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Series 2210

UTAH STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE ^[1]

TERRITORIAL MILITIA RECORDS, 1849-1877, (1905-undated)

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DESCRIPTION: These papers document the administration and activities of various segments of the territorial militia, also known as the Nauvoo Legion. They were brought together by archives staff in the late 1950s and early 1960s in an effort to collect all documents about Utah veterans from any source and to serve as a state repository for those documents. Numerous categories of papers are included, among them correspondence, receipts and bills, diaries and journals, muster rolls, payrolls, rosters, reports, and returns.

These papers relate to the administrative responsibilities of the lieutenant general, Daniel H. Wells, and his staff such as the adjutant general (James Ferrguson 1849-1861), quartermaster general, and commissary general. They also include papers of the local military districts with their own battallions, regiments, and companies. Orders were dispersed from headquarters to the local units, and various reports were made from the local units to headquarters. Thus most of the papers are from the territorial period. However, there are others from the early 20th century, collected primarily by the Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard in an attempt to document the claims of Indian War veterans for pensions.

The adjutant general was the most significant officer in terms of record keeping for the Legion. He was responsible for furnishing subordinates with blank forms, keeping a rank roll of officers, keeping muster rolls from throughout, keeping a record of property, and keeping the proceedings of all departments with a full record of all expeditions and expenses incurred. The Legion supply officers, such as the quartermaster and commissary generals, and the various lower ranking commanders were obligated to keep up their records so that they could report to the adjutant general.

Correspondence, orders, and court-martial papers comprise the most descriptive and most heterogeneous of the documents. These are generally grouped together and arranged largely in chronological order. Letters from local units to headquarters and from headquarters to local units are the most frequent. There is also

correspondence with outside agencies or individuals, such as a letter from Samuel Colt regarding purchase of firearms or to the Secretary of War requesting federal reimbursement for expeditions. Much of the correspondence and orders relate to routine administrative matters such as the organization of local militia companies.

Indian relations is another prominent topic. The emphasis is on campaigns against bands of Ute, Shoshone, Navajo, and others during the Walker wars, Blackhawk wars, and various raids. Some of the letters are to or from Brigham Young in his role as Territorial Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in addition to those in his role as Commander in Chief. Occasionally proceedings of civilian district or probate courts are found in cases regarding Indians.

The confrontation with Johnston's army is discussed in a few letters of the late 1850s. Utah's guarding of the Overland Trail mail and telegraph routes for a few months during the Civil War is also mentioned. Court-martial papers are common throughout, and include charges, minutes, verdicts, and fines. Military survey crews sent to explore and map new areas are included as well. Personal correspondence of General Wells and some of his clerks, such as John Winder, appear interspersed with those relating to military matters.

Journals or typed transcripts are also included, particularly in a group of documents numbered 1286-1307. These include personal or company diaries kept at the time of service. They also include typed reminiscences of service sent in to the National Guard Adjutant General (not directly connected to the Nauvoo Legion Adjutant General) in the early 20th century to substantiate claims of service and validate pension requests. A few typed papers summarizing such data are also included.

Various lists comprise the bulk of the documents. They include numerous rosters, rolls, returns, and reports. There are reports which have a narrative form similar to a journal but which were sent to headquarters. More commonly referred to as reports or returns are listings of men and equipment which broadly describe the condition of a unit. These usually cite the number of men, horses, equipment, etc. but may or may not provide names. For example, regimental and brigade returns provide the names of the officers along with their dates of election and commission, but only the numbers of the other officers, musicians, and privates along with the numbers of equipment, horses, and arms. The word "returns" may also be used for election returns collected from the election of officers. Various lists of officers may include these election returns, requests for commissions to be issued, recommendations for appointments, and listings of assignments.

Muster rolls and payrolls generated by each military district or individual units within the district are common. Muster rolls provide a

listing of the men mustered with muster in dates plus the equipment (firearms, horses, tack, etc.) that they brought with them. Technically they were to include muster out dates as well, although many do not. The term "muster roll" is often applied loosely, for example, "staff and field muster rolls" are more precisely returns, recording the equipment held by the major and the adjutant, without providing muster dates. Payrolls provide listings of militia members and the amounts paid them for their service. There are name lists for specific activities (e.g., furlough lists, morning reports, duty rosters, etc.), rank rolls (names and rank), service reports (names and number of days served), detachment lists (individuals detached on a specific expedition), and other types of rosters which provide names of those serving. Some of these, particularly the payrolls, were later used by the U.S. War Department to calculate reimbursement of expenses incurred in anti-Indian campaigns. All were frequently used in the early 20th century by the Adjutant General's office and the U.S. Pension Bureau for proof of name and record of service in validating pension claims.

Financial documents, including correspondence regarding supplies, bills, receipts, provision lists, calculations etc. comprise a small group of documents primarily numbered 1600-2750. There are account ledgers for services in various expeditions against the Indians. Bills and receipts from individuals, the territory, and the federal war department are also present. The federal government would reimburse the territory for costs incurred in fighting Indians. The federal government was also billed in 1862 for the months the militia guarded the Overland trail.

There are a few maps. Those numbered 4628A-4632 contain two of parade grounds/camp, one of the Fish Lake area, one of the Sevier River area, and one of the St. George to Green River trail. Rarely a sketched map will be included as part of a letter.

In 1870, Governor J. Wilson Shaffer issued a proclamation that proscribed the militia as commanded by Lieutenant General Wells. In 1887, the Edmunds-Tucker Act disbanded the Nauvoo Legion entirely.

ARRANGEMENT: Papers are arranged numerically according to a number assigned by the archives staff in the early 1960s. Papers were roughly grouped by size and type, e.g., correspondence, financial, or rolls. Correspondence is often further arranged chronologically. Rolls are often further grouped by military district or modern county. However these clusters are not mutually exclusive.

RELATED RECORDS: Series 6195, TERRITORIAL MILITIA SERVICE CARDS, is a card file of individual names taken from some of the payrolls and muster rolls in this series. Series 6330, MILITIA NAME LIST, also provides names taken from the payrolls. Series 2220, INDIAN WARS VETERAN MEDALS RECORDS, contains a summary of

service data for some of these same individuals, completed when they applied for medals after 1905. INDIAN WARS SERVICE AFFIDAVITS, series 2217, contains similar data compiled after 1909 when pension requests were being validated. Series 242, EXECUTIVE RECORD BOOKS, contains mention of some of these same individuals and their involvement in the militia; these books are sporadically referred to in the indexes of this series.

Christie Best's 1987 "Report of the Survey of Selected Territorial Records Extant at the Utah State Archives" provides a useful overview of militia history and the records. The Wisconsin State Historical Society, Yale University, University of Arizona, and the LDS Archives also are known to house Utah militia records.

FINDING AIDS: Documents 1-1592, primarily correspondence and journals, have been alphabetically indexed by personal name and geographic location as well as listed numerically with a subject assigned (see reels 1, 2, and 3). Documents 4700-4791, primarily correspondence and muster rolls, also have an alphabetical personal name index (see reel 17). Similar names are usually alphabetized under just one spelling variant. On occasion, the indexes also refer to pages in the EXECUTIVE RECORD BOOKS, series 242. Documents 1593-4699 and 4792-5520 are not indexed.

CUSTODY HISTORY: Most of these records were acquired from the Adjutant General's office. Some were filed there during the territorial period as they were created in the office or sent in by local units. Others were acquired by the National Guard Adjutant General, not a literal descendent of the Territorial Militia Adjutant General, as part of his duties in documenting pension claims to the U.S. War Dept. of Pensions. Still others were acquired by the Utah State Historical Society Military Records Section from a variety of private donors (individuals such as Mrs. Glen S. Burt, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, LDS Church Historian's office, etc.) and interfiled with the other territorial militia documents.

PROCESSING NOTE: The Military Records Center acquired the documents from the late 1950s into the early 1960s, rearranging and grouping them by document type, date, and/or military district. Indexes were prepared for most of the correspondence, but plans to index all documents were never completed. Documents were microfilmed from 1963 to 1981. Some refilming was done in 1991. The series was processed by A.C. Cone in 1990.

Some document numbers were never assigned: 262, 411, 1186, 1400-1499, 4792-4829, and 2751-2999. In 1990, still other numbers were noted as either missing or never assigned: 561 and 1593-1599. Many papers once kept by the adjutant general were previously arranged by a different document and envelope number that appears on some of the documents. What was once the index to that old numbering system, known as documents 5521 through 7469, was

removed and made into series 6330.

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1	NONE	NONE	Place Name Index to documents 1-1592
2	NONE	NONE	Personal Name Index to documents 1-1592
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4	1	6	51-62; Mar.-June 1850; Orders, court- martial papers, correspondence
4	1	7	63-81; Sept. 1-19, 1850; Correspondence, orders
4	1	8	82-90; Sept. 20-30, 1850; Orders, correspondence
4	1	9	91-98; Oct.-Dec. 1850; Correspondence, journal page, roster
4	1	10	99-111; Jan.-Apr. 1851; Correspondence, orders
4	1	11	112-127; May-June 1851; Correspondence, orders
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4	1	14	161-178; Jan.-Apr. 1852; Correspondence, orders, officer lists
4	1	15	179-195; May-Aug. 1852; Correspondence, orders, court martial papers
4	1	16	196-218; Sept.-Dec. 1852; Court- martial papers,

			correspondence, orders, officers' meeting minutes
4	1	17	219-228; Jan.-Mar. 1853; Correspondence, court-martial papers, roll
4	1	18	229-239; Apr. 1853; Orders, correspondence
4	1	19	240-250; May-June 1853; Correspondence, orders, expedition report
4	1	20	251-261; July 1-19, 1853; Correspondence, muster roll, orders
4	1	21	263-281; July 20-22, 1853; Orders, correspondence, narrative reports
5	1	22	282-298; July 23-27, 1853; Correspondence, narrative reports, orders
5	1	23	299-315; July 23-31, 1853; Correspondence, orders, condition report
5	1	23	Document 311 missing in hard copy
5	1	24	316-339; Aug. 1-15, 1853; Muster rolls, correspondence, order, court martial papers, expedition reports
5	1	25	340-356; Aug. 16-25, 1853; Orders, expedition reports, correspondence, pass, court martial papers, typed copy of Governor's proclamation re. Indian war
5	1	26	357-374; Aug. 27-31, 1853; Correspondence, orders, roster
5	1	27	375-395; Sept. 1853; Correspondence, duty roster, orders, furlough roster, roster (envelope from doc. 271)
5	1	28	396-410; Oct. 1853; Correspondence, orders
5	1	29	412-425; Nov.-Dec. 1853; Correspondence, orders, morning report, court martial papers, election returns, report
5	1	30	426-452; 1854; Orders, correspondence

5	1	31	453-484; 1855; Officer elections, correspondence, orders, court martial papers, Governor's proclamation, roster
5	1	32	485-509; Feb.-Mar. 1856; Correspondence, affidavits
5	1	33	510-522; 1856; Correspondence, orders, election return, court martial papers
25	1	34	523-535; Jan.-May 1857; Correspondence, certificates of service, election returns, orders
25	1	35	536-548; June 1857; Correspondence, election returns, orders
25	1	36	549-558; July 1857; Correspondence, orders, court martial minutes
25	1	37	559-573; Aug. 1-15, 1857; Correspondence, orders
25	1	38	574-587; Aug. 15-31, 1857; Correspondence, orders, condition report, observation report
25	1	39	588-594; Sept. 1857; Correspondence, orders
25	1	40	595-619; Oct. 1857; Correspondence, report, court martial papers; Doc. 595 missing in paper copy as of Nov. 1979
25	1	41	620-632; Nov.-Dec. 1857; Correspondence, orders, report, service report, ward army minutes
25	1	42	633-635; 1857; Correspondence, election returns
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25	1	44	645-664; Mar.-Dec. 1858; Orders, service report, correspondence, report, court martial papers, muster roll, pass
25	1	45	665-670; 1859-1860; Correspondence; gun powder manufacturing agreement

25	1	46	671-691; 1861; Correspondence, orders
25	1	47	692-701; Mar.-Apr. 1862; Correspondence, telegram, roster
25	1	48	702-712; May-June 1862; Correspondence, emigrants notice, telegram, R.H. Atwood's journal, report
25	1	49	713-716; July-Dec. 1862; Correspondence, summary report
25	1	50	717-738; Jan.-Mar. 1863; Correspondence, payroll receipt, condition reports
25	1	51	739-748; Apr.-Dec. 1863; Correspondence, telegram, condition reports
25	1	52	749-768; 1864; Correspondence, orders, telegrams
25	1	53	769-781; Jan.-Sept. 1865; Roll call, correspondence
25	1	54	782-802; Oct.-Dec. 1865; Correspondence, orders, officer meeting minutes, condition report, court martial papers
26	1	55	803-828; Feb.-Mar. 1866; Election certificates, correspondence, orders
26	1	56	829-843; Apr. 1866; Correspondence, orders
26	1	57	844-858; May 1866; Correspondence, orders; Document 856 missing in paper copy
26	1	58	859-889; June 1866; Correspondence, orders, guard list, report
26	1	59	891-923; July 1-14, 1866; Correspondence, orders
26	1	60	924-946; July 15-31, 1866; Correspondence, map
26	1	61	947-967; Aug.-Sept. 1866; Correspondence, condition report, grain account, report
26	1	62	968-978; Oct. 1866; Correspondence, orders, muster

			list
26	1	63	979-995; Nov.-Dec. 1866; Correspondence
26	1	64	996-1003; Jan.-Mar. 1867; Correspondence, election certificate, orders, court martial papers
26	1	65	1004-1025; Apr.-June 1867; Correspondence, orders, telegrams
26	1	66	1026-1044; July-Aug. 1867; Correspondence, telegrams, election certificates
26	1	67	0145-1055; Sept.-Oct. 1867; Correspondence, orders, court martial papers
26	1	68	1056-1070; Nov.-Dec. 1867; Correspondence, court martial papers
27	1	69	1071-1092; Jan.-Feb. 1868; Correspondence, court martial papers, stock stolen list, legislative act re. militia
27	1	70	1093-1115; Mar.-Apr. 1868; Correspondence, telegrams
27	1	71	1116-1133; May-Oct. 1868; Telegrams, correspondence, purchase authorization
27	1	72	1134-1162A; Nov.-Dec. 1868; Orders, correspondence, telegrams, court martial papers, condition report
27	1	73	1163-1178; Jan.-June 1869; Correspondence, telegrams, officers meeting minutes, committee report
27	1	74	1179-1199; July-Dec. 1869; Correspondence, telegrams, roster, orders, officer meeting minutes
27	1	75	1200-1214; 1870; Correspondence, telegrams, orders
27	1	76	1215-1219; 1871; Correspondence, certifications, telegram, report
27	1	77	1220-1236; 1872; Telegrams, correspondence, orders

27	1	78	1237-1239B; 1873-1875; Correspondence, telegrams
27	1	79	1240-1264; n.d.; Correspondence, orders, music, rosters, condition reports
27	1	80	1265-1285; n.d.; Correspondence, rosters, orders, court martial papers
27	1	81	1286; 1857-1858; Journal of Co. E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Regiment
27	1	82	1287; 1865-1870; Record Book of 2nd Regiment, Iron Military District
27	1	83	1288; 1864-1867; Battalion Book, Col. Wm. Dame
27	1	84	1289; 1865; Brigade Organization Book, Cache Military District
28	1	85	1290; 1865; Journal of Cache Military District; 1291; 1866; Muster rolls, descriptive rolls, etc. of Cavalry detachment, 2nd Division, northern region; Document missing in paper copy
28	1	86	1292; 1866; J.S. Page's diary with affidavit and typed transcript
28	1	87	1293; 1866; John R. Winders' journal of expedition to San Pete with typed copy
28	1	88	1294; 1860-1877; Record Book, Iron Military District
28	1	89	1295; 1866; typed copy of journal
28	1	90	1296-1297; typed copy of document 645, 1845; and typed 20th cent. report re. militia, 1867-1869
28	1	91	1298; post-1905; typed reminiscences
28	1	92	1299; 1909; typed reminiscences of Minute Co. of Moroni for 1865 with affidavit
28	1	93	1300; 20th cent.; Military History of Cache Valley
28	1	94	1301-1304; typed copies of documents #437, #289, unknown #, 1853-1854

28	1	95	1305-1306; ca. 1917; typed Journals of scouting expeditions against Navajo Indians in 1869
28	1	96	1307; n.d.; research paper by Mary W. Chidester Workman, Danville, Ohio re. St. George Stake Iron Military District
6	2	1	1308-1318; Feb.-Mar. 1850; Correspondence, court martial papers, orders, reports
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6	2	4	1330-1333; 1852; Correspondence, reports, election returns
6	2	5	1334-1343; June-July 1853; Court martial papers, orders, correspondence, reports
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6	2	8	1381-1387; 1854 (1853, 1852); Organizational returns, journal, correspondence, reports
6	2	9	1388-1391; 1855-1856; Court martial papers, criminal warrants (U.S. vs. Utah Indians), payroll report, posse list
6	2	10	1392-1399, 1500-1501; 1857; Election reports, correspondence, condition and service reports, topographical reports
6	2	11	1502-1516; 1858-1865; Correspondence, muster roll, U.S. Volunteers' journal; condition report, orders, court martial papers
6	2	12	1517-1531; Feb.-June 2, 1866; Court martial papers, expedition report, correspondence

6	2	13	1532; June 21-Aug. 6, 1866; Morning reports
6	2	14	1533-1549; June 27-Dec. 1866; Expedition reports, correspondence, criminal indictment, condition report, orders
6	2	15	1550-1561; 1867; Expedition reports, correspondence
6	2	16	1562-1578; 1868; Court martial papers, stolen stock lists, correspondence, election returns, expedition report
6	2	17	1579-1592; 1869-1874; Expedition reports, correspondence
6	2	18	1600; 1853-1855; Accounts for services in expeditions (xerox)
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7	2	36	2127-2139; Jan.-Apr. and n.d. 1866; Accounts, receipts, supply accounts, bills
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7	2	38	2203-2296; June et seq. 1866; receipts, supply and provision accounts, bills
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7	2	43	2616-2625; Nov.-Dec. 1866; receipts, bills, Quartermaster's return, expenditure statements
7	2	44	2626-2652; Jan.-May 1867; bills, receipts, rank roll, supply accounts, condition report
7	2	45	2653-2680; June-Dec. 1867; bills, receipts, disbursement accounts, appropriations accounts