga-
tion files of Colt Gun Transaction at the Connecticut State
Library, 1986.

49. Library Service Centers, 1955-1984. Main 7
Accession No. 92-012: Middletown Library Service Center,
Local history workshop records, 1973-1984.
Accession No. 84-026: Willimantic and Middletown Library
Service Centers and Interlibrary Loan Center. Materials
related to the establishment and operation, 1955-1962.

50. Library and Information Service Conferences, 1951-1989. Main 7
Includes state and federal initiatives.
Accession No. 84-026: Records of various Governors' and
White House conferences.

51. Budget Requests, 1978-1983. Main 7
Accession No. 83-013C: Copies of the formal budget requests
submitted to the Governor's office by the State Librarian.
Includes cover memos explaining each component and then the
specific budget request forms.

51. Budget Requests, 1978-1983. (cont.)
Accession No. 85-021: Budget books for fiscal years, 1982
and 1983. 1 c.f. Main 7
52. Annual Reports, 1966-1987. Main 7
Accession No. 95-025: Memos, narrative reports from
divisions and units used to compile the agency's annual
report to the Governor. .75 c.f.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT

1. Correspondence concerning propaganda material in public libraries, 1918. Box 101
Questionnaires sent to public librarians by George S. Godard, State Librarian, with replies. Alphabetical by town. One binder. 1 inch.
2. Daylight-saving report, 1920. Box 101
Photostat copy of a tabulation, by towns, of a survey by the State Library on the use of daylight-saving time, with town clerks' opinions of it. 1/4 inch.
3. Correspondence concerning distribution of surplus war documents, 1920. Box 101
Letters from libraries to which a form letter had been sent offering duplicates of war publications. One binder. 1/2 inch.
4. Mail register, May 1920 - June 1921. Box 101
Summary list of incoming letters, with note of their disposition. One binder. 1/2 inch.
5. Correspondence with the National Association of State War History Organizations, 1919-25. Boxes 102-103
Includes correspondence, notes, reports and bibliographical material prepared by Newton D. Mereness, Archivist of the Association, minutes of meetings and examples of war history work done in other states. Partly grouped by subject but largely disarranged. 10 inches.
6. Correspondence, 1926-38 (Godard file). Box 104
Incoming and outgoing letters, mostly dealing with accessions to the collection or the provision of information from the records. Alphabetical by correspondent. 3 inches.
7. Correspondence and data and administrative files, 1943-45 (Murphy file). Boxes 105-107
Form letters used to gather records and data, lists of officials, drafts and texts of speeches and other material. Arranged in groups: form letters; miscellaneous; publicity; data file for World War I; data file for World War II. Each alphabetical by subject. 1 ft., 3 inches.
8. Correspondence, administrative papers and data files, 1944-57 (Potter, McCue and Poulin file). Boxes 108-111
Arranged as follows:
Administrative papers, including, among others
reference correspondence
reports on the work of the War Records Department
war history classification outline
files of the War Records Collector (War Historian),
1944-46

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

8. Correspondence, administrative papers and data files (cont.)

Data files, including among others
chronology of Connecticut wars
World War II statistics
lists of World War II and Korean War dead returning
on funeral ships
chronology of World War II

Lists of records in the War Records Department:

"Index-Temporary File". Apparently a register of
war-related items received from all sources
by the Library, c. 1919-22. The present
location of the materials is unknown. One
binder. 1 inch.

"Miscellaneous War Records". A group of descriptive
lists of World War I materials received by the
Library, c. 1921-26. Included are compilations
of data and unrelated material. A list of the
lists is on top. One folder. 1/4 inch.

"War Records Files". An undated (c. 1950?) inventory
of the contents of storage drawers in the War
Records Department. These are alphabetical (by
file series title) and numerical (by container
number) lists, with separate alphabetical lists
for Council of Defense files, Military Census
files and World War files, as well as lists of
material in the "Historical Data File" (see
Item 14 below) but without file numbers, and
lists of the contents of the "Drawer Files" (mostly
maps, charts, large photographs, etc.) One binder.
1/2 inch.

"Inventory-War Records Room (1943)". An itemized list
of the contents of Map File 135. 18 pages.
One folder. 1/8 inch.

"List of Photographs, Pacific Theater, World War II,
Taken by Sgt. Arthur J. Kiely, Marine Photographer.
Received February 21, 1946".

"Inventory List of War Records Material on 5th Floor"
(undated)

Pages 2-7 of an inventory of the contents of cabinets
holding war records (Undated, unlabelled).

Total: 1 foot, 8 inches.



9. Lists of Connecticut members of the armed forces, 1776-1946.

Boxes 112-117

Lists, compiled from various sources, of Connecticut men and
women who served in the Revolution, the War of 1812, the
Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the
Mexican Border Service, World War I and World War II, with
extracts from the 1840 census of Revolutionary and military
service pensioners. An itemized descriptive list of the
lists is available (Annex 6). 2 ft., 6 inches.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

10. Father Dinan's papers on deaths in field and base hospitals, 1917-19. Boxes 118-119 and oversize shelves, folder 2
Papers, mostly photostat copies, collected by the Rev. Thomas A. Dinan, Chaplain at the hospital center at Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. They include record books of deaths and burial reports, maps of cemeteries, photographs and correspondence. There is a partial list at the beginning. 1 ft.
11. Papers of Victor Faure, interpreter with U.S. and Canadian forces, 1917-18. Oversize shelves, folder 3
Photostat copies of passports, visas, manuals, photographs, and other papers. 1/2 inch.
12. "War Material", 1917-19. Box 120
Propaganda and informational material pertaining to war bond purchases and other civilian campaigns during World War I. Unarranged. 5 inches.
13. Data on Connecticut citizens in the Revolutionary War. Boxes 121-126
This is a file of collected material, much of it in photostat form, pertaining to the war service of Connecticut citizens. Index references to these materials are in the slip index to the Connecticut Archives, Revolutionary War, Series 2. Since most of the data in the file is second or third-hand - not based on original source material available here - it must be cited with discretion. Alphabetical by name. 2 feet, 4 inches.
14. Historical data file, 1917 - c. 1926. Boxes 127-154;¹⁵²
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists, clippings, Oversize
photographs and other materials pertaining to military folder 1
service of Connecticut citizens and to other war-related Box
activities in the state; while they deal primarily with
World War I, these records also include items pertaining
to earlier wars. Materials are in folders or envelopes
marked with an identification number (often a decimal) and,
in some cases, a number representing the town involved.
A general file, numerical by identification numbers, is
followed by the town files, numerical by town code number*
and thereunder numerical by identification numbers. A
third group, also bearing identification numbers and filed
numerically by them, appears to have been kept in numbered
containers or drawers; these materials are identified in the
index by both drawer number and identification number. The
last box contains unnumbered items.
Indexed by Item 15 below. Item 8 above ("War Records
Files") contains itemized lists of much of this material
but there are no identification numbers.
11 feet. *See draft Containing list*

*A copy of the list of town code numbers is in Annex 7 to this report.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

15. Card index to historical data file, 1917-c.1926.
Alphabetical index, by name or subject, to materials in Item 14, with some references to other records in the Library. (This is an extraordinarily poor index; its use requires great imagination.) 2 ft.
Index box 158,
Drawers 1-2
16. Correspondence, 1919-49.
Correspondence pertaining primarily to the collection of information about individuals serving in World War I and about town memorial monuments, honor rolls, etc. Alphabetical by town, followed by Canadian, Out-of-State and First Army Base HQ (Boston) files. 10 inches.
Boxes 155-156
- * 17. Record of service certificates issued, 1919-44.
Numerical list of service certificates issued by the War Records Department to Connecticut citizens who "served with the Allies of the United States in the World War" or in the United States armed forces. There are five volumes, containing: certificate number, name, rank, town (by code number), nationality ("white" or other), dates of service, "died or killed," whether overseas service was reported, and other information. Item 18 below is a name index to these volumes. Two smaller volumes include a daily record of the number of certificates mailed (by town) and lists of certificates for service in Allied Forces and for non-residents of Connecticut. There are a few blank certificates as well as some undelivered ones. 8 inches.
Box 157
and Items 157a,
b,c,d,e
18. Card index to record of service certificates issued, 1919-44.
Alphabetical card index, by name, to the numerical book records of service certificates issued. Cards show name, address and entry number. 18 ft.
Index box 310
(oversize
shelves)
19. "World War II Index," c. 1945-54.
This is a group of card files containing information about records held in the War Records Department and elsewhere. Many of the locations and other references are out-of-date and some of the records referred to have apparently been destroyed or lost. 10 inches.
Index Box 158,
Drawer 3
20. "Notes of Interest" (no dates)
A card file, by subject or name, containing information on various war-related questions, with some references to files held at some time by the Library. 10 inches.
Index Box 158,
Drawer 4
- * 21. Card list of Spanish-American War dead, 1898-1902.
Two groups: alphabetical and by town. 1 1/2 inches. °
Index Box 159
Drawer 3
- 21a. Card list of World War I Distinguished Service Cross winners, 1918.
Alphabetical by town. 3 inches.
Index Box 159,
Drawer 3

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

- * 22. Records of memorial certificates issued, 1919-c. 1940. Index Box 159, Drawers 1-2; Box 160
Lists and related materials pertaining to memorial certificates, issued first by the Council of Defense and later by the War Records Department, to the next of kin of those from Connecticut who died in service in World War I. Two alphabetical card files, one folder and one binder of correspondence mostly concerning questionnaires sent to next of kin, and two binders of lists, one (evidently the most complete) alphabetical by town, and one by name. Also a sample certificate and two returned undelivered. 2 ft.
- * 23. World War I Roll of Honor file, 1917-c. 1940. Boxes 161-167
"Authorized" or "official" lists of those serving in the war sent to the War Records Department by town officials, together with photographs of town placques or monuments containing lists. Alphabetical by town, followed by lists for American Red Cross workers and an envelope of miscellaneous related material. 2 ft., 8 inches.
24. Military Service Records, 1913-20. Boxes 168-184
Questionnaire forms completed by individual members of the armed services, giving personal data, statement of war service, and opinions about it; sometimes accompanied by photographs of individuals, lists of questionnaires and related correspondence. Arranged numerically by town according to the town code and thereunder alphabetically by name. After the main file, there are files for
a) Those serving with Allied forces.
b) Those in the Mexican Border Service, 1915-16.
c) Connecticut servicemen now living outside the state.
d) Servicemen not citizens of Connecticut.
e) Civilians in war service.
f) Aetna Life Insurance Co. employees in the armed forces.
Town Codes - Annex 7
Have Roll 4 New 1 from
are broken down
alphabetically by
S. name.
- At the beginning is a small amount of administrative material and some unfiled questionnaires. Total: 19 ft.
Index available online, Printed from index in Separate RG 22 WWI Questionnaires binder.
25. Files of Selective Service Department, Office of the Governor, 1917-19. Boxes 185-192
Correspondence, reports, directives and other materials pertaining to the administration of the draft in Connecticut. The files, somewhat disarranged, fall into the following main groups:
Correspondence with local draft boards; by town, not alphabetical. Folders 1-44.
Correspondence with Washington; some chronological; some by subject. Folder 45.
Correspondence and other materials; filed in numbered folders but otherwise unidentified. Folders 45 1/2 to 150.
Reports, oaths of office, etc. Partially labelled, unnumbered folders.
Bulletins and rulings.
Rules and regulations.
Washington telegrams.
Total: 8 ft.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

26. Drafts and working papers for Report of the Provost Marshal General to the Secretary of War on the First Draft Under the Selective-Service Act, 1917.
 Received from Col. L. W. Barbour, Dec. 19, 1922. Includes a copy of the Report (Washington, 1918, G.P.O.) and a copy of Roster of local boards and other draft officials in Connecticut, July 1, 1918. 3 inches.

Box 193
27. Signature slips for draft registrants in Manchester, Glastonbury and neighboring towns, 1917-18.
 Slips usually carry name of town and signatures of registrant and draft board official. Alphabetical by registrant. 2 ft., 6 inches.

Boxes 194-195
28. Lists of inductees from Hartford, New Britain and Hartford County, 1917-18.
 Reduced photostat copies. 4 inches.

Box 195
29. New Haven draft registration cards, 1917-18.
 Form cards. Alphabetical by name of registrant, followed by separate files for enemy aliens and non-enemy aliens. 15 ft.

Boxes 196-203
30. 4th Senatorial District lists, 1917-18.
 Cards listing names and addresses of men, presumably those subject to draft call. Three groups, each alphabetical by name:
 June 5, 1917
 June 5 and August 24, 1918
 September 12, 1918
 6 feet.

Boxes 204-207
- * 31. Casualty list, 1917-19.
 Card record of casualties (death, injury, illness, "missing", etc.) of Connecticut members of the armed forces. Alphabetical by name. Also tabulated "Report on Casualties" in the 26th Division (photostats) and printed summary of casualties in the A.E.F.
 Total: 4 ft.

Boxes 208-209
32. Reports on public library food conservation activities, 1918.
 Report (2 pages) by George S. Godard, June 20, 1918, with summary tabulations by county and town and photostats of form reports from some public libraries. 1/2 inch.

Box 210
33. Applications to attend disabled veterans' camp at Niantic, 1922.
 Form applications, with doctors' certificates and related correspondence. Alphabetical by name of applicant. 5 inches.

Box 211
34. World War I songs, 1917-18.
 Sheet music of patriotic and popular songs. 2 inches.

Box 212

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

35. Accounts of the U.S. Food Supply Committee, 1919-20. Box 212
Bank statements, pass book, cancelled checks, and miscellaneous correspondence, bills, vouchers, etc. pertaining (apparently) to the acquisition and distribution of surplus military food. 1/2 inch.
36. Papers concerning memorial to Hartford men who died in World War I, 1926-27. Box 213
Correspondence, questionnaires and other materials pertaining to a project by Rau-Locke Post, American Legion, for putting placques in Colt Park to honor the 209 Hartford men who died. Includes lists of the men and a history of the project by its head, Charles B. Yerrington. 4 inches.
37. Letters concerning marking and maintenance of soldiers' graves, 1926. Box 214
Replies from forty-eight states to an inquiry by Charles R. Hale, Chairman of the National Committee on Marking Graves of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. Alphabetical by name of state. 1 inch.
38. Material pertaining to parade reception for 26th Division at Boston, March-April 1919. Box 214
Requests to town clerks and replies with lists of 26th Division members, correspondence pertaining to invitations to sit in reviewing stand, etc. 2 inches.
39. Accounts of committee for Hartford celebration in honor of service men, Sept.-Oct. 1917. Box 214
Receipted bills and related letters. 1/2 inch.
40. Copies of United States Army records pertaining to the 26th Division, 1917-19. Oversize shelves: flat file boxes 1-26, and index cabinets 311-324
Photostat copies of records pertaining to Connecticut residents serving with the 26th Division in World War I. These were loaned to the State Library for copying in 1922 under the authority of Major General Clarence R. Edwards, Headquarters, First Corps Area, South Boston, Mass. Administrative correspondence pertaining to the copying project is in Item 16 above.
The copies include telegrams, orders, bulletins, citations, sailing lists, intelligence summaries, operations reports, personnel files, maps and other materials. Arranged numerically, with a card subject index (Index box 311) and a numerical and an alphabetical list in the first box (which also includes a few unnumbered copies of "telegrams prior to departure for France."). Maps (Nos. 37710-37833b, 40938-41072) are filed with ~~the map~~ *oversize materials in main-7* ~~section (R8-63)~~; personnel cards (Nos. 15026-25949, 41073-41432) are filed in index boxes 312-324.
Total: 40 ft.

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II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

41. Lists of United States Army records pertaining to the 26th Division, 1917-19.

Box 215

Lists of records not in the Connecticut State Library:

- a) Calendar of relevant records in the Historical Section, Army War College.
- b) Finding list of relevant "maps, operations and reports" in the Commission on the History of Massachusetts in the World War.

1 1/2 inches.

- * 42. "Memorial Records", 1940-47, ~~also included~~
 Form records of "personal data" and "military record" of those from Connecticut who died in military service.
 These are a few fugitive files; the bulk of the series was evidently discarded. 1/2 inch.

Item

Box 216

See copy of
 announced end
 of this project
 which follows.

43. World War I scrapbooks, 1914-20.

Mounted newspaper clippings of photographs, headlines and articles pertaining to the war.
 Gift of Mrs. Charles E. Stinson, 1938. 5 volumes.
 8 inches.

Items 217-221

- * 44. Discharge certificates, 1898-1956.

Boxes 222-228

Photostat copies of military service discharge certificates or related documents for Connecticut residents. Grouped as follows, and thereunder alphabetical by name:

World War I

Army, Navy (except World War I) 1911-40

Connecticut National Guard, 1913

Home Guard, 1917-18

Civilian Conservation Corps, 1934-~~And...~~

Spanish American War, 1898-99

World War II

Post War, 1947-55

Korean War, 1952-56

10 feet. *Civil War Discharge papers (originals) who were*

admitted to the State of Ct. Vet Home ca. 1900. Transcription

- * 45. Gold Star lists, 1940-45. *from the Vet Home.*
 Lists and summary service records of Connecticut residents who died in World War II. Two groups, each alphabetical by town:

Boxes 229-232

- a) Lists showing name, place and date of death, and name and address of next-of-kin. Three binders.
- b) Card records showing varying amounts of information. Under each town, alphabetical by name, followed by some address unknown.

6 feet.

46. Card record of West Haven servicemen, World War II, 1940-45.

Boxes 233-234

Alphabetical by name. 2 feet, 8 inches.

47. Card list of World War II dead, 1940-45.

Alphabetical by name. 9 feet.

Index boxes

325-331 ~~331-335-43~~

- *48. Card lists of Korean War casualties, 1950-53.

Alphabetical by name and by town. Includes dead, wounded, injured, POW, etc. 5 feet.

Index boxes

332-335

49. Miscellaneous records of Korean War, 1952. ~~Envelope~~.

Item 222

[ENTRY NUMBERS 49-59 not used]

- * WWII Honor Rolls 1945-66

TOO1696 - Van Block

Lists by town

Photos of Town Honor Rolls

Box 244

Box 245

Asterisk refers to no further finding aid information.
Internal administrative use only.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

- * 60. Service records, 1940-45. Boxes 235-243
Form service record summaries for individual Connecticut residents in the World War II armed forces. Several groups, by town:
Hartford
Marlborough
Norfolk
Weston
Wethersfield
Various (Avon-Windsor Locks)
Miscellaneous
Granby
Southbury
Darien
12 feet.
61. Clippings on Marlborough servicemen, 1942-45. Box 243
Four binders of clippings, service record forms and correspondence pertaining to servicemen from Marlborough. Compiled by Mrs. Marjorie Woodford. 3 inches.
- * 62. World War II Honor Rolls, 1945-66. Boxes 244-245
Reports from Connecticut towns on their residents who died in service, with related correspondence. There are also tables of the number of casualties, a list of first casualties from each town, and albums of photographs of town Honor Roll tablets or placques. 2 1/2 feet.
63. List of State employees in military service, 1940-45. Box 246
Card list in two parts, by name and by department. There is also a folder of "honor rolls" by department, together with administrative correspondence. 3 ft.
64. List of nurses, 1940-45(?). Box 247
Card list of nurses, giving only names and school or hospital affiliation, with dates. 2 ft.
65. Selective Service file, 1940-46. Box 248
Correspondence of Gov. Baldwin's office dealing with the appointment and service of members of local boards, appeals boards, and medical panels. Grouped by subject. 5 inches.
66. Histories of war work, 1946-50. Boxes 249-258
Accounts of the war programs and related efforts of state government departments (alphabetical by name) and industrial or business firms (alphabetical by name), together with related correspondence. 4 ft.

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67. Veterans Commemorative Booklets, 1945-46. Box 259
Published booklets on the story of individual military units containing Connecticut men. These are from a box of distribution copies; complete sets are in the book collection (C974.6 G746). 4 inches.
68. War and civil defense bibliographies, 1940-45. Boxes 260-261
A collection of bibliographical material from many sources. Unarranged. 10 inches.
69. Radio scripts, 1943-45. Boxes 262-266
Scripts of war or defense-related radio programs broadcast on Hartford radio stations WDRC and WTIC. Each group alphabetical by subject or title. 2 ft.
70. Files of United War and Community Funds of Connecticut, Inc., 1943-46. Boxes 267-268
Annual reports, publicity materials, agreements with local or town organizations and related correspondence. 8 inches.
71. Photographs, 1898-1950.* Boxes 269-279
Pictures of individuals, groups, buildings, battlefields, equipment, etc. received from various sources. Some have captions attached, others are unidentified. Grouped roughly as follows:
a) Spanish-American War pictures (gift of C. M. Waite, 1939)
b) World War I pictures from the Hartford Courant
c) World War I pictures from various sources
d) World War II pictures; mostly War Council, grouped by subject *See container list after Annex 8.*
4 ft., 7 inches.
72. Armed Forces Club guest books, 1943-45. Items 280-283
Signatures, address and rank of visitors to the club. 4 volumes. 6 inches.
73. World War II scrapbooks, 1942-45. Box 284
Mounted magazine covers, war propaganda material, and other war-related clippings, etc. Presented by Ratcliffe M. Hills, Hartford, Conn. 10 scrapbooks. 1 ft.

* See box 273 for file: Photos of Citations of Merit
for help in The Circus Fire.

II WAR RECORDS DEPARTMENT (cont.)

74. Correspondence with servicemen, 1942-46.

Boxes 285-294

Several collections of letters between Connecticut servicemen on active duty and other persons at home:

- a) Correspondence of Nelson R. Burr. 1942-1946
Incoming letters, 6 scrapbooks; outgoing letters, 3 binders. Index in final scrapbook. ~~RESTRICTED~~ *open to public*
as indicated in each volume. ~~See last page of each volume~~
- b) Letters from servicemen, by town of origin:
East Hampton, Hampton, Hartford, Meriden, Monroe, New Britain, Shelton, South Windsor, Wethersfield, State Library.
- c) Incoming letters from Newington servicemen to C. A. Bowes, principal of the high school. Alphabetical by name, A-T (only).
- d) Aetna Insurance Co. collection of incoming and outgoing letters. Alphabetical.

Total: 12 ft.

75. Files of Mrs. Mary M. Starr concerning the entertainment of British seamen, 1942-46.

Box 295

Card files of names and addresses of British seamen entertained at the "H.M.S. Connecticut", Mrs. Starr's home in Essex, together with correspondence, photographs and other related material. 1 1/2 ft.

76. Hartford U.S.O. scrapbooks [no dates].

Items 296-298

Three scrapbooks containing photographs of recreational activities at the Hartford U.S.O. 2 inches.

77. Hartford Courant index, 1940-42.

Index case 299

Card index, by subject, to articles appearing in the Courant. 1 ft., 3 inches.

Drawers 1-2

78. Hartford Times papers on servicemen, 1942-45.

Boxes 300-305

Army and Navy press releases and notifications concerning activities and movements of Connecticut servicemen, together with letters to the Times from servicemen and others transmitting news and notes suggested for publication. Unarranged. 3 ft.

Box 13 1 Vol of 13
Box 14 2 Vols of 13
13. Lists of applicants for pensions, bounties, etc., 1864-1940, taken from records of the Adjutant-General of Connecticut. Arranged as follows: Civil War, Spanish-American War, 1812 War, Mexican War, Indian War, World War [I], Peace time. Thereunder alphabetical by name. 4 binders, 584 double pages.

Box 15
14. Lists of Spanish-American war veterans. Various lists, most of them from unidentified sources. Some are photostat copies. 1 binder.

15. List of World War I casualties to Connecticut soldiers, 1918-1919, taken from the Official Bulletin of the Office of Public Information. Alphabetical. 245 pages. 1 binder.

Box 16
16. Lists of Connecticut men in service, April 1917, taken from "Washington records". Variousy arranged. 9 "books" in four binders.

17. List of Mexican Border soldiers, March - August 1917, taken from records of the Adjutant-General of Connecticut. Alphabetical. 1 binder. 188 pages. *C973.9 H13 m is list by Town*

18. List of World War I veterans who died in France, taken from Adjutant-General's list (see next item) and Washington list. Alphabetical. 67 pages.

19. List of World War I soldiers who died in France as reported by the Adjutant-General. Alphabetical. 36 pages.

20. List of World War I soldiers who died in France, compiled by Soldiers Record Publishing Association, Washington, D.C. Alphabetical. 31 pages.

21. List of World War I soldiers killed in action, prepared in 1927 by the Quartermaster-General of the U.S. 71 pages.

22. Sailing lists of World War I soldiers. By name of ship. Source unknown. 80 pages.

23. List of women in service in World War I, taken from records of Adjutant-General of Connecticut. Three lists: Alphabetical, supplementary alphabetical list, by town. 39 pages.

24. List of World War II "Unidentified Connecticut Dead". This is evidently a checklist of some kind used perhaps in administering distribution of service certificates or checking on bonus entitlements. Arranged by towns. 1 binder.

25. World War II "Memorial List", U.S. Army Air Force. Alphabetical list of names with towns. Source and meaning unidentified. 54 pages.

ANNEX ~~16~~ 6

LISTS OF CONNECTICUT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, 1776-1946

- Box 112
1. Index to 1840 census of Connecticut pensioners for Revolutionary and military services.
Copied (from what?) in 1941 as a WPA project. Alphabetical by name of pensioner, with age, town of residence, and name of head of family. 40 pages in binder. (Similar list for residents of other states is in the manuscript collection, 973.3UN37h.)
 2. List of 1812 War soldiers from Connecticut, with rank and unit, date of death, age and burial place. Alphabetical. (Also includes page numbers from unspecified source.) 7 pages.
 3. List of 1812 War officers in the Connecticut militia, with rank and unit, date of death, age and burial place. Alphabetical. (Taken from Connecticut Registers, 1813 and 1814, and headstone and death notice file.) 89 pages.
 4. Roll of 1812 War 2nd Co., 1st Regt., Horse Artillery men from Durham, Wallingford, Cheshire and Meriden, with rank, date of death and burial place. Alphabetical. (Taken from Wallingford Witness, August 6, 1886, Vol. 1, p. 21.) 2 pages.
 5. List of 1812 War pension applicants "who have headstones", with date of death, age, burial place, name of widow, and service note. Alphabetical. 5 pages.
 - Box 112
6. List of 1812 War soldiers and widows on 1883 U.S. pension roll "who have headstones", with date of death, age, burial place, name of widow and pension number. Alphabetical. 10 pages.
 7. List of Mexican War veterans, with rank and unit, date of death, age and burial place. Alphabetical. 3 pages.
 8. List of Civil War veterans who died each year, 1887-1928, with G.A.R. post number, regiment, etc. Photostat copies of pages from the printed annual report of the Adjutant-General of Connecticut. 82 double pages.
 9. List of Civil War volunteers from Hartford, with address and year of enlistment. Alphabetical. (Taken from Geer's Hartford City Directory, 1861-65.) 21 pages.
 - Box 113
10. List of 1812 War and Civil War pensioners with town of residence and pension number. Alphabetical. 90 pages.
 11. List of Civil War soldiers from Suffield, by unit, with dates of death. Photostat copy. Appr. 100 pages.
 12. List of Civil War veterans buried in the South, taken from U.S. Honor Rolls, with name, unit, date of death, place of burial. Alphabetical. 74 pages.