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Rhode Island Collection
MSS 019
Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society manuscripts, published works,
and other material
1858-1887

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number:	MSS 019
Title:	Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society collection
Creator:	Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society
Dates:	1858-1887
Quantity:	2 boxes (1 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Gift of Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society, date unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from collector.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2014 by Taylor McNeilly.

Conservation: None.

Language: Materials are predominantly in English; items in German are indicated at the folder level.

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Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library Special Collections department.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material Published works that were originally donated as part of this collection were separated and cataloged as part of the Harris Collection on Civil War and Slavery. The bulk of the manuscripts and records were donated to the RI Historical Society.

Published descriptions None.

Location of originals Not applicable.

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Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Portions of this collection were published in the <i>Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion</i> , a series published by the Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society.
Subject headings	<p>United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 United States – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Campaigns Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Campaigns Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Personal narratives Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Regimental histories Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Societies, etc. Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society Application forms (aat) Clothing (aat) Correspondence (aat) Manuscripts (aat) Newspapers (aat)</p>

SEE ALSO

[Caleb Fiske Harris Collection on the Civil War and Slavery](#), Providence Public Library.
[Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion](#), Providence Public Library.
[Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society records](#), Rhode Island Historical Society.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society was founded circa 1875 with the intention of preserving and disseminating the history of the Civil War, with an emphasis on the role of Rhode Island residents. Full membership was open to Rhode Island residents who had served in the Civil War. Meetings included readings concerning battles and campaigns, many of which were published under the title *Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion*.

The Ballou Collar was worn by Major Sullivan Ballou during the battle of Bull Run, in which he died. The collar was recovered by Mr. Nichols of the First Rhode Island Cavalry on March 21, 1862 after the Confederate desecration of his body on the battle field. The collar was then donated to the Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society by Lieutenant Charles A. Towne.

When the society was disbanded, its published material, papers, and library were donated to the Providence Public Library. While the majority of the manuscripts and papers were given in an exchange to the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1933, these materials appear to have been kept by the Providence Public Library.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection consists primarily of manuscripts and papers from the society, as well as published material including newspapers and flyers. Some paperwork, such as muster rolls and blank applications, are included, as well as some correspondence appearing to be from members of the society.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is separated into five series according to the format of the material. The series are: manuscripts, published works, forms, correspondence, and the Ballou Collar.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**Series I: manuscripts**

Folder	Folder title
1	"Old Guard" Ward GAR Post 1889
2	Miscellaneous Manuscripts
3	[Fragments of Speeches]
4	Tobie, Edward P. [Fragment] Trip to Richmond as POW.
5	Metcalf, Edward Report of 3rd R.I. Heavy Artillery (Already Published)
6	Barney, Beriah. "A Country Boys First three months in the army" Already Published.
7	Allen, George H. "Battle of the Mine.
8	Peck, George B "A Recruit Before Petersburg" Already Published.
9	The organization and service of Battery F. 1st Reg't R.I. Light Artillery
10	Untitled Manuscript
11	Untitled Manuscript
12	Untitled Manuscript
13	Rhodes, Elisha Hunt. "The First Campaign of the Second Rhode Island Volunteers"

Series II: published works

Folder	Folder title
15	Orleans Independent Standard (VT), 1861
16	Amsterdamsche Courant, 1864 (German)
17	The Evening Post (New York)
18	New York Herald 1863
19	The World - Newspaper 1862
20	misc. newspaper clippings found in box
21	Ballou's Pictorial Journal Dec. 18, 1858
22	Vanity Fair Aug. 29, 1862
23	Mollus Publications
24	Congressional Report Feb. 24, 1889

Series III: forms

Folder	Folder title
25	Blank Application Forms to Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society (3)
26	Blank Forms.
27	Military Passes, 1865
28	Miscellaneous Forms

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Series IV: correspondence

Folder	Folder title
29	Letter, E. F. Chupp May 16th, 1864
30	Sholes, Albert E. "Reminiscences of Bull Run..." & Other Papers
31	Addemann, Joshua. 1892

Series V: Ballou Collar

Item	Location
Ballou Collar	stored separately in case 2