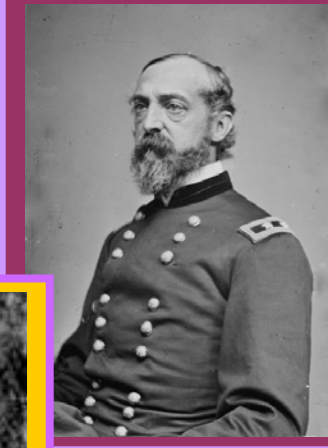
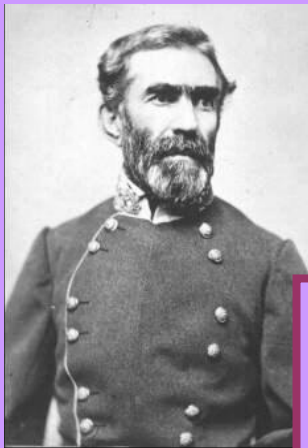


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James J. Hastings  
Director of Access Programs, National Archives

## Civil War Era Studies Collections

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### Blacks in the U.S. Armed Forces: Basic Documents, 1639-1973

Blacks in the U.S. Armed Forces is a documentary history of African-American participation in the military from colonial times to the Vietnam War. Originally published as a thirteen-volume set, this important collection is out of print in hard copy but is available in this microfilm edition.

Using military, government, and private records, Blacks in the U.S. Armed Forces traces the development of official military policy toward black personnel and the social and political forces influencing this policy. The documents illustrate the roles of African Americans and the treatment they received. The contents are arranged chronologically; the first six volumes take the reader to the end of World War II, while volumes 7-13 deal with postwar developments.

**S3304.** **5 reels.**

### The Braxton Bragg Papers, 1833–1879

Braxton Bragg was appointed a Brigadier General of the Confederate Army at the outset of the Civil War, and was later promoted to General after the Battle of Shiloh and given command of the Army of Tennessee. After initial successes, he eventually experienced defeat at the hands of Ulysses S. Grant and resigned his command. He later served as military advisor to Confederate President Jefferson Davis and as a civil and railroad engineer after the war.

**D3500.** **8 reels.**

### Confederate Imprints

This remarkable collection of miscellaneous publications of the Confederate States of America is the most complete collection available. Skillfully compiled, these written records remain the best source of information for students of history and scholars of the Civil War period.

**1220.** **144 reels.**

### The George Gordon Meade Collection, 1793–1896

George Gordon Meade was the Union commanding general at Gettysburg during what is considered the Civil War's decisive battle from July 1-3, 1863. Meade fought in the Mexican War and served as a major general and commander of the Army of the Potomac in the Civil War. He also served during Reconstruction as commander of the 3rd Military District in the South. Meade's personal and official correspondence, reports of operations, statements of losses, plans of campaigns, field reports from Gettysburg, official Army of the Potomac correspondence, and manuscript versions of *The Life and Letters of General George Gordon Meade* are part of this collection.

**S3360.** **14 reels.**

### The Papers of R.M.T. Hunter, 1817- 1887

Robert Mercer Taliaferro Hunter (1809-1887) served as a congressman, Speaker of the House of Representatives, senator, Confederate secretary of state, and Confederate senator from Virginia, in which capacity he was sent as a delegate to the Hampton Roads Peace Conference in February 1865.

**D3185.** **13 reels.**

### The Samuel Francis Du Pont Papers

*The Samuel Francis Du Pont Papers* chronicles the nineteenth-century U.S. Navy through the experiences of one of its best-known officers, a man who served during the navy's change from sail to steam. The record of Du Pont's career, covering five decades, is a revealing resource for students of U.S. naval history and the Civil War.

Du Pont began his career as midshipman in 1815 and, in the Mexican War, earned command of the California blockade. After the war, he concentrated on modernizing the U.S. Navy, becoming commandant of the Philadelphia Naval Yard in 1860. The outbreak of the Civil War saw him recalled to active duty and promoted to admiral. He was placed in charge of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, which in 1863

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attacked Charleston and sustained the worst Union Naval defeat of the war. Du Pont became the subject of a congressional inquiry; but, never officially vindicated, he died on June 23, 1865.

In lieu of keeping a private journal at sea, Du Pont addressed over 400 letters to his wife, which offer a detailed account of his assignments. The most extensive body of materials is from the Civil War period; these letters and dispatches deal first with the planning and operation of the blockade and later, after the defeat at Charleston, document the political furor and private anguish accompanying the investigation.

**S3161.**

**48 reels.**

### Southern Literary Messenger, 1834-1864

*Southern Literary Messenger* was the leading belletristic journal of the Old South for three decades (1834-64). Under the editorship of Edgar Allan Poe from 1835 to 1837, circulation increased from 500 to 3,500. Poe also contributed many of his works, including 83 reviews, six poems, four essays and three stories. Other editors included J. R. Thompson (1847-60), G. W. Bagby (1860-64) and Frank H. Alfriend (1864).

**1857.**

**535 fiche.**

### The Thaddeus Stevens Papers

Known as the “scourge of the South,” Thaddeus Stevens was probably the most powerful legislator of the Civil War era. This microform edition includes all of his known correspondence; business records; speeches drawn from the congressional Globe and other publications; the cases he pled; minutes from the Ways and Means Committee; and reports he authored.

**S3281.**

**12 reels.**

### Travels in the Confederate States

This collection of selected titles from E. M. Coulter’s “Travels in the Confederate States” covers a broad spectrum of accounts of the Civil War and post-Civil War period as told by on-the-scene observers — soldiers, journalists, foreigners, visitors and innocent victims of war.

**1933.**

**3,613 fiche.**

### United States Sanitary Commission Records Series 1: Medical Committee Archives, 1861–1865, and Series 7: Statistical Bureau Archives, Camp Inspection Reports, 1861–1864

The collection appeals to those researching the social aspects of the war and the soldiers’ daily living conditions. Medical historians and genealogists also find this a valuable source. A voluntary organization, the United States Sanitary Commission (USSC) provided medical and physical relief to Union soldiers during the Civil War. It was formed in 1861 by order of Simon Cameron (Secretary of War) and endorsed by President Abraham Lincoln, yet it depended on the efforts of supporting organizations — not the government — for funding. Headquartered in Washington, DC, the USSC had branches across the northeastern states and a department headquartered in Kentucky.

**S3357.**

**28 reels.**

### Western Reserve Historical Society Newspapers

The Western Reserve Historical Society Newspapers collection traces the daily affairs of Ohio before, during and after the Civil War, continuing forward into the late 19th century and early 20th century. This collection tells the story of the Ohioan role in and around the Civil War, as well as its crucial role in the reformation of late 19th century and early 20th century politics.

**D3490.**

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*The Bee, Ripley Bee & Independent Press, 1847, 1850–1868* — These southern Ohio newspapers were strongly pro-Union during the Civil War.

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<i>Cleveland Herald Weekly series (1819–1832, 1837–1865, and 1868–1876)</i> Cleveland, OH. Weekly Whig, Republican newspaper. Oct. 19, 1819–April 12, 1832; Mar. 25, 1837–Dec. 30, 1865; Mar. 28, 1868–Dec. 30, 1876.	<b>D3490.P14.</b>	<b>9 reels.</b>	<i>Newark Advocate</i> Newark, OH. Weekly Democratic newspaper.	<b>D3490.P38.</b>	<b>4 reels.</b>
<i>Confederate Newspapers</i> This collection is a mixture of issues and papers from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and Alabama ranging from 1861- 1865.	<b>D3490.P01.</b>	<b>10 reels.</b>	<i>Ohio Observer, 1827–1855</i> Religious newspaper published in Hudson, OH. Weekly Presbyterian newspaper. July 20, 1827–June 20, 1855.	<b>D3490.P33.</b>	<b>6 reels.</b>
<i>Daily Chronicle and Sentinel</i> Augusta, GA. Jan. 3, 1855–June 30, 1857.	<b>D3490.P02.</b>	<b>4 reels.</b>	<i>Ohio Patriot</i> New Lisbon, OH. Weekly Democratic newspaper. June 16, 1810–Dec. 30, 1880.	<b>D3490.P36.</b>	<b>16 reels.</b>
<i>Evening News</i> Cleveland, OH. Mar. 1, 1869–Dec. 30, 1880.	<b>D3490.P22.</b>	<b>9 reels.</b>	<i>Ohio Soldier</i> Chillicothe, OH. Bi-weekly Union Civil War Veterans' newspaper Aug. 20, 1887–Oct. 1, 1902.	<b>D3490.P08.</b>	<b>6 reels.</b>
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<i>Knoxville Register, 1860–1864</i> A Confederate Civil War newspaper originally published in Knoxville, TN. The paper moved to Atlanta after the fall of Knoxville. Titles include Knoxville Register (weekly), The Daily Register, Knoxville Daily Register, Atlanta Daily Register and Daily Atlanta Register.	<b>D3507.</b>	<b>2 reels.</b>	<i>Western Reserve Chronicle</i> Warren, OH. Weekly National Republican newspaper, Whig newspaper. Oct. 11, 1816–Apr. 26, 1924.	<b>D3490.P42.</b>	<b>30 reels.</b>
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