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Record Group Number: PS1

Record Group Name: Adjutant General's Office

Historical Note:

The post of Adjutant General was established by the Constitution of 1780, which authorized the governor to appoint such an official (Const Pt 2, C 2, S 1, Art 10).

While elaborated upon many times by legislation, the fundamental functions of this position have remained constant. In keeping with a governmental perspective in which the civil authority controls the military, the adjutant general serves as executive administrator of the Military Establishment on behalf of the governor in his capacity as commander-in-chief.

Major changes surrounding the office of Adjutant General have related to the evolution of the organization under his charge. Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries overseeing the active and inactive militia was a relatively passive function except in periods of conflict or threatened conflict. During the 20th century, however, the adjutant general has become the chief executive officer of the Military Division, which includes the Army and Air National Guards. The duties of the post have correspondingly grown and stabilized.

The duties of the adjutant general were first specified by St 1780, c 21, which empowered the governor to appoint an adjutant general under authority derived from the Constitution. The act further specified that the adjutant general was responsible for making returns of the militia to the governor. With this, one of the most basic and enduring duties of the office was laid down.

In 1793 the General Court expanded these duties. St 1793, c 14 determined that there should be one adjutant general and one quartermaster general for the militia. Most of the responsibilities subsequently associated with the position of adjutant general were here identified. They were to include enrollment of the militia with the attendant preparation of abstracts and general returns for the governor and the president of the United States, conducting the annual inspection of the militia, distribution of all orders from the governor acting as commander-in-chief, attendance at all public reviews of the militia, and provision of assistance to the governor in effecting improvements to the system of military discipline.

In 1840 a major reorganization of militia (St 1840, c 92) led to the formation of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. To improve the quality of state military service, returns of militia enrollment were required to be made annually to the adjutant general in May/June. Such returns were to be based on lists of men liable for service drawn up by local assessors and forwarded to the adjutant general by city or town clerks.

In 1846 a more exacting system of enrolling the militia was defined (St 1846, c 218). The relationship between the adjutant general and municipal officers, on the one hand, and the adjutant general and the governor, on the other, was refined. The new system of reporting returns was designed to support calculations leading to determinations by the adjutant general of local entitlements to reimbursement by the state for the service of militia members.

While the Civil War increased and intensified the activities of the adjutant general, the official duties of the office remained relatively constant. St 1864, c 238; St 1866, c 219; and St 1874, c 320, s 50 substantially restated extant provisions of earlier legislation (St 1793, c 14; St 1846, c 218)

In the aftermath of the Civil War, a series of secondary tasks was appended to the Adjutant General's Office. It was made responsible for maintenance of war records (Resolves 1881, c 38; Resolves 1897, c 49 and c 75) and for payment of unsatisfied bounty claims to veterans of the Civil War (St 1897, c 179; St 1898, c 55; Resolves 1903, c 100). The former role ultimately led to designation of the adjutant general as Commissioner of War Records (St 1912, c 211). The adjutant general was also authorized to certify the keeping of armories and the reimbursement of local governments for this expense (St 1874, c 320), a responsibility which ultimately lead to his designation as chair of the Armory Commission (St 1937, c 300)

The most notable change in the 20th century has been the departmentalization of the Adjutant General's Office. A hint of this is revealed in St 1874, c 320, wherein the staff of the commander-in-chief was defined as consisting of the adjutant general, serving as chief-of-staff, and a quartermaster general, surgeon general, and judge advocate general.

By 1939 the transition was complete and the post of the adjutant general took on its modern cast (St 1939, c 425). With this enactment, the adjutant general had become the head of a department, as executive and administrative head of the Military Division, which, for purposes of financial administration, was constituted by the organized militia (ss 6(b), 16(b)). Other members of the military staff, including the state quartermaster, state surgeon, state ordnance officer, state inspector, and state judge advocate, became

subordinate to the adjutant general. Core responsibilities continued to include reporting returns, maintaining rosters, conveying orders, certifying military expenses for assessment purposes, and assisting the governor in planning and development of the state's military program.

In addition to supplying and equipping the organized militia, the adjutant general, with the assistance of the state staff, was made responsible for recruiting, organizing, and mobilizing the state's forces. Certain administrative duties, such as executing contracts and approving divisional expenditures, also came to be invested in his office. By mid-century the adjutant general had acquired standing equivalent to the secretaries in charge of executive offices (St 1969, c 704, s 39)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429345>

Related Series:

Detachment returns, 1812

Identifier: PS1/226X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144326>

General, division, brigade, and regimental orders, 1812-1815

Identifier: PS1/399X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Connecticut State Library, including correspondence relating to its original purchase by the library in 1921.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469646>

Abstract of payrolls, 1864-1868

Identifier: PS1/424X

Extent: 0.45 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged by payroll number (i.e., chronologically).

Notes: The origin of this series is unclear. It may have been a summary of bounty payrolls prepared by the paymaster general, but the information given is insufficient to draw that conclusion. No connection can be made between this record and: Massachusetts. Paymaster General. Bounty payroll accounts, 1865-1866 ((M-Ar)439X). Having come to the Archives with other records from the Adjutant General's Office, this item has been ascribed to that agency.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297718>

Lists of recruits credited to municipalities, 1862-1864 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1/425X

Extent: 0.32 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.

Notes: An explanatory note in the Archives control file, prepared ca. 1920 by Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, refers to four volumes that were likely bound into one as this series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716224>

Muster rolls of drafted men and substitutes, 1863-1864.

Identifier: PS1/426X

Extent: 0.32 cubic ft. (1 v.)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged within each subseries by regiment.

Organized into three subseries: (1) Muster rolls (2) Descriptive rolls of conscripts (3) Lists of substitutes from various districts;

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77849697>

Lists of draft substitutes by district, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1/427X

Extent: 0.35 cubic ft. (2 v.)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Lists of substitutes, districts 1-4 (2) Certificates of substitute volunteer enlistment, district 4.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79756771>

Report of men received under town quotas, 1862-1863.

Identifier: PS1/428X

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Arranged: Volume 1: August-November, 1862; arranged alphabetically by municipality

Volume 2: August, 1862-January, 1983; arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590895>

Descriptive rolls of rejected recruits, 1862-1865.

Identifier: PS1/434X

Extent: 1 volume

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by regiment.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78622911>

Bounty elective rolls, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1/435X
Extent: 1.7 cubic feet (5 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Elective rolls of recruits (2) Elective rolls of recruits from southern states;
arranged within each subseries by bounty number.
Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.
Notes: Reel GSU 500: v. 1 (through 2585). Reel GSU 501: v. 1 (from 2585)-v. 5.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83715250>

Certificates of naval enlistment, 1862-1865 (bulk 1864-1865).

Identifier: PS1/437X
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78411598>

Muster rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/441X
Extent: 5.75 cubic feet (27 volumes)
Copies: 11 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by branch of service, thereunder by military unit, and then chronologically.
Notes: Several volumes contain useful explanatory notes by Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, on the front flyleaf. He apparently reviewed these materials in the period 1919-1921.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185687>

Elective rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1/442X
Extent: 3 cubic feet (4 volumes)

Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by branch of service, thereunder by military unit.
Notes: Vol. 1: Infantry, regts. 1-29. Vol. 2: Infantry, regts. 30-62. Vol. 3:
Heavy and light artillery. Vol. 4: Cavalry. --Reel GSU 525: v. 1 (start).
Reel GSU 526: v. 1 (end)-v. 4 (start). Reel GSU 527: v. 4 (end)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78411587>

Rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/443X
Extent: 4.25 cubic feet (26 volumes)
Copies: 4 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by regiment, thereunder by military unit.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84865308>

Summary of municipal bounty payments, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1/446X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.
Notes: Spine title: Municipal bounties--summaries of payments.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144219>

Index of Massachusetts casualties in World War II, 1941-1945.

Identifier: PS1/447X
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (ca. 9300 cards ; in 10 boxes) 10 x 15 cm.
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469549>
Digital Surrogates:
http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/uncategorised/collection_02102549-ad9c-458d-9d68-66e6f9a648b8/

Muster rolls and payrolls of the Massachusetts Militia, 1812-1815.

Identifier: PS1/448X
Arranged: Arranged by military unit.

Notes: A report inquiring into records held by the Massachusetts state secretary, pursuant to Resolves 1884, c 60, provides the following information: "The muster rolls of the War of 1812 are not in the office, but are in Washington, whither they were sent, it would appear, under the Resolve of February 1, 1816, which directed the Secretary and Treasurer to deliver to the agent appointed to prosecute the claims of Massachusetts against the General Government, all rolls, vouchers, accounts and papers necessary to substantiate that claim for expenses incurred during the war. The Legislature of the state, at various times, has passed resolves looking to the recovery of these rolls, but they have never been obtained. The Adjutant-General has succeeded in obtaining copies of a part of them...."

Notes: Reel GSU 530: v. 1-2 (start). Reel GSU 531: v. 2 (end)-v. 3 (start). Reel GSU 532: v. 3 (end)-v. 5 (start). Reel GSU 533: v. 5 (end)-v. 6 (start). Reel GSU 534: v. 6 (end)-v. 7 (start). Reel GSU 535: v. 7 (end)-v. 9 (start). Reel GSU 536: v. 9 (end)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78112155>

Annual returns of the militia, 1790-1828 (bulk 1790-1813).

Restriction: Some restrictions may apply

Identifier: PS1/449X

Extent: 1800-1828 __2 folders

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: A letter from the adjutant general to the governor, Dec. 1, 1805 transmitting that year's return, details the procedure by which annual returns were distributed.

Notes: Returns for 1793, 1795, 1799, 1814-1822, 1824-1826 lacking. Returns may also be found in: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. House/Senate unpassed legislation ((M-Ar)230/231) --Also included are annual returns of ordnance and military stores for 1823, 1826-1828 submitted by the adjutant general as acting quartermaster general, but solely for Boston (munitions laboratory) and Cambridge (arsenal) locations. For other such returns see: Massachusetts. Quartermaster General's Dept. Annual returns of ordnance and military stores, 1800-1816 ((M-Ar)450X), or: House/Senate unpassed legislation (as above)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83017215>

Returns of municipal bounties, 1863-1864.

Identifier: PS1/456X

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (12 volumes)
Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82693670>

Consolidated morning reports, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/457X
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (17 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged by regiment, thereunder chronologically.
Notes: Held by the Record and Pension Division of the U.S. War Dept. until transferred to the Adjutant General's Office, 194-?
Notes: Series incomplete. Includes regiments for Cavalry 2; Heavy Artillery 1; Infantry 2, 11, 15, 23, 25, 27-28, 31-36, 39, 61.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095690>

Descriptive lists of Massachusetts Volunteers in the U.S. Navy, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/458X
Extent: 5.5 cubic feet (11 volumes)
Copies: 4 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: In three subseries: (1) v. 1-7 (A-B, C-E, F-H, I-L, M-O, P-S, T-Y) (2) v. 8 (A-M) (3) v. 9-11 (A-F, G-M, N-Z); --arranged within each subseries alphabetically by first letter of surname.
Notes: Vol. 9-11 designated v. 1-3 on spine. --Reel GSU 538: v. 1-3 (D. Gleason). Reel GSU 539: v. 3 (D. Gleason)-v. 6 (R. Shofield). Reel GSU 540: v. 6 (R. Shofield)-v. 10 (I. Jones). Reel GSU 541: v. 10 (I. Jones)-v. 11.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185723>

Index to transfers from Army to Navy entitled to a bounty, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1/460X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Notes: Cover title: Soldiers transferred to Navy and entitled to

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506025>

Letters concerning transfers to the U.S. Navy, 1864-1890 (bulk 1866-1870).

Identifier: PS1/461X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Spine title: Transfers from Army to Navy.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556555>

Naval enlistment rolls, 1862-1865.

Identifier: PS1/462X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (4 volumes)
Copies: partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Volumes arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83554946>

Rolls of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/465X
Extent: 3 cubic feet (13 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by military unit (see below)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84447499>

Lists of entitlements to prize money, 1884-1886.

Identifier: PS1/466X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by vessel and crew.
Notes: Collated: 1886.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702923>

Enrollment reports from cities and towns, 1862-1864.

Identifier: PS1/467X
Extent: 0.39 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 box)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: In four subseries: (1) Enrollment lists (2) Enlistment rolls (3) Correspondence (4) Certificates of enlistment.
Notes: Series incomplete: volume 8 (Hadley to Ipswich) only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80284599>

Naval enlistments by town, 1861-1870 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1/469X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality, thereunder alphabetically by surname.
Notes: Vol. 1 (Reel GSU 503): Boston. Vol. 2 (Reel GSU 504): Other towns, A-Y; Maine towns.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84080328>

Index to naval personnel from Massachusetts, 1885-1889.

Identifier: PS1/470X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83659597>

Returns of naval enlistments by municipality, 1864-1867 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1/471X
Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: Volume for A-G lacking. Vol. 2: H-P. Vol. 3: Q-Y. --Reel GSU 504: v. 2-3 (Somerset). Reel GSU 505: v. 3 (Somerset-end)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79891328>

Index to Massachusetts Volunteers in the U.S. Navy, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/472X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 volume)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82949053>

Enlistment and elective rolls for the U.S. Marine Corps, 1861-1864 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1/473X
Extent: 1 volume

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: In three subseries: (1) Enlistment rolls (2) Descriptive lists (3)
Enlistment certificates;
arranged within each subseries chronologically by date of enlistment.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81062442>

Index to naval bounty payments, 1864.

Identifier: PS1/474X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.
Notes: A typed note attached to the front flyleaf, probably prepared by Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, provides historical background on the creation of the series. A note from the Office of Paymaster of State Bounties is affixed to the first page.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82394805>

List of naval credits, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/475X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (3 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality, thereunder alphabetically by surname.
Notes: An explanatory note is found inside the front flyleaf of each volume. Prepared by Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, the note explains the federal legislative basis of creation of these records. --Vol. 1: A-B. Vol. 2: C-M. Vol. 3: N-Y. --Reel GSU 505: A-Canton. Reel GSU 506: Carlisle-Y.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82295897>

Index to transfers from Army to Navy, 1861-1917 (bulk 1861-1865).

Identifier: PS1/476X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (1 volume)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81574178>

Descriptive list of recruits for Massachusetts Volunteers, 1863-1864

Identifier: PS1/477X
Extent: 3.5 cubic feet (16 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by county (or camp of rendezvous), then chronologically by date of muster.
Notes: Spine title: Enlistment & descriptive rolls.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81675017>

List of United States premiums for recruits, 1864.

Identifier: PS1/480X
Extent: 1 file folder
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: Cover title: United States premiums for recruits.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564406>

Index to naval correspondence, 1858-1916.

Identifier: PS1/482X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject (surname).
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613824>

Lists of recruits enrolled at Washington, D. C., 1863-1865.

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1/484X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83383007>

Bounty payrolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1863-1866.

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1/485X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.

Notes: Pages have been disbound.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82944225>

Enlistment rolls of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1/486X

Extent: 2 volumes

Copies: partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by military unit.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80225675>

Company rolls of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1862.

Identifier: PS1/487X

Extent: 1 volume

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by military unit.

Notes: Copy of General Order 25 attached to front flyleaf.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78006811>

Bounty claims correspondence, 1904.

Identifier: PS1/699X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83432285>

Research files for: Massachusetts soldiers, sailors, and marines in the Civil War, 1862-1950 (bulk 1915-1950).

Identifier: PS1/700X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by regiment.

Notes: These materials were bequeathed to Williams College by Frederick Cross. They were returned to the custody of the state (specifically the Adjutant General's Office) in 1950 by Williams College Librarian Wyllis E. Wright, a letter from whom details the transfers.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123289>

Roster of officers in Massachusetts military districts, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1/705X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged numerically by military district.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405521>

Scrapbook of Charlestown City Guard, 1878-1885.

Identifier: PS1/706X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in reverse order.
Notes: While provenance is unknown, the scrapbook was probably assembled by Captain Brown.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581491>

Correspondence concerning inspections, 1894-1897.

Identifier: PS1/707X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590932>

Enrolled militia of Boston, 1840.

Identifier: PS1/708X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by city ward.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83017198>

Index to correspondence concerning completion of records of officers, sailors, and marines in the U.S. Navy, 1893-1897.

Identifier: PS1/709X
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419845>

Lists of mustering-outs, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/710X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged numerically by regiment, thereunder by company in reverse alphabetical order.
Notes: Reel GSU 507: regts. 1-26 (start). Reel GSU 508: regts. 26 (end)-54; re-enlistments regts. 2-19.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81675027>

Civil War general and special orders, 1861-1867.

Identifier: PS1/712X
Extent: 2 document boxes and 5 volumes
Arranged: Arranged numerically.
Notes: While there are many multiples of individual orders, there are also many gaps in the annual run.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336037>

Draft of: Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia during the War of 1812-14, 1912-1913.

Identifier: PS1/713X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581506>

Muster-in rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1898.

Identifier: PS1/714X
Extent: 1 folder
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged numerically by company/regiment.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77990750>

Re-enlistment rolls of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1898-1899.

Identifier: PS1/715X
Extent: 2 folders
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged numerically by company/regiment.
Notes: Most sheets are stamped as received by the Adjutant General's Office (A.G.O.)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77678978>

German war trophies allotment ledger, 1925-1935.

Identifier: PS1/717X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged by account.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590972>

Expenditure book for the Massachusetts arsenal, 1914-1916.

Identifier: PS1/718X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520720>

State military property affidavits, 1911-1914.

Identifier: PS1/719X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Letter of transmittal stamped as received by the Adjutant General's Office (A.G.O.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505902>

Accounts of officers with detached regiments in Maine, 1814-1815.

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1/720X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged by officer account.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132256>

Armory accounts, 1953-1954.

Identifier: PS1/722X

Extent: 0.27 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged by municipal armory account.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609766>

Abstract of Massachusetts militia units, [182-].

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1/723X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by military unit.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82998972>

Annual brigade returns, 1821-1832 (bulk 1821).

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1/724X

Extent: 2 folders

Arranged: Arranged numerically by brigade/division.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83894191>

Gettysburg maps, 1904.

Identifier: PS1/725X

Extent: 9 maps (1 folder)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336041>

Muster-out rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1864-1866.

Restriction: Restricted as fragile (crumbling, brittle, some staining). Bound and silked versions of these rolls at the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum and Archives in Concord should be used instead

Identifier: PS1/727X

Extent: 9.5 cubic feet (101 folders in 9 drawers and 7 boxes)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by regiment.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80717767>

Massachusetts Volunteer Militia photographs, 1894-1898.

Identifier: PS1/728X

Extent: 18 photographs (1 file folder in partial document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336042>

Report on ordnance stores held in state arsenals, 1843.

Identifier: PS1/729X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged by class of military equipment.

Notes: There is no specific basis for determining how this report came to be held by the Adjutant General's Office.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123303>

Inventory of artillery stores, 1846-1850.

Identifier: PS1/730X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged by municipality, thereunder by military unit.

Notes: While matters concerning artillery and ordnance stores characteristically are associated with the position of Quartermaster, that office was in a state of hiatus from 1821 until 1861. During that time the Adjutant General's Office met the responsibilities of the Quartermaster General's Dept.

Notes: Cover title: Artillery stores.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123302>

Correspondence concerning administration of the militia, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1/731X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123300>

Proceedings of the Examining Board for Officers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1899-1908.

Identifier: PS1/735X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Cover title: Records of the Examining Board for Officers of the Volunteer Militia.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521176>

Descriptive rolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1898-1899.

Identifier: PS1/1076X

Extent: 4 folders;

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by military unit.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81566963>

List of seamen and officers from Boston in the U.S. Navy, 1861-1865.

Identifier: PS1/1077X

Extent: 1 folder;

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83857597>

List of persons offering services during the Spanish-American War, 1898.

Identifier: PS1/1078X

Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (1 volume)

Notes: Spine title: Endorsements.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520725>

Monthly bounty payrolls of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1865-1867.

Identifier: PS1/1079X
Extent: 5.5 cubic feet (12 volumes)
Copies: 5 microfilm reels (2 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by roll no., thereunder chronologically.
Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866.
Notes: Spine title: Bounty pay rolls of Mass. Volunteers. --Reel GSU 508: 1-388. Reel GSU 509: 388-1301. Reel GSU 510: 1301-2185. Reel GSU 511: 2185-3118. Reel GSU 512: 3118-3681.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82744096>

Awards correspondence, 1918-1919.

Identifier: PS1/1080X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Copies: 2 microfilm reels (1 partial); 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by correspondence file number.
Notes: Based on a penciled note with the file, it appears that these records were sent to the state secretary's office at some point for photostatic copying.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83308665>

Telegrams, 1890-1910 (bulk 1890-1894).

Identifier: PS1/1081X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in reverse order.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412367>

Clothing accounts, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1/1083X
Extent: 23 cubic feet (145 volumes)
Copies 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged numerically by military unit (regiment/company), thereunder by officer rank, then by soldier, in each group alphabetically by surname.

Notes: Held by the Record and Pension Division of the U.S. War Dept. until transferred to the Adjutant General's Office, 194-?

Notes: Series incomplete. Includes regiments for Cavalry 1-4; Heavy Artillery 1-4, 11th battalion; Light Artillery 1, 5-7, 9; Infantry 2, 5, 11, 17-20, 23-25, 25 unassigned, 27-40, 56-59, 61.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80291303>

Rolls of detached units of the Massachusetts Militia, 1812-1814.

Identifier: PS1/1084X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder by military unit.

Notes: Spine title: Letters to qr. ms. gen'l. and additional rolls of troop service.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703205>

Confirmations of Marine Corps service, 1861-1875 (bulk 1861-1867).

Identifier: PS1/1085X

Extent: 1 volume (1 phase box)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82251341>

List of soldiers receiving municipal bounties, 1862-1865.

Identifier: PS1/1086X

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Notes: Although the adjutant general had responsibility for militia pay records before, during, and after the Civil War, including this series, from Dec. 1864 (pursuant to General Order 51) such records were in the specific custody of the paymaster general until that office lapsed in 1866. Collated: 1865?

Notes: Vol. 1 (Reel GSU 512): A-K. Vol. 2 (Reel GSU 513): L-Z; summaries of payments.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702916>

Discharge register, 1863-1864.

Identifier: PS1/1089X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (document box)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by first letter of surname, thereunder chronologically.
Notes: Presented to Archives by the United States Civil War Center; received June 19, 1997.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78630749>

Annual reports, 1846-1930.

Identifier: PS1/1318(subseries)
Extent: 1 pamphlet box and 66 volumes
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Public document, no. 7. --Includes extra copy of 1864 report, of 1862 report of surgeon general, quartermaster general, and master of armory only. --Reports for 1847-1848, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1866, 1878, 1880 missing.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469605>

Middlesex County draft exemption book, 1862.

Identifier: PS1/2457X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79458490>

Draft enrollment lists, 1862.

Identifier: PS1/2509X
Extent: 1.17 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Notes: Box 1: Berkshire. Essex. Box 2: Essex (ctd). Hampden. Norfolk. Box 3: Worcester.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/212783439>

Muster-In and description rolls of Massachusetts volunteers, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1/2800X
Extent: 22 volumes

Special orders, 1846-1985.

Identifier: PS1/2817X
Extent: 457 volumes
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts national Guard Museum and Archives, concord, Mass., April 20, 2019.

Armory, camp, base, and survey files, 1907-2003.

Identifier: PS1/2821

Extent: 10 cubic feet (1 record center carton, 31 document boxes and two boxes)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts national Guard Museum and Archives, concord, Mass., April 20, 2019.

Roster of enlisted men, 1873-1917

Identifier: PS1/2822X

Extent: 11 cubic feet (38 volumes)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts national Guard Museum and Archives, concord, Mass., April 20, 2019.

Election returns of officers by division, 1781-1860.

Identifier: PS1/2823X

Extent: 13.4 cubic feet (77 volumes)

Civil War battle casualties, 1861-1869

Identifier: PS1/2825X

Extent: 7 document boxes

Civil War miscellaneous casualties, 1861-1869.

Identifier: PS1/2826X

Extent: 8 document boxes

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Record Group Number: PS1.02

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Military State Agency
(Washington, D.C.)**

Historical Note:

On July 18, 1862, the governor of Massachusetts appointed Gardiner Tufts as Massachusetts military or state agent in Washington, D.C., to head what was known as the

Massachusetts Military State Agency (or Massachusetts State Agency) for that city, functioning as a charitable and relief organization to meet the needs of Massachusetts soldiers during and shortly after the Civil War. Many of the agency's activities were supported by the private Massachusetts Soldiers' Relief Association (MSRA), for which Tufts served as treasurer; in Dec. 1863 the association was absorbed into the agency itself. Similar agencies were established, also in 1862, in Baltimore, Hilton Head, S.C., New York, and Philadelphia, and on Feb. 16, 1864, all five agencies was placed under the Massachusetts surgeon-general for administrative and reporting purposes (Report of the surgeon-general, Dec. 1, 1864 (PD 7, Jan 1865), p. 34, 40-68). Only the Washington agency remained active after the end of the Civil War, assisting veterans and their families with war-related claims. In 1870 the office in Washington was closed (St 1870, c 115), but Tufts continued as Massachusetts state agent in Boston until 1879, when the functions and related records of his office were transferred from the state surgeon general to the state adjutant general (St 1879, c 117)

Throughout the war the Washington agency (and to a lesser extent the others as well) acted on behalf of Massachusetts soldiers by visiting hospitals, recording the welfare of sick or injured soldiers, keeping track of soldiers' whereabouts, and procuring for them supplies not available through normal channels. It accepted donations from various community organizations and ladies aid societies. It also acted on behalf of the soldiers in collecting back-pay, bounties, and pensions as well as applying for furlough. Upon the death of a soldier it assisted in informing the next-of-kin, and arranging for interment or embalming and return of the body to Massachusetts. In the course of providing these services, the agency became an information center for soldiers and their families, answering queries about soldiers' health, payments, and whereabouts.

After the war and until 1879 (see above), Tufts acted as a legal representative, free of charge, to Massachusetts veterans and their families, and served as a liaison between them and state and federal offices providing financial assistance and other veterans' benefits.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180701873>

Related Series:

Reports of Massachusetts soldiers in New York hospitals, 1862-1865.

Identifier:	PS1.02/431X
Extent:	0.75 cubic feet (2 volumes)
	Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged:	Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Typescript note inside front cover, presumably by Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, indicates that the volumes were submitted by Howe in his capacity as military agent.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78225737>

Index registers of correspondence regarding final status, 1867-1870.

Identifier: PS1.02/481X

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: In two subseries; _arranged within each volume alphabetically by first letter of subject (surname)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702935>

Outgoing correspondence, 1862-1872.

Identifier: PS1.02/701X

Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (44 volumes in 6 record center cartons)

Copies: 37 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79458497>

Incoming correspondence, 1861-1870 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1.02/702X

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Copies: 8 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Only a part of the correspondence listed in the above register is included in series.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84940064>

Administrative records, 1862-1869.

Identifier: PS1.02/703X

Extent: 0.67 cubic feet (2 document boxes and 1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically within each grouping as described below.

Notes: Transferred from Special Collections, Massachusetts State Library, Aug. 9, 2007.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702977>

Telegrams, 1863-1864 (bulk 1864).

Identifier: PS1.02/704X

Extent: 1.1 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically. --arranged alphabetically by subject.
Notes: Box 1: Administrative. Box 2: Personal.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77732970>

Lists of casualties and hospitalizations, 1862-1866 (bulk 1862-1864).

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS1.02/711X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80340034>

Hospital cards, 1863-1865.

Identifier: PS1.02/733X
Extent: 0.96 cubic feet (ca. 10,000 slips/cards in 6 boxes)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by name.
Notes: Tufts describes this information system in: Report of military agent, Washington, D.C. (In: Report of the surgeon-general, Dec. 1, 1864 (PD 7, Jan 1865), p. 60-61) --Box 1: A-Coll. Box 2: Colm-Gi. Box 3: Gu-K. Box 4: L-Pe. Box 5: Pf-Smith, J. Box 6: Smith, L.-Z.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83432293>

Additional bounty claims, 1866-1870.

Identifier: PS1.02/1087X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically (separate sequence per volume) by first letter of surname, thereunder chronologically.
Notes: Labels in volumes indicate purchase in Washington, D.C., where presumed issuing agency was headquartered.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84043174>

Payment records, 1865-1870.

Identifier: PS1.02/1088X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (5 volumes in 1 document box.)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78457413>

Hospital registers, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.02/1090X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (6 volumes in 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by first letter of surname, thereunder chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185695>

Accounting records, 1862-1866.

Identifier: PS1.02/1091X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79182007>

Pension claims, 1866-1870.

Identifier: PS1.02/1092X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (5 volumes in 1 document box)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704094>

Incoming correspondence register, 1864-1870 (bulk 1866-1870).

Identifier: PS1.02/1093X
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (9 volumes in 1 record center carton)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Indexes: 7 volumes (see below)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79458500>

Courier company receipts, 1863-1870.

Identifier: PS1.02/2449X
Extent: 0.16 cubic feet (6 volumes in 1 box)
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Receipts for goods (2) Receipts for monies; arranged within each subseries chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702158>

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Record Group Number: PS1.04

Record Group Name: State Surgeon

Historical Note:

As a coherent state agency, the department of the state surgeon owes its origin to the Civil War. At its outbreak, Governor John A. Andrew, responding to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, arranged to appoint regimental surgeons to the rapidly expanding militia.

Departing from previous practice, which did not require the professional examination of the medical staff of the militia, Governor Andrew also appointed a Medical Commission for this purpose of which William J. Dale was one member.

The exigencies of the war and the concomitant recruitment activities made necessary the closer management of the militia's medical department. As a result, in June 1861 Dale was commissioned as surgeon general. Aside from the surgeon general and his immediate staff, the core of the department consisted of the surgeons and assistant surgeons operating at the regimental level. While veterinary surgeons and ambulance officers were added later, the basic organization of the department remained unchanged.

The surgeon general was mandated to exercise general supervision and control of matters pertaining to the medical department (St 1878, c 265, s 15; St 1939, c 425, s 69(a)), generally under the authority of the adjutant general.

Professional duties included providing for medical inspection of recruits and requisitioning and reviewing of the qualifications of candidates for the medical staff of the militia. After the Civil War, the surgeon general was charged with examining soldiers who sought military aid on the basis of war-related disabilities (St 1878, c 282; St 1879, c 252), a review later extended to the veterans of subsequent conflicts. Later in the 19th century, the surgeon general became responsible for the employment of an ambulance corps (Annual report, 1888, p. 33-35).

From the outset, one of the most important administrative duties of the surgeon general was the purchase and distribution of medical and hospital supplies (Annual report, 1861; St 1878, c 265, s 15; St 1939, c 425, s 69 (a)). Other administrative duties, developed later in the 19th century, involved receiving inspections of militia encampments for health and sanitation purposes and the provision of veterinary services for militia livestock. During the Civil War (Feb. 1864), the surgeon general was assigned general superintendence of the Massachusetts Military State Agency.

In 1879 the surgeon general's department was scaled down from what it had become during the Civil War; St 1879, c 117 eliminated most of its bureaucratic accretions, leaving only the original structure of surgeon general and regimental medical staff. The surgeon general retained the core duties relating to the management of the medical staff, but all books and records relating to claims previously processed by the surgeon general were ordered transferred to the adjutant general.

From 1915 the adjutant general's annual report designated the office as that of Chief Surgeon, and St 1916, c 284, s 15 also referred to the post of Chief Surgeon (of the medical department of the militia). From 1921 (see also St 1924, c 465, s 82), the position has been designated as that of State Surgeon. While retaining the fundamental responsibilities of supervising the medical department and assisting in the determination of eligibility of veterans for state aid, the position has become a more integral part of the Military Division under the immediate direction of the adjutant general.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590806>

Related Series:

Roster of medical officers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1861-1903.

Identifier: PS1.04/444X

Extent: 2 volumes

Arranged: Arranged numerically by military unit.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122643388>

Physical examination of officers, 1904-1913.

Identifier: PS1.04/732X

Extent: 0.75 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412363>

Medical history of Russell Barracks, 1868.

Identifier: PS1.04/734X

Extent: 0.25 cubic feet (1 volume)

Notes: There is no indication how this item became a part of the state surgeon's holdings.

Notes: Spine title: Record of medical history of post.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419872>

Annual reports, 1862-1908.

Identifier: PS1.04/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 pamphlet box
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Public document, no. 7 --Reports for 1863, 1866, 1869-1871, 1878-1906 missing.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521198>

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Record Group Number: PS1.05

Record Group Name: Commissary General

Historical Note:

The first legislative mention of a commissary serving armed forces of Massachusetts dates from 1676 (Mass Recs 5: 74). For references to subsequent commissaries general and special commissaries prior to the Revolution see: Province Laws 8: 384-385 (explanatory matter for Resolves 1704-5, c 43) and indexes to subsequent volumes.

During the Revolutionary War, the government of Massachusetts provided for the procurement of and provisioning of military forces with food, clothing, accouterments, arms, ordnance, and other supplies somewhat idiosyncratically through a number of public agencies.

Initially the Committees of Safety and Supplies, created by the first Provincial Congress in Oct. 1774, dealt with organizing and securing supplies. At various times these were joined by other committees with specific responsibilities for such items as clothing, wood and hay, and saltpeter.

Soon a supply department began to evolve, as in Feb. 1775 the second Provincial Congress directed the Committee of Safety to designate one of its members as commissary. Later that month John Pigeon was named commissary of stores, and as such responsible both to the Committee of Safety and the Committee of Supplies. By April, he was identified as commissary general (Journals of each provincial congress of Massachusetts, p. 520). In May, the Committee of Safety appointed a deputy commissary and a first clerk to the deputy to assist the commissary general (Journals, p. 542, 546). As colonial forces began to gather in camps at Roxbury and Cambridge, the supply network began to expand with appointment in June of additional personnel to coordinate activities between the commissariat and these forces (Journals, p. 577). Commissary officers in the military units

became the principal liaisons with the commissary general. In August, shortly after the arrival of George Washington as commander of New England forces, victualling responsibilities were transferred from the Committee on Supplies (and by extension, the commissary general) to Joseph Trumbull, commissary general of the Continental Army (Resolves 1775-76, c 93); these arrangements presumably persisted until Washington's departure in Mar. 1776.

Meantime, by Nov. 1775, Richard Devens, a member of the Committee of Safety, had replaced Pigeon as commissary general by action of the now-resumed General Court (Resolves 1775-1776, c 343). By early 1776 it was apparent that the commissary general was taking the place of the Committee of Supplies. Resolves 1775-1776, c 512, c 527 directed that the committee's papers be passed on to the commissary and discharged it from further responsibility for unsettled accounts. In Feb. 1776, the commissary general was granted an appropriation (Resolves 1775-1776, c 629) to facilitate procurement of warlike stores. Later that month (c 679), the building of a commissariat in Watertown was authorized. Subsequently other stores, laboratories (i.e., munitions factories), and magazines were created at sites including Boston, Watertown, and Springfield.

Despite the growing definition of the commissariat, the commissary general continued to be subject to legislative control. In July 1776, the General Court resolved (Resolves 1776-1777, c 152) that the Council should serve as a committee of safety during legislative recess, directing as needed the affairs of the commissary general. In October, in establishing the Board of War, the General Court made it clear that the commissary general was to be subordinate to the board (Resolves 1776-1777, c 455). This relationship was further defined in July 1777 (Resolves 1777-1778, c 194)

As the Revolutionary War progressed, major theaters of action developed outside New England, with a corresponding constriction of the commissary general's responsibilities. From an agent charged with delivering a variety of military and nonmilitary supplies, the office came by the late 1770s to be focused more on provision of rations and other foodstuffs for the military forces of the state (e.g., Resolves 1778-1779, c 280, c 304)

The Constitution of 1780 (Pt 2, C 2, S 4, Art 1) provided for the annual legislative election of the commissary general, who would make annual returns to the governor (C 2, S 1, Art 12). The commissary general provisioned the garrison established on Castle Island (Resolves 1785, Feb 1786 Sess, c 166 et seq); he also provisioned the troops fighting Shays' Rebellion (Resolves 1786, Jan 1787 Sess, c 128; Resolves 1786, Apr 1787 Sess, c 12), and helped administer a program of tax payments in kind instituted subsequent to the rebellion (St 1787, c 39). Nevertheless, by 1792 the commissariat was in the process of closure: Resolves 1792, May Sess, c 61 undertook to dispose of the commissary general's stores and

papers (consigned to the quartermaster-general and the Committee on Accounts respectively), and Resolves 1793, May Sess, c 52 provided for compensation for one year's service to the commissary general (i.e., Richard Devens) for closing his office.

Const Amend Art 4 (ratified 1821) provided for the exigent appointment of a commissary general by the legislature in a manner to be prescribed by it. During the 1830s there was a military store keeper associated with the state militia, and a commissary general did function during the Civil War. Const Amend Art 53 (ratified 1918) revised the appointment procedure for all military offices, repealing the relevant section of Amend Art 4.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430073>

Related Series:

Receipt books, 1775-1793.

Identifier: PS1.05/617X

Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (7 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Vol. 1: Dec. 9, 1775-Apr. 23, 1776. Vol. 2: Apr. 24, 1776-Dec. 31, 1777. Vol. 3 (not extant): May-Aug. 13, 1776. Vol. 4: Aug. 23, 1776-Dec. 31, 1778. Vol. 5: Jan. 1, 1779-Mar. 31, 1781. Vol. 6: Apr. 2, 1781-Nov. 15, 1783. Vol. 7: Nov. 17, 1783-June 9, 1786. Vol. 8: June 12, 1786-June 30, 1790. Vol. 9: July 1, 1790-July 14, 1792.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430107>

Castle Island provision returns, 1779-1790.

Identifier: PS1.05/1711X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 documents boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.

Notes: Records are for Nov. 1779-Dec. 1790; Feb., Apr.-Dec. 1786, Sept. 1787, May 1789, May-Dec. 1790 are in: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Massachusetts archives collection ((M-Ar)45X), v. 315-316. Jan.-Aug. 1787, Aug. 1789 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83300056>

Expense accounts for militia supplies during Shays' Rebellion, 1787.

Identifier: PS1.05/1714X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81639556>

Shays' Rebellion provision returns, 1786-1787 (bulk 1787).

Identifier: PS1.05/1717X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81756834>

Issuing books, 1778-1791.

Identifier: PS1.05/2280X
Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034149>

Castle Island supply accounts, 1777-1792.

Identifier: PS1.05/2301X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84429663>

Sales of nails from Castle Island, 1786-1795 (bulk 1786-1791).

Identifier: PS1.05/2302X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in numbered batches.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77663290>

Surgeons' orders for provisions, 1775-1781.

Identifier: PS1.05/2325X
Extent: Subseries (1): 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)
Subseries (2): Partial volume (with: Massachusetts. Quartermaster's Dept. Barrack utensils, 1775 ((M-Ar)2351X))
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Orders (2) Log.
Notes: Box 1: (1) Thomas Kittredge, Frye's Regiment, June 4-Aug. 3, 1775 (2) Stephen Sevett, Phiney's Regiment, July 18-Aug. 3, 1775 (chiefly Fort no. 2) (3) Elisha Story, Little's Regiment, July 17-Aug. 2, 1775 (some from Prospect Hill or College Hospital) (4) David Townsend, Brewer's Regiment, July 4-Aug. 3, 1775 (from Prospect Hill and Cambridge, some by mate Harris Ellery Tudger) (5) Isaac Rand, Cambridge (smallpox) Hospital, June 30-Aug. 2, 1775 (6) John Homan, Woodbridge's Regiment, June 23-July 30, 1775 (7) Aaron Putnam, mate for Frye's Regiment, June 26-July 29, 1775 (8) Isaac Foster, Cambridge and Metonomy hospitals, Apr. 30-July 29, 1775 (9) William Dunsmore, Whitcomb and Ward's Regiment, June 7-Aug. 3, 1775 (includes Cambridge Hospital no. 2, Phipses House, Metonomy Hospital, College Hospital, Denes Hill) (10) Edward Flint, Ward's

Regiment, June 20-July 26, 1776, chiefly Cambridge Hospital no. 2.
Box 2: Joseph Gardner, Craft's Regiment, Apr. 1777-May 1781 (bulk
1778-1780) (Boston and Rainsford Island Hospital, some by J.
Whipple or E. Willard)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622633>

Records of Roxbury store, 1775.

Identifier: PS1.05/2326X

Extent: 0.46 cubic feet (1 box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84491456>

Cash books, 1777-1792.

Identifier: PS1.05/2327X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Vol. 1: Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1777; June 19, 1779-Apr. 30, 1785. Vol. 2: Apr.
1781-Aug. 16, 1792.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78680675>

Daybooks, 1776-1792.

Identifier: PS1.05/2328X

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (7 volumes in 2 boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: (1) May 1, 1776-Oct. 31, 1776. (2) Nov. 1, 1776-Dec. 31, 1777. (3)
Jan. 1, 1778-Dec. 31, 1778. (4) Jan. 1, 1779-Dec 31, 1779. (5) Jan. 1,
1780-Dec. 31, 1781. (6) Jan. 1, 1782-June 19, 1787. (7) June 20, 1787-
Aug. 17, 1792.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034161>

Correspondence, 1775-1791.

Restriction: Restricted as fragile. Access by state archivist or curator of Massachusetts
Archives only

Identifier: PS1.05/2330X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (4 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78680673>

Records of Cambridge store, 1775.

Identifier: PS1.05/2333X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Contents: (1) Apr. 21-May 17, 1775 (2) May 17-26, 1775 (3) May 27-June 10, 1775 (4) June 10-July 9, 1775 (5) July 9-22, 1775 (6) July 22-Aug. 4, 1775.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79200124>

Logbooks of the Springfield Laboratory, 1778-1780.

Identifier: PS1.05/2357X
Extent: 3 volumes (folded)
Copies: 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Aside from the overall supervisory role of the Council, no direct evidence of laboratory governance has been located; series has been assigned to the records of the Commissary General's department, the agency most frequently responsible for military procurement.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79664017>

Saltpeter manufacture and purchase records, 1775-1777.

Identifier: PS1.05/2358X
Extent: Items (1-3): 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80490048>

Record of provisions delivered to various regiments, 1775.

Identifier: PS1.05/2393X
Extent: 1 folder
Arranged: Arranged by regiment.
Notes: Cover title: Provisions delivered various regiments.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79359015>

Records of the truckhouse at Fort Halifax, Me., 1779-1784.

Identifier: PS1.05/2459X
Extent: 1 file folder
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79456118>

Receiving book, 1776.

Identifier: PS1.05/2470X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034143>

Supply ledger, 1776-1792.

Identifier: PS1.05/2472X
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged by commodity, thereunder chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034157>

General ledger, 1776-1791 (bulk 1779-1791).

Identifier: PS1.05/2474X
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged by account, thereunder chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034168>

Issuing journals, 1776-1792.

Identifier: PS1.05/2475X
Extent: 0.26 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Vol. 1 has cover title: Waste book and spine title: Journal.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034118>

Ledger of ordnance and stores, 1776-1791 (bulk 1776-1777).

Identifier: PS1.05/2476X
Extent: 1 volume (boxed)
Arranged: Arranged by account, thereunder chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034125>

Watertown store blotter, 1776-1777.

Identifier: PS1.05/2477X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85034136>

Military returns from state stores, 1776-1785 (bulk 1776-1781)

Identifier: PS1.05/2576X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/666491054>

Revolutionary War bills, 1777-1785

Identifier: PS1.05/2579X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/700942943>

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Record Group Number: PS1.06

Record Group Name: Paymaster General

Historical Note:

As the Civil War wore on and the demand for new soldiers grew, Massachusetts developed a complex program of bounties (St 1863, c 38, c 218, and c 254; St 1864, c 48, c 130, and c 292) to encourage recruitment. Initially coming from municipalities, which were reimbursed from the state treasury, the bounties soon came to be paid directly by the Commonwealth.

Bounty payments were first systematized by St 1863, c 254, which authorized the governor to appoint bounty paymasters in the various regions of the war theater; these paymasters worked in a loose relationship with the governor and the treasurer in fulfilling the terms of the act, which involved large bounty payments made directly to the enlistee.

This arrangement was further consolidated on Dec. 28, 1864, when General Order 51, issued by the adjutant general on behalf of Governor John A. Andrew, established the position of Paymaster General (not to be confused with the federal office of the same name). To improve efficiency and accuracy of the system by which state military bounties were paid, the paymaster general was to oversee the operation of the Pay Bureau, consisting of the paymasters appointed pursuant to St 1863, c 254. Massachusetts had in effect developed a system for paying bounties that paralleled the pay system of the federal government.

The paymaster general was attached to the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Commonwealth (i.e., the governor). Duties ascribed to the position included maintenance and custody of bounty payment and other Pay Bureau records, and coordination of information from the regional paymasters.

With the end of the war, the need for this apparatus ended. No paymaster general was listed in the Manual of the General Court after 1866 (although the title was briefly revived, 1905-1915), and custody of pay records reverted to the adjutant general, who had in any

case been made responsible for their initial preparation under the 1863 act. Further enactments relating the adjutant general to late Civil War bounty payments include St 1897, c 179; St 1898, c 525; and Resolves 1903, c 100.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429348>

Related Series:

Bounty payroll accounts, 1865-1866.

Identifier: PS1.06/439X
Extent: 0.55 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Bounty payroll journal; --(2) Bounty payroll ledger; _arranged chronologically --arranged by account.
Notes: After 1866, when the post of Paymaster General had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of records of the Pay Bureau.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84074955>

Cashbook, 1864.

Identifier: PS1.06/463X
Extent: 1 volume
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by payroll date.
Notes: Bureau.
Notes: Cover title: Accounts with paymaster.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505893>

General letterbooks, 1864-1868.

Identifier: PS1.06/464X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Formerly subseries (3) and part of subseries (1) of: Massachusetts. Treasury Dept. Outgoing correspondence ((M-Ar)18X) --Vol. 1: July 1864-Mar. 1865. Vol. 2: Mar.-Aug. 1865. Vol. 3: Aug. 1865-Jan. 1866. Vol. 4: Jan. 1866-Aug. 1868.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78680693>

Bounty pay records for Washington, D.C. and southern recruits, 1864-1866.

Identifier: PS1.06/479X
Extent: 0.46 cubic feet (10 volumes in 1 box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469527>

Naval correspondence letterbook, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.06/721X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Provenance of this item is most uncertain.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581503>

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Record Group Number: PS1.07**Record Group Name: State Quartermaster****Historical Note:**

The post of Quartermaster General, of colonial origins, formed a part of the service delivery system for military operations. Existing intermittently through the late 18th and 19th centuries, it was subsumed in the post of State Quartermaster in the 20th century.

The Second Provincial Congress appointed Joseph Pearse Palmer quartermaster of the Massachusetts (New England) Army (Journals, Committee of Safety, Apr. 30, 1775); he served from May 1 to Aug. 14, when replaced by a George Washington appointee (Maj. Gen. Thomas Mifflin) for the Continental Army (Resolves 1776-77, c 984 (Apr. 4, 1777); Second Continental Congress, Resolves, June 16, 1775). Additionally, a quartermaster served the Board of War during the later Revolutionary War. Under the 1780 Constitution, the General Court empowered the governor to appoint a quartermaster general whose duties were to consist of providing the militia with the necessary barracks, tents, cooking utensils, camp equipage, cattle, wagons, and other transportation (St 1780, c 21). The legislation also directed the quartermaster to prepare annual returns of these activities, and to submit regular accounts to the General Court with the appropriate vouchers and certificates.

The post was actually filled for the first time in 1786 (per St 1784, c 55 (Mar. 10, 1785)) by Amasa Davis (1744-1825), a former military storekeeper and agent for the Board of War who served until 1821. During his tenure the legislature directed the quartermaster general to provide artillery companies of the militia with cannon and related supplies (Resolves 1790, Jan Sess, c 173 (Mar. 11, 1791) and St 1793, c 14). His department played a key role in supplying the militia during Shays' Rebellion (1786-1787) and the War of 1812. The quartermaster general received small arms from the commissary general when the latter's operation was closed (Resolves 1792, May Sess, c 61)

Per St 1821, c 85, the duties of the quartermaster general were assumed by the adjutant general, although he received a separate appropriation for this responsibility. In 1861, as Massachusetts mobilized for the Civil War, a separate quartermaster general, John H. Reed, was again appointed. With his resignation in 1869, the duties of the office were once more merged with those of the adjutant general. During this period, St 1864 c 238 and St 1866, c 219, while reiterating earlier provisioning activities, also made the quartermaster general directly responsible for the supply of cannons, accouterments, uniforms, and other military stores; and for maintaining public magazines and other military property, as well as for receiving and examining certificates from municipalities concerning the establishment and availability of armories.

From 1869 until 1905 the adjutant general continued to perform the duties of the quartermaster general. (Briefly, during the Spanish-American War, the post was revived as an independent one and filled by Harry Converse.) St 1905, c 465, s 12 revived the separate post once more, while St 1916, c 284, s 15 referred to it as that of Chief Quartermaster (of the Quartermaster Corps of the militia, functioning as quartermaster general, paymaster general, and commissary general). Since 1921 (see also St 1924, c 465, s 83) the position has been designated as State Quartermaster, a member of the governor's military staff operating under the direction of the adjutant general (see also St 1939, c 425, s 69). The duties of the office relate to the care and control of all land and buildings held for military purposes, as well as the maintenance of all military property of the Commonwealth.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429429>

Related Series:

Accounts settled, 1788-1812.

Restriction: Restricted series, staff must be present at use

Identifier: PS1.07/223X

Extent: 2.62 cubic feet (8 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by bill no. within each submission period; chronologically in Massachusetts archives collection volumes (see below)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84491478>

Equipment loan reports, 1816.

Identifier: PS1.07/224X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506091>

Payroll lists and receipts, 1812-1816.

Identifier: PS1.07/225X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505946>

Annual returns of ordnance and military stores, 1800-1816.

Identifier: PS1.07/450X
Extent: 1 folder
Arranged: Includes two additional subseries: (1) Returns of town arsenals, 1803 and 1810 (2) Returns of balances of muskets, accouterments, ammunition due from towns and individuals to the Commonwealth, 1815-1816;
Arranged chronologically, 1800-1815. --arranged within each subseries chronologically.
Notes: Returns for 1802 and 1811 lacking. From 1816 see: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. House/Senate unpassed legislation ((M-Ar)230/231), or, after the 1821 closure of the quartermaster general's office: Massachusetts. Adjutant General's Office. Annual returns of the militia ((M-Ar)449X) (1823, 1826-1828)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78696860>

Annual returns of field artillery, 1799-1815 (bulk 1802-1815).

Identifier: PS1.07/451X
Extent: 1 folder
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Returns for 1800, 1807, 1814 lacking. --Several years have an additional similar return signed by the adjutant general.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78847756>

Requisitions for clothing and supplies, 1861-1862.

Identifier: PS1.07/1082X
Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (3 document boxes)
Arranged: Arranged numerically by military unit, thereunder by subseries: (1) Requisitions (2) Abstracts of quartermaster general's property.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81993732>

Settled accounts for militia supplies during Shays' Rebellion, 1787-1788.

Identifier: PS1.07/2288X
Extent: 2.27 cubic feet (7 document boxes)

Arranged: Box 6: --Box 7: Miscellaneous. Arranged by voucher no. --Arranged by locality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80620483>

Barrack utensils, 1775.

Identifier: PS1.07/2351X

Extent: Partial volume (with: Massachusetts. Commissary General. Surgeons' orders for provisions, 1775 ((M-Ar)2325X))

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81001284>

Record books, 1775.

Identifier: PS1.07/2352X

Extent: Partial document box (i.e., partial vol. with: Massachusetts. General Court. Committee for Methodizing Accounts. Disbursement books of Revolutionary War expenses, 1774-1790 ((M-Ar)2350X), volume 5)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84429865>

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Record Group Number: PS1.08

Record Group Name: Provost Marshal

Historical Note:

Faced with an escalating need for new recruits, the United States Congress acted in July 1864 to expand the pool of available candidates, when it authorized the executive officers of the states to send recruiting agents into most of the Confederate states to recruit for volunteers, who would then be credited to the state that had successfully recruited them.

In response to this and to a concomitant order (no. 227) of the secretary of war, Governor John A. Andrew issued General Order 27 on July 14, 1864, which set up a program by which volunteers could be recruited in the southern states by agents from Massachusetts.

The order authorized the appointment of five officers, designated assistant provost marshals, to recruit volunteers, creditable to Massachusetts, in their respective departments. Their offices were to be located in Washington, D.C., Fortress Monroe, Va., New Bern, N.C., Hilton Head, S.C., and Nashville, Tenn. The last location serviced recruitment efforts in Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia. Subsequently an additional office was located at Vicksburg, Miss.

To oversee this program of recruitment the governor appointed Major Joseph M. Day to the post of Provost Marshal of the Commonwealth. Based in the State House, the provost marshal was to receive daily reports of recruitment activities from the assistant provost marshals, to correspond with municipal officials regarding the meeting and crediting of municipal quotas through southern recruitment, and to report to the governor on a weekly basis.

The southern recruitment department corresponded to areas generally under the control of the Federal Army. A large proportion of the volunteers recruited through this process were African-Americans.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429383>

Related Series:

List of representative recruits, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/429X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged by serial no.
Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant's General's Office had custody of these records.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81714326>

Applications for and assignment of southern recruits, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/432X
Extent: 1 volume
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of these records.
A note ca. 1920 from Frederick W. Cross, military archivist, inside the front cover indicates that there were originally three volumes.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622643>

Descriptive lists of recruits from southern states, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/433X
Extent: 1.1 cubic feet (6 volume)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of enlistment.

Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of these records.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78933057>

Correspondence, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/452X
Extent: 2 volumes (partial record center carton)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609925>

Reports concerning southern recruitment, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/453X
Extent: 6 volumes (partial record center carton)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in reverse order.
Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of these records.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469583>

Vouchers relating to recruitment services, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/454X
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521222>

Returns of southern recruits, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/455X
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556607>

List of representative recruits in the U.S. Navy, 1864.

Identifier: PS1.08/468X
Extent: 1 volume in 1 phase box
Arranged: Arranged by provost marshal district.
Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of these records.
Spine title: Naval enlistments by pro. mar.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520732>

Applications for appointment, 1864-1865.

Identifier: PS1.08/716X
Extent: 2 file folders (partial record center carton)
Copies: Partial microfilm reel; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically in reverse order.
Notes: After the war, when the post of Provost Marshal had lapsed, the Adjutant General's Office had custody of these records.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83894177>

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Record Group Number: PS1.10

Record Group Name: State Clothier

Historical Note:

During the Revolutionary War, the supplying of Massachusetts troops with clothing quickly became a problem for the state provisioning system. The office of State Clothier was established to respond to this need.

Prior to the establishment of this office, both the Provisional Congress and the reconstituted General Court employed several special legislative committees to obtain and distribute clothing (Resolves 1775-76, c 92; Resolves 1776-77, c 173; etc.). Various, the Board of War (Resolves 1777-78, c 325, c 519, c 683, c 845, etc.) and agents of local governments (Resolves 1777-78, c 897; Resolves 1779-80, c 604, c 1092; etc.) were involved directly in the gathering and distribution of clothing.

As the administration of the Continental Army became more centralized, the function of clothing soldiers became more formalized. In March 1779 the Continental Congress directed each state to appoint a state clothier to work with the clothier general of the Continental Army. These state officers were to receive clothing for the troops of their respective states from the clothier general as well as clothing supplied by each state at the expense of the Continental Congress. In turn the state clothiers were to issue clothing to regimental clothiers representing the troops of their state. They were also to make exact returns of clothing for the clothier general and to inspect for accuracy the returns of the regimental clothiers. In response, the Massachusetts legislature created the position of State Clothier in May 1779 (Resolves 1778-79, c 753). The person holding the position was directed to reside near the Continental Army and to be capable of identifying and supplying the clothing requirements of the Massachusetts troops.

As the clothing needs of the soldiers became more urgent in December 1779, the state clothier was further empowered (Resolves 1779-80, c 692) to hire an assistant, to receive clothing from the Committee on Slops and Small Stores, and to sell clothing to other troops of the Continental Army once the needs of Massachusetts soldiers had been met. The state

clothier was also required to make quarterly returns to the General Court of these transactions.

At various intervals the Board of War was directed by the legislature to supply quantities of clothing to the state clothier. In practice, the state clothier directly supplied the troops with clothing made available by the Board of War or the Committee on Slops and Small Stores.

Elisha Avery having declined to serve as state clothier, William Lyman was appointed to the post in June 1779 (Resolves 1779-1780, c 164, c 206). He was succeeded in Sept. 1779 by Samuel Ruggles (Resolves 1779-80, c 258), who in turn was succeeded in Oct. 1780 by Ezra Lunt (Resolves 1780, May-Sept Sess, c 278). Lunt served until July 14, 1782, when he was discharged from service. The accounts of Lunt and the office of State Clothier were settled and closed in 1784 (Resolves 1784, May Sess, c 39)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429226>

Related Series:

Record books, 1779-1782.

Identifier: PS1.10/684X

Extent: 0.46 cubic feet (1 box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81865240>

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Record Group Number: PS1.11

Record Group Name: Armory Commission

Historical Note:

Massachusetts St 1888, c 384 established an Armory Commission, with three commissioners appointed by the governor to acquire land for and build two armories in the city of Boston, the armories to be under the control of the adjutant-general as head of the state militia. The responsibilities of the commission, chaired by the adjutant-general, in rebuilding, remodeling, or repairing state armories or air installations, are currently described in MGLA c 16, s 18 and c 33, s 126.

Related Series:

Minutes, 1888-1931.

Identifier: PS1.11/2818

Extent: Partial records center carton
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives, Concord, Mass., April, 2020.

Incoming correspondence, 1888-1922.

Identifier: PS1.11/2819
Extent: 2 volumes in partial record center carton
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives, Concord, Mass., April, 2020.

Outgoing correspondence, 1902-1906, 1908-1917.

Identifier: PS1.11/2820
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (7 volumes in 1 record center carton)
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives, Concord, Mass., April, 2020.

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Record Group Number: PS1.052

Record Group Name: Truckhouse and Commissary (Machias, Me.)

Historical Note:

Machias, in the part of Maine (at that time under the jurisdiction of the General Court of Massachusetts) bordering on Nova Scotia (the part that is now New Brunswick), was uniquely qualified during the Revolutionary War to defend the northern seacoast of the American colonies from the British warships of Halifax. Located in the midst of Indian tribes that thrived along the St. John River and related coast, Machias was also an ideal point from which to recruit these tribes to the colonial cause against the British.

In August 1775, following three skirmishes with the British since June, the Machias citizenry successfully petitioned the Massachusetts General Court to permit and outfit an armed company of officers and men (Resolves 1775-76, c 97, Aug. 16, 1775). The colony also commissioned officers to enlist seamen for the two vessels already raised by Machias for defense of its coast (Resolves 1775-76, c 134, Aug. 21, 1775). During the next two years a series of battles took place on land and sea around Machias.

Further, the General Court ordered the establishment of a Machias truckhouse, or trading post, for commerce with the St. Johns, Micmac, and Passamaquoddy Indian tribes (Resolves 1775-76, c 633, Feb. 12, 1776), the truckmaster being allotted four hundred pounds to acquire ammunition and other goods for the Indians in return for their furs and other hunting trophies. The existence of a truckhouse in Machias was also a condition of the Watertown Treaty ((M-Ar)45X, v. 34, no. 10) signed on July 19, 1776 between the United States of America and the St. Johns and Micmac tribes, who agreed to act as military allies against the British; the treaty was the first made between the new government and a foreign power. By July 1776, the truckmaster, Stephen Smith (entered service Feb. 16, 1776--see Massachusetts soldiers and sailors of the Revolutionary War, v. 14, p. 554), was granted an additional thousand pounds for purchase of trading goods (Resolves 1776-77, c 231, July 13, 1776)

Smith also served as naval officer for the port of Machias (Resolves 1776-77, c 608, Dec. 2, 1776; Resolves 1777-78, c 673, Jan. 27, 1778; Resolves 1779-80, c 718, Jan. 5, 1780), and as commissary for troops and Indians there (from June 18, 1777--Massachusetts soldiers and sailors; Resolves 1777-78, c 182, July 5, 1777; Resolves 1778-79, c 283, Oct. 15, 1778; Resolves 1780, Oct Sess, c 45, Nov. 15, 1780), as such dispensing foodstuffs purchased through the Board of War. In fact over time the functions of the truckhouse and commissary merged; there is no evidence of truckhouse activity after 1780, while by the same token commissary supplies from that time onward were furnished largely to Indians rather than to troops.

The Continental Congress appointed John Allan as agent (later superintendent) of Indian affairs in the Continental Army's Eastern Department, including New England, the St. John River region, and Nova Scotia generally (Journals, Jan. 14-15, 1777). (Allan had immigrated to Nova Scotia from Scotland with his father, but was forced to flee to Massachusetts in 1776 because of his outspoken sympathy with the colonial revolutionaries.) Later that year, at the urging of Allan and others, and at the request of Congress (Journals, May 13, 1777), the Massachusetts General Court authorized the raising of troops at Machias to protect settlers of its own Eastern District (Maine), appointed Allan colonel of Indian troops serving the state in the area (Resolves 1777-78, c 277 (Sept. 16, 1777), and, the next day, also named him colonel of all Machias troops (c 281)

Meanwhile, late in 1776, certain counties in Nova Scotia petitioned the General Court for protection, supplies, and a place within the American colonies. The General Court approved of the actions taken by these deserters against the British, giving them commissions to command troops in the area (Resolves 1776-77, c 698, Dec. 28, 1776). Following a resolve of the Continental Congress (Journals, May 13, 1777), it then authorized an expedition to the St. John River under Colonel Allan to secure these Nova Scotia territories (Resolves

1777-78, c 20, June 7, 1777; c 65, June 18, 1777; c 77, June 20, 1777). Although the plan for the expedition was abandoned, one of the companies raised for it was ordered to stay in service to provide for the relief and defense of the Nova Scotians (Resolves 1777-78, c 266, Aug. 16, 1777). It was bounties for these men for which Stephen Smith as muster-master for Lincoln County was reimbursed per Resolves 1777-78, c 978 (Apr. 21, 1778)

The General Court ordered the completion of fortifications at Machias (Resolves 1779-80, c 147, June 22, 1779), and supported troops there throughout 1779 and 1780, and once more, responding to a Congressional resolve (Journals, Feb. 15, 1781), in 1781 (Resolves 1780, Apr 1781 Sess, c 80, Apr. 25, 1781)

John Allan was dismissed as Continental superintendent in May 1784, but denied a military pension (Continental Congress. Journals, June 6, 13, 1785). Stephen Smith was discharged as truckmaster as of May 1, 1781 and as commissary as of July 1, 1783 (Massachusetts soldiers and sailors); his accounts in these capacities for the Continental Eastern Department were then settled by the General Court, with portions charged to Congress (Resolves 1783, May Sess, c 932, July 10, 1783 and Sept Sess, c 6, Sept. 30, 1783). The installation at Machias, eventually known as Fort O'Brien, is today a Maine state historic site.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430097>

Related Series:

Truckhouse books, 1776-1780 (bulk 1776-1779).

Identifier: PS1.052/2408X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79456103>

Commissary books, 1777-1783.

Identifier: PS1.052/ 2409X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79456106>

Accounts with the Board of War, 1775-1788.

Identifier: PS1.052/2451X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79456110>

Military payrolls, 1776-1783.

Identifier: PS1.052/2452X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79464281>

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Record Group Number: PS2**Record Group Name: Board of War****Historical Note:**

With the onset of the War for Independence, the Massachusetts Assembly mandated the establishment of a committee, designated the Board of War, in October 1776 (Resolves 1776-7, c 455). In the absence of a governor, the board was commissioned as an executive committee to act for the state in conducting the war effort "with the greatest secrecy, dispatch and economy." Prior to the board's creation, these functions were handled by the Committees of Safety and Supplies (ca. 1774-1775) acting on behalf of the Provincial Congress. Subsequent adjustments (Resolves 1777-8, c 194) were made to the enabling legislation for the board in July 1777, broadening somewhat its authorities.

Consisting of nine members, the board served as the chief administrative agent of the state's war effort. Its primary function was to manage the business affairs and other operational activities of the military establishment of Massachusetts. Preparedness and operations on both land and sea came within the purview of the board. While working in conjunction with the state's commissary general, the Board of War clearly was the superior authority in the administration of military affairs.

The board was authorized to procure, by purchase or impressment, and distribute provisions, clothing, livestock, ordnance, munitions, and other warlike stores for the use of the military. Consistent with need, the board also was responsible for the provision of garrisons and the fitting-out of vessels for the use of Massachusetts military commanders. In meeting these needs, the board utilized various legislative committees and units of the commissary general's department, which it was empowered to oversee.

To support these activities, the board was authorized to draw warrants on the Treasury consistent with appropriations made for those purposes by the legislature. The board also was directed to receive the state's portion of prizes from captured vessels. Additionally, the board was instructed to document its activities with books of entries, returns, and records of proceedings.

The Board of War also exercised broader domestic powers by which economic matters could be influenced. It was empowered to act to prevent the engrossment of materials for price gain, when the materials were necessary for the military. If supplies were not readily available for procurement in the normal fashion, the board could obtain them through importation, or, if necessary, impressment. The board could also undertake privateering activities directed at capturing and/or destroying enemy contraband.

With the diminution of war activities in the early 1780's, the need for the Board of War was reduced correspondingly. In February 1781, the legislature resolved (Resolves 1780, Jan 1781 Sess, c 62) to discontinue the board and arrange for the settlement of its accounts. Acknowledging that responsibility for military affairs had been lodged in the office of the governor by the constitution of the Commonwealth (1780), this resolve also directed the appointment of Caleb Davis to serve as the state agent in the completion of the unfinished business of the board.

In November 1781, the General Court appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the board. Several subsequent enactments led to the final settlement of accounts, as well as the delivery of the same to the treasurer of the Commonwealth in 1784. Thereafter, military administration in Massachusetts increasingly became the responsibility of the adjutant general.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429183>

Related Series:

Minutes, 1776-1781 (bulk 1776-1780).

Identifier: PS2/62X
Extent: 1.56 cubic feet (4 boxes)
Copies (series microfilm): 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Box 4 contains duplicate copies of minutes, Sept. 15, 1779-Jan. 28, 1780.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521145>

Receipt books, 1776-1781.

Identifier: PS2/63X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (10 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: The receipts are pinned and/or sewn into the respective volumes. --
Book K, the tenth volume, has a differing format.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81818769>

Daybooks, 1777-1781.

Identifier: PS2/64X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (3 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Cover title: Waste book. However, these three books of account are substantially different from another folio volume with the same designation ((M-Ar)619X)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77749874>

Blotters for daily transactions, 1776-1787, bulk 1776-1781.

Identifier: PS2/65X
Extent: 0.75 cubic feet (6 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556551>

Cashbooks, 1777-1781.

Identifier: PS2/66X
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (3 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521164>

General journals, 1776-1782.

Identifier: PS2/67X
Extent: 1 cubic feet (3 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: In the first general journal, designated A, pages are numbered from 1 through 193. In the second and third volumes, labelled respectively B and B2, pagination is consecutive from 1 through 691.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560381>

General ledgers, 1776-1784, bulk 1776-1781.

Identifier: PS2/68X
Extent: 0.75 cubic feet (2 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged by name of account.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564415>

Subsidiary journals, 1776-1781.

Identifier: PS2/69X
Extent: 7 file folders (partial document box)
Arranged: In five subseries, each arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469513>

Invoice book of captured goods, 1777-1779.

Identifier: PS2/70X
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged by invoice or list.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144209>

Prize ledger for captured vessels, 1777-1780.

Identifier: PS2/71X
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)
Arranged: Arranged by account.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656216>

Regimental ledgers, 1777-1782 (bulk 1777-1779).

Identifier: PS2/219X
Extent: 0.75 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 phase box and 3 volumes)
Arranged: Arranged by account of individual serviceman, thereunder by military company.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297708>

Orders drawn on the commissary general, 1776-1777.

Identifier: PS2/348X
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357380>

Debt register, 1777-1780.

Identifier: PS2/616X
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372717>

Waste book, 1776-1777.

Identifier: PS2/619X
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (1 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575226>

Invoices of goods from the agents of the Middle District, 1777.

Identifier: PS2/635X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: There are several loose pages that appear to have been removed from a larger account book.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613816>

Return of goods delivered to the Massachusetts regiments from the United States, 1777.

Identifier: PS2/636X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560347>

Inventory of goods delivered to the commissary general, 1781.

Identifier: PS2/682X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: A copy of the same information is in the folder, in larger format.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412309>

Returns of clothing, rations, and small stores for various regiments, 1777-1782.

Identifier: PS2/2322X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180701899>

Returns and accounts of clothing and small stores for 6th Regiment, 1777-1783.

Identifier: PS2/2323X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85210931>

Accounts of officers' clothing, 1777-1783.

Identifier: PS2/2324X

Extent: 0.32 cubic feet (1 document box and 2 volumes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79151733>

Records of the Boston Laboratory, 1776-1785.

Identifier: PS2/2354X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78253091>

Revolutionary War Bills, 1776-1781.

Identifier: PS2/2580X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/700943321>

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Record Group Number: PS2.01

Record Group Name: General Court – Committee for Fixing Out Vessels for the Importation of Warlike Stores

Historical Note:

Following the recommendation of the Continental Congress (Resolve of Oct 26, 1775) for prosecuting the Revolutionary War, the Massachusetts General Court appointed a committee of both houses to engage and fix out, on the colony's own account and risk, ten vessels stocked with provisions, produce, and horses (but no other livestock) for export to the West Indies in exchange for the import of ammunition, sulphur, saltpeter, arms, and German steel (House Journal, Dec. 15-16, 1775). Series was created to administer these exports on behalf of the colony.

A summary listing of the colony's expenses is followed by individual ship owner accounts in ledger form, showing charges and colony's reimbursements for ship usage and cargo. Charges are detailed in a series of invoices by ship listing cargo items/values (e.g., whale oil, pork, fish, bricks, planks) and labor costs. Accounts are primarily from the early export phase of the enterprise (i.e., Jan.-Apr. 1776), and hence do not reflect all appropriations to the committee (Resolves 1775-76, c 494 (Jan. 6, 1776), c 628 (Feb. 10, 1776); Resolves 1776-77, c 508 (Nov. 13, 1776)). Resolves 1776-77, c 770 (Jan. 18, 1777) directed the committee to surrender any vouchers for funds owed the colony in the West Indies to the Board of War, a body established by the General Court in Oct. 1776.

Related Series:

Account book, 1776.

Identifier: PS2.01/618X

Extent: 1 volume in 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged by account.

Notes: Presented to Archives by Francis Brinley, Jan. 13, 1861.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82998941>

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Record Group Number: PS4

Record Group Name: Executive Office of Public Safety

Historical Note:

The Executive Office of Public Safety was established as part of the Massachusetts gubernatorial cabinet by St 1969, c 704, s 3. As most recently amended by St 1996, c 151, s 29 and described in MGLA c 6A, s 18, it includes the following agencies: Dept. of Public Safety; Dept. of Fire Services; Board of Building Regulations and Standards; Registry of Motor Vehicles; Governor's Highway Safety Bureau; Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council; Criminal History Systems Board; Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board; Dept. of State Police; Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; Military Dept.; Dept. of Correction, including Parole Board; and all other agencies and boards within these departments, boards, and councils.

The secretary of public safety, who heads the office, is responsible per St 1993, c 432, s 9, for developing and implementing a criminal offender record information system, a criminal justice management information system, a criminal justice research and evaluation program, training of state and county institutional personnel, provision of state and county correctional resources, a system of classification of persons committed to state or county custody, reducing the rate of recidivism among those in custody, and (per St 1996, c 93, s 1) compilation of information concerning residential structural fires and crimes against property.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82591203>

Related Series:

Legislative review files, 1979-1987.

Identifier: PS4/1651

Extent: 6.95 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81609486>

Secretary's subject files, 1975-1988.

Identifier: PS4/1652

Extent: 65 cubic feet (52 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by brief year span, thereunder alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81069510>

Goals and objectives files, 1983-1986.

Identifier: PS4/1759X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by agency, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80714497>

Budget narratives, 1977-1987.

Identifier: PS4/1760

Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged (chiefly alphabetically) by agency, thereunder chronologically by fiscal year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78080267>

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Record Group Number: PS5

Record Group Name: Committee on Criminal Justice

Historical Note:

St 1967, c 798 established the Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (initially also known as the Governor's Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice). St 1973, c 1021 reconstituted the body as the Committee on Criminal Justice, at which time it acquired all records of the Governor's Public Safety Committee (established 1966). It advises the governor on all phases of the adult and juvenile systems of law enforcement and criminal justice in Massachusetts; it conducts studies, collects and analyzes statistical data, administers grant programs, and recommends policy in these areas.

Serving as part of the governor's department (MGLA c 6, s 17), the committee is for administrative purposes considered an agency of the Executive Office of Public Safety (Manual of the General Court since 1979). Since 1995 it has become more commonly known as the executive office's Programs Division. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 6, ss 156-156B.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee was established as Massachusetts's state advisory group mandated by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJPD) of

1974. Its membership consists of a wide variety of persons knowledgeable about the juvenile justice system, including police and probation officers, academics, treatment personnel, and program administrators. It shares responsibility with the Committee on Criminal Justice in evaluating juvenile justice grant applications.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429934>

Related Series:

Reports and studies, 1970-1981.

Identifier: PS5/401

Extent: 5.17 cubic feet (4 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Notes: 1980-1983 files removed to: Juvenile justice grant files ((M-Ar)436)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81507843>

Juvenile justice grant files, 1980-1992.

Identifier: PS5/436

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by subgrant no.

Notes: 1980-1983 files removed from: Reports and studies ((M-Ar)401)
Box 1: 1980-1981. Box 2: 1982. Box 3: 1982-1983. Box 4: 1983-1984. Box 5: 1984-1985. Box 6: 1986. Box 7: 1987-1988. Box 8: 1988-1989. Box 9: 1989-1991. Box 10: 1991-1992.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77732985>

Minutes, 1977-1981.

Identifier: PS5/1691

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83308671>

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Record Group Number: PS6

Record Group Name: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

Historical Note:

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the planning and coordination of all nonmilitary emergency functions for the protection and preservation of

life, property, and resources in the Commonwealth. It was established pursuant to St 1950, c 639 as a branch of the Executive Department called the Division of Civil Defense (but referred to as Civil Defense Agency) and as such responsible directly to the governor. St 1969, c 704, s 39 placed the agency within the Military Division. St 1970, c 112 changed its name to Civil Defense Agency and Office of Emergency Preparedness, but it was generally referred to by its original, shorter one and later as: Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency. Since ca. 1977 both it and the Military Division have been considered agencies within the Executive Office of Public Safety. St 1991, c 138, s 381 reflected a renaming of the unit as: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429976>

Related Series:

Correspondence of the director, 1958-1960.

Identifier: PS6/571

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419985>

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Record Group Number: PS8

Record Group Name: Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Historical Note:

Prior to the establishment of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, St 1877, c 200 authorized the governor to appoint, with the advice and consent of his council, medical examiners to replace the elected office of coroner. They were appointed in the counties where they practiced medicine. Their main responsibility was to investigate deaths caused by violence. In 1880 the governor was given the power to appoint, with the advice and consent of his council, associate medical examiners in all counties of the state, who could perform the same duties as medical examiners (St 1881, c 295). Medical examiners were given the authority to perform autopsies and had to notify the district attorney and other local officials, such as sheriffs and city or town clerks that the deceased's death had been caused by violence. Blank books were provided by the secretary of the Commonwealth for the medical examiners to tabulate results of autopsies. At the end of the calendar year, the medical examiner would return the books summarizing the cause and manner of deaths he had investigated to the secretary (St 1885, c 379).

The jurisdiction of the medical examiner was expanded in the late 19th century to include accidental deaths from gas or electricity and from street railways (St 1889, c 154; St 1896, c 338). In 1966 women were made eligible for appointment as medical examiners and associate medical examiners (St 1966, c 278).

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner was established in 1977 (St 1977, c 941) to supervise and review the work of the medical examiners and associate medical examiners of the Commonwealth, to enforce the rules and resolutions adopted by the Commission of Medicolegal Investigation, and to give advice or counsel as needed. The chief medical examiner receives copies of the medical investigation and autopsy reports in every case accepted by the medical examiners and associate medical examiners, keeps records and compiles annual statistics, and makes recommendations to the governor, after consultation with the appropriate medical societies, for the appointment and reappointment of medical examiners and associate medical examiners.

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner is located at the Medical School of the University of Massachusetts and is under the authority of the Executive Office of Public Safety (St 1981, c 773). From 1977 to 1981 the Office of Chief Medical Examiner was under the authority of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

The chief medical examiner is required to be a physician who is a diplomat of the American Board of Pathology in forensic pathology and registered or qualified as eligible to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. The chief medical examiner is appointed by the governor for a term of seven years from a list of not less than three nominees recommended by the Commission of Medicolegal Investigation. The governor has the right to request an additional list of three nominees before making the appointment.

The office conducts appropriate educational, research, and training programs in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Medical School for forensic pathologists, other physicians, forensic scientists, and law enforcement personnel. For this reason, the chief medical examiner maintains a faculty affiliation with the Medical School.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429213>

Related Series:

Medical examiner case files, 1908-1997, 2009-2017.

Restriction: Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: PS8/668

Extent: 1741.25 cubic feet (1,393 record center cartons)

Index: 24.24 cubic feet (cards; in 39 boxes and 18 double card file trays) 10 x 15 centimeters
Arranged: Arranged by examiner, thereunder by case no.
Notes: Pre-1908 case files for Southern District apparently lost by agency.
Pre-1934 case files for Northern District destroyed while in agency custody.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83017185>

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Record Group Number: PS9

Record Group Name: Division of Inspection

Historical Note:

St 1877, c 214 provided that the chief of the State Detective Force appoint inspectors of factories and public buildings. St 1879, c 305, which replaced the State Detective Force with the District Police, provided that the governor appoint inspectors of factories and public buildings from among their number. St 1888, c 113 provided for their inclusion in an Inspection Dept. in the District Police. (St 1912, c 726, c 12 removed inspectors of factories to the State Dept. of Labor and Industries.) St 1913, c 610 divided the Inspection Dept. into the Building Inspection Dept. and the Boiler Inspection Dept. St 1919, c 350, which replaced District Police (Force) and other state agencies with the Dept. of Public Safety (s 99), reunited the functions of the two inspection units in the new department's Division of Inspections (s 103; Division of Inspection per GL 1921, c 22, s 3). St 1972, c 802, which delegated immediate responsibility for inspection to the local level, provided for district inspectors within the division to review local building inspection practices and to supervise enforcement of the state building code (s 4, effective 1975). The division's functions are currently described in MGLA c 143 and c 146.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429903>

Related Series:

Building inspection plans, 1889-1987.

Restriction: Some digitized/photographed originals are restricted. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS9/306X
Extent: 7300 cubic feet (ca. 60,000 technical drawing sets)
Copies 0.64 cubic feet (computer laser optical disks in 4 boxes)

Copies 1.54 cubic feet (photographs: in 4 volumes and 2 document boxes) negative

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705271>

Building plans by police inspectors, 1888-1895 (bulk 1888-1892).

Identifier: PS9/2480X

Extent: 369 technical drawings

Arranged: Arranged by alphabetically by district inspector, thereunder chiefly by municipality.

Notes: By drawer: (6) Brown (7) Chadwick-Dyson (8) Hunt-Merriam 1-10 (9) Merriam 11-end (10) Moore 1-30 (11) Moore 31-61 (12) White.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84670716>

Heating and ventilation plans for schoolhouses, 1892-1903.

Identifier: PS9/2542X

Extent: 54 technical drawings

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by inspector, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/639949391>

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Record Group Number: PS9.02

Record Group Name: Board of Schoolhouse Structural Standards

Historical Note:

The Board of Schoolhouse Structural Standards was established per St 1955, c 675. Its function, specifically stated in St 1960, c 596, was to formulate, amend, and repeal regulations relating to structural safety, fire prevention, and materials in connection with construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of all public and private schoolhouses. The board was placed within, but not under, the Dept. of Public Safety, which enforced its regulations per MGLA c 143, s 54. Specified originally for three years, its authority was renewed regularly until Jan. 1, 1975, at which time it was superseded by the State Building Code Commission (St 1972, c 802, ss 28, 77; St 1973, c 639). The board remained in an advisory capacity to the commission until ca. 1980.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405469>

Related Series:

Administrative files, 1944-1974 (bulk 1955-1974).

Identifier: PS9.02/30X
Extent: 0.87 cubic feet (3 document boxes)
Arranged: filed separately; Arranged alphabetically by subject. arranged alphabetically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372737>

Minutes, 1955-1972.

Identifier: PS9.02/1437X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506076>

Public hearing files, 1956-1972.

Identifier: PS9.02/1438X
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123342>

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Record Group Number: PS11

Record Group Name: Department of State Police

Historical Note:

St 1919, c 350, ss 99-110 established the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Safety under the supervision and control of a commissioner, to exercise and perform the functions of the District Police Force and related bodies (RL 1902, c 108), and to include a Division of State Police under immediate charge of the commissioner. Like the District Police, the State Police had and exercised throughout the Commonwealth the powers of constables (except as to service of civil process) and of police, and its services could be commanded by the governor in suppressing riots and in preserving the peace (GL 1921, c 147, s 2)

Powers extended to officers and inspectors of the department generally per St 1921, c 164. While the State Police continued the detective functions of the District Police, that body's inspection and fire prevention powers were delegated to separate divisions (GL 1921, c 22, s 3)

As of July 1992, when the division was to be merged with the Metropolitan Police, Capitol Police, and Registry Police as the Dept. of State Police (per St 1991, c 412), its powers included patrol coverage for the state highway system, state properties, and rural areas lacking local police services; traffic law enforcement and management; criminal investigation and intelligence; accident investigation; local police training; and technical services.

The functions of the Dept. of State Police are currently described in MGLA c 22A and c 147. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429510>

Related Series:

Sacco and Vanzetti case file, 1920-1977 (bulk 1920-1932).

Restriction: Boxes 1-2 (i.e. originals) are restricted. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: PS11/2084X

Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)
1 folder

Notes: Transferred to Archives from State Police Headquarters, Feb. 6, 1997. Photocopied from: Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives and Records Preservation. Reference files/Dept. of Public Safety Commonwealth vs. Sacco and Vanzetti. State Police files (v. 2). Location of originals unknown.
Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives and Records Preservation, Mar. 4, 1997. Photocopies retained in its: Superior Court Dept. Norfolk and Plymouth Counties Commonwealth v. Sacco and Vanzetti. Reference files (folder 12) (see below)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705830>

Records relating to labor unrest, 1920-1923.

Identifier: PS11/2496X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/826859256>

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Record Group Number: PS14**Record Group Name: Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts****Historical Note:**

Developed to provide systematic instruction in military duties, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is an independent military group chartered by the General Court on March 13, 1638/39 as the Military Company of Massachusetts. By 1708 it was consistently called the Honorable Artillery Company, and in 1738 the word "Ancient" was added to its name. Under the charter, the group is free to choose its own officers, with the choice for those holding the rank of Captain and Lieutenant subject to the approval of the General Court. Officers are installed on an annual basis by the governor. The Ancient and Honorable was never part of the state militia, although its officers were frequently prominent military men and statesmen. The independent status of the Company was confirmed by St 1878, c 265, s 159 (currently MGLA c 33, s 132).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429828>

Related Series:**Annual reports, 1904-1964.**

Identifier: PS14/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 5 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Published under title: Annual record. Reports for 1906-1907, 1909-1912, 1914-1963 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144271>

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Record Group Number: PS16**Record Group Name: Committee on Public Safety****Historical Note:**

The Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety (named after the committee appointed by the Provincial Congress in 1774 and dissolved in 1775) was established in 1917 in preparation for United States involvement in World War I. It was appointed by Gov. Samuel McCall on Feb. 9, 1917 and dissolved on Nov. 20, 1918. (Records from that

committee may be found at the Massachusetts State Library.) It was resurrected by Gov. Leverett Saltonstall on Aug. 23, 1940 in anticipation of U.S. involvement in World War II, and was confirmed through Exec Order no. 1, Dec. 31, 1941, pursuant to St 1941, c 719, as an agency of the Executive Dept. The committee's role was extended on Jan. 31, 1942 by St 1942, c 13, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The committee was dissolved on May 9, 1945 following President Truman's May 2, 1945 abolition of the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense.

The function of the committee was to organize, supervise, direct, and coordinate local committees on public safety in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth during time of war. During WW II, there were nine regional zones, and each zone had a director who represented the executive director on a regional level. The nine regional zones coordinated local activity, and were staffed with state employees as well as an extensive volunteer population. While procedures were determined at the state level, each town in Massachusetts had a local committee on public safety that carried out civilian (later known as civil) defense activities. The towns performed a large range of wartime work, including blackouts and dimouts, air raid precautions, emergency planning, emergency drills, and other civilian defense activities.

At the state level, the committee carried out its duties through several administrative divisions in addition to the nine regional zones. The administrative divisions of the committee included Planning and Technical, Public Information, Protection, Health and Social Services, Services and Supplies, Women's Activities/Women's Division (later War Services), Medical, Identification, Evacuation, and Regions. The Identification Division oversaw the distribution of identification cards and insignia denoting various state volunteers and employees.

The committee also coordinated civilian defense activities with outside groups, such as the U.S. Civilian Defense Corps, the American Legion, the American Red Cross, and several state and federal agencies, including the U.S. military.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429905>

Related Series:

Civilian defense activity forms, 1942-1943.

Identifier: PS16/1553X

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder alphabetically by municipality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506082>

Services and Supplies Division administrative files, 1941-1944.

Identifier: PS16/1555X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: For arrangement, see below.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505940>

Medical Division administrative files, 1941-1945.

Identifier: PS16/1556X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564494>

Health and Social Services Division administrative files, 1941-1943.

Identifier: PS16/1557X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Notes: Correspondence and memorandums replaced by preservation photocopies.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505942>

World War II pamphlets and manuals, 1940-1944.

Identifier: PS16/1558X

Extent: 1.95 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132297>

Planning and Technical Division administrative files, 1940-1943.

Identifier: PS16/1559X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372740>

Executive director's administrative files, 1941-1944.

Identifier: PS16/1560X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Notes: Some correspondence and memorandums replaced by preservation photocopies.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80717790>

Regional Administration Division administrative files, 1941-1944.

Identifier: PS16/1561X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609904>

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Record Group Number: PS16.01

Record Group Name: Soldier's Information Board

Scrapbooks, 1917-1919.

Identifier: PS16.01/2814X

Extent: 10 boxes

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Record Group Number: PS18

Record Group Name: Committee of War at Albany

Historical Note:

Records of the General Court from 1747 to 1758 refer to various committees of war delegated with prosecuting the part of the Province of Massachusetts Bay in the British colonial campaign against the French. A committee was appointed in Feb. 1756 (Resolves 1755-56, c 305 and c 307) to reside at Albany, N.Y. near the site of the campaign against Crown Point begun in 1755. The original members declining to serve, they were replaced in Mar. 1756 by John Whitcomb, John Foye, John Leach, Oliver Partridge, and John Ashley (c 357). Shortly thereafter Samuel Livermore replaced Leach; in Apr. 1756 John Choate replaced Partridge and joined the other commissioners in Albany.

Instructions to the commissioners were drawn up by a special committee of the General Court (Resolves 1755-56, c 353). Working in conjunction with a Boston-based Committee of War (Resolves 1754-55, c 325), the Albany committee was responsible for receiving and transporting supplies and provisions (e.g., oxen, carts, batteaux) from Albany to the Massachusetts forces at Lake George. It also administered the ordnance account for the New England provinces, arranged for the care of wounded soldiers, and generally represented the interests of Massachusetts Bay in intercolonial affairs.

In Aug. 1756 the Boston committee was instructed to give the Albany commissioners leave to return home when business permitted (Resolves 1756-57, c 131). Choate reported to the General Court on Oct. 6, 1756; Livermore stayed in Albany until Dec. 1756.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095685>

Related Series:

Financial records, 1756.

Identifier: PS18/1761X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: In three subseries: (1) Massachusetts accounts (2) Ordnance accounts; (3) Receipts;
arranged within each subseries by account
arranged chronologically by date of payment.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80093509>

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Record Group Number: PS19

Record Group Name: Department of Public Safety

Commissioner's subject files.

Identifier: PS19/2208

Extent: 5 record center cartons