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INTRODUCTION

On the 58 rolls of this microfilm publication, M2029, are reproduced the field office records of the Freedmen's Branch in the Office of the Adjutant General, 1872–1878. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, including letters sent, letters received, registers of letters received, and registers of claims. The records of the Freedmen's Branch are part of Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Freedmen's Branch was established in the office of the Adjutant General in June 1872. It assumed and continued the unfinished business of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (the Freedmen's Bureau), which was ended by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872.

The Freedmen's Bureau was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). Under the direction of Commissioner Oliver Otis Howard, it was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

An act of Congress approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered the Bureau to withdraw from the states in which it operated and to discontinue its work. Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers ended their field office activities. For the next year and a half, the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the state superintendents of education ceased to operate in the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. With the closing of the Bureau on June 30, 1872, its records and remaining functions, which consisted almost exclusively of the disposition of military-related claims, were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the War Department's Office of the Adjutant General.

When Assistant Adjutant General Thomas Vincent assumed office as head of the Freedmen's Branch on June 27, 1872, his charge was to supervise the transfer of the records of the unfinished business of the Freedmen's Bureau and to "look to the

arrangement of the records and distribution of the duties, so that there will be the least delay in the future transaction of the business, with the view of completing and closing it.” When the records of the Freedmen’s Bureau began to arrive at his office, however, Vincent found them “in a state of much confusion.” The records for several states and divisions were intermixed with others; some records were missing and presumed kept by Assistant Commissioners and local agents; many transactions relating to claims were never recorded, making it difficult to determine who had been paid; and there was a deficit in the amount of moneys due the some 4,858 unpaid claims and the amount transferred by the Freedmen’s Bureau. These and other factors contributed to numerous complaints, accusations of fraud and embezzlement, and delays in the Freedmen’s Branch’s attempts to prepare and pay claims.¹

Vincent established his headquarters and a chief disbursement office in Washington, DC. Capt. James McMillan served as the chief disbursing officer of the Freedmen’s Branch from July 1872 to July 1877, until he was succeeded by Capt. G. G. Hunt, who served from July 1877 to February 1879. Field disbursing offices were established at Louisville, Kentucky; St. Louis; Missouri; Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee; Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana. Payments to claimants in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia were made through the Washington office; in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and states where slavery had not existed, disbursing officers were temporarily assigned.

The effort to organize, arrange, and make sense of the Freedmen’s Bureau’s records took the Freedmen’s Branch almost a year and a half. Nevertheless, in accordance with Joint Resolution Number 25, approved March 29, 1867, which had governed the payment of black veterans’ claims by the Freedmen’s Bureau, the Freedmen’s Branch received, acted upon, and paid claims of black soldiers, sailors, and marines and their heirs for bounty, pension, arrears of pay, commutation of rations, and prize money. Under the provisions of the resolution, the chief disbursement officer received all checks and certificates relating to the settlement of black soldiers’ claims, and was responsible for paying claimants in the Washington, DC, area and for the accounting and disbursements of funds to the field disbursing officers located in the Border and former Confederate States. The Washington office also paid attorneys’ fees and expenses, and after satisfactory identification, the balance of the claim was paid to individual claimants, heirs or representatives. To protect black claimants from fraud and “imposition,” claimants were to receive payment in currency rather than checks or drafts. The transfer or assignment of power of attorney for the balance of a claim (“or any part thereof”) was not allowed. The resolution made clear that it was the duty of the Freedmen’s Branch and its officers “to facilitate as far as possible the discovery, identification, and payment of claimants.”²

¹ House Ex. Doc. 109, 42nd Cong., 3rd Sess., Serial vol. 1566, pp. 1–4; see also George R. Bentley, *A History of the Freedmen’s Bureau* (New York: Octagon Books, 1974), pp. 212–213.

² House Ex. Doc. 109, Serial vol. 1566, pp. 6–7.

In December 1874, the Secretary of War reported that as of July 1872, the Freedmen's Branch had paid military claims amounting to more than \$1 million. He also reported that, to meet the needs of claimants in Kansas and the western and northwestern areas of Missouri, a field office was opened at Fort Leavenworth. The disbursing office that had been established at Nashville in 1873 was consolidated with the Memphis, TN, office, and the office at Fort Macon, NC, was consolidated with that at Fort Monroe, VA. The offices at Fort Johnston, NC, and Columbia, SC, were discontinued. One of the offices at New Orleans, LA, was consolidated with that at Vicksburg, MS. While the Secretary of War reported that payments of claims by means of postal orders were alleviating delays in remote areas, Freedmen's Branch officials still found it difficult to process unpaid bounty and pension claims transferred by the Freedmen's Bureau. In many of these claims, individuals had moved from their former residences and could not be located. Some had died, leaving no representative; others for one reason or another failed to apply for payments.³

By mid-fall 1875, the disbursing office established at Fort Leavenworth, KS, was consolidated with that in St. Louis, MO. Because of increasing demand for services, the office at Nashville was reopened. The offices at Fort Monroe, VA, and Charleston, SC, were permanently closed. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, the Freedmen's Branch received more than 13,000 correspondences relating to the military claims of black veterans. Disbursing officers settled more than 3,700 of these claims, at a cost of nearly \$390,000. Also, through the "diligent effort" of disbursing officers, the settlement of unpaid claims had increased, although locating some claimants still remained a problem. To protect the interests of both the Federal Government and claimants, disbursing officers worked "vigorously" to investigate contested and fraudulent claims, which had increasingly become an important part of their duties. The Freedmen's Branch also continued to pursue matters relating to embezzlement.⁴

By October 1876, payment of military claims had fallen off dramatically. The number of claims paid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, and July and August 1876, totaled less than 2,500. Most claimants who remained unpaid lived in remote locations, thus making payment extremely difficult. Also, some claimants had changed their place of residence after filing claims. The periodic reduction of disbursing offices and clerical staff also greatly impacted the settlement process. The offices at St. Louis, MO, and Nashville, TN, were permanently closed. The disbursing responsibilities formerly assigned at Natchez and Vicksburg, MS, were moved to the New Orleans office. The only offices in operation by late October 1876 were those at New Orleans, LA, Memphis, TN, Louisville, KY, and the chief disbursing office at Washington, DC. Nonetheless, the Freedmen's Branch continued to settle unpaid claims, address

³ House Ex. Doc. No. 59, 43rd Cong., 2nd Sess., Serial vol. 1645, pp.1-2.

⁴ See Annual Report of the Adjutant General on the Operations of the Freedmen's Branch, October 9, 1875, pp. 1-14, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, National Archives Building (NAB), Washington, DC.

complaints, institute measures to combat fraud, and when necessary, worked to re-arrange records that had been transferred by the Freedmen's Bureau.⁵

In accordance with an act of December 15, 1877 (20 Stat. 11), the work of the Freedmen's Branch had to be completed by January 1, 1879. If not, the Freedmen's Branch would be closed and all of its papers would be turned over the Paymaster General. However, when the Freedmen's Branch was finally closed on June 30, 1879, its work relating to the claims of black veterans was assigned to the Colored Troops Division in the Office of the Adjutant General.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. All of the volumes of the Freedmen's Branch were at one time arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) after the records came into its custody. In the table of contents that follows, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there may be blank numbered pages that have not been filmed. It appears that about 40 volumes of Freedmen's Branch records listed by a clerk in the Adjutant General's Office in 1906 were not transferred to the National Archives; however the other Freedmen's Branch series are intact.

The records of field disbursing offices operating under the Freedmen's Branch consist of the following series: letters sent, letters received, registers of letters received, and registers of claims. These records span various periods within the years 1872–78. The records are ordered by field office just as they were arranged when transferred by the Office of the Adjutant General to the National Archives, as follows: Charleston, SC; Columbia, SC (see Charleston); Fort Johnston, NC; Louisville, KY; Fort Macon, NC; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Fort Monroe, VA; Memphis, TN; Nashville, TN; Natchez, MS; New Orleans, LA; St. Louis, MO; Savannah, GA; and Vicksburg, MS.

RELATED RECORDS

Also in Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, and related to records of the field offices of the Freedmen's Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, are the following series:

**Records of the Freedmen's Branch, Office of the Adjutant General,
Washington Headquarters, 1872–79**

**Records of the Chief Disbursing Officer, Freedmen's Bureau, Washington
Headquarters, 1865–72**

⁵ See Annual Report of the Adjutant-General on the Operations of the Freedmen's Branch, October 10, 1876, pp. 1–7, RG 105, NAB.

**Records of the Claims Division, Freedmen's Bureau, Washington
Headquarters, 1866-72**

Records in other National Archives record groups supplement those of the Freedmen's Branch. In Records of the Colored Troop Division, 1863-94, in Records of the Adjutant General's Office, RG 94, are records relating to military claims of black veterans settled by the Division. Records relating to the payment of claims of U.S. Colored Troops are among the records of the Pay and Bounty Division, 1879-99, in Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, RG 217. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-74, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information about black soldiers who maintained accounts with the various bank branches.

APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Adjutant General's Office personnel at selected field offices of the Freedmen's Branch. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Freedmen's Branch's Washington Office Register of Employees, July 1872–June 1879.

LOCATION	DATES
CHARLESTON, SC	
Disbursing Officer	
J. H. Counselman	Dec. 1872–Jan. 1874
J. K. Hyer, at Columbia (See Savannah, GA)	Jan.–June 1874
	July 1874–Apr. 1875
FORT JOHNSTON, NC	
Disbursing Officer	
W. S. Starring	June 1872–May 1874
LOUISVILLE, KY	
Disbursing Officer	
A. P. Howe	Oct. 1872–June 1876
Maj. H. S. Hawkins	June 1876–July 1878
FORT MACON, NC	
Disbursing Officer	
Edgar Dudley	Dec. 1872–Apr. 1874
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KS	
Disbursing Officer	
Quentin Campbell	Jan.–Mar. 1874
Capt. D. H. Brotherton	Mar. 1874–May 1875
FORT MONROE, VA	
Disbursing Officer	
James Curry	Dec. 1872–Apr. 1875
MEMPHIS, TN	
Disbursing Officer	
Maj. George Gibson	Sept. 1872–June 1876
Maj. G. G. Hunt	July 1876–June 1877
NASHVILLE, TN	
Disbursing Officer	
R. G. LaMotte	Sept. 1872–June 1874
Maj. George Gibson	June 1874–Apr. 1875
Maj. H. S. Hawkins	Apr. 1875–July 1876
NATCHEZ, MS	
Disbursing Officer	
Maj. G. G. Hunt (also, New Orleans, LA)	Oct. 1872–June 1874
Maj. Hunt, at Vicksburg (also, New Orleans, LA)	June 1874–June 1876

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Disbursing Officer

A. K. Arnold

Sept. 1872–July 1878

ST. LOUIS, MO

Disbursing Officer

P. T. Swain

Sept. 1872–June 1876

SAVANNAH, GA

Disbursing Officer

J. W. Dillenback

Nov. 1872–June 1874

J. W. Dillenback, at Charleston, SC

July–Nov. 1874

E. H. Totten, at Charleston, SC

Nov. 1874–Apr. 1875

VICKSBURG, MS

Disbursing Officer

E. F. Townsend

Sept. 1872–Apr. 1873

Th. Anderson

Apr. 1873–June 1874

(See Natchez, MS)

June 1874–June 1876

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	<i>Letters Sent</i>	
	The single volume of letters sent, April 1873–June 1874 (58), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (58)	Apr. 1873–June 1874
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i>	
	The single-volume register of letters received, December 1872–June 1874 (57), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. There is also a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound registered letters received (Dec. 1872–May 1874) described below.	
	Volume (57)	Dec. 1872–June 1874
	<i>Registered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound registered letters received, December 1872–May 1874, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (57) described above.	
		Dec. 1872–May 1874
	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound unregistered letters received, May 1873–April 1874, are arranged chronologically.	
		May 1873–Apr. 1874
	<i>Register of Claimants</i>	
	The single-volume register of claimants, May 1873–June 1874 (59), is arranged chronologically by date money was received by disbursing officer. The volume has a name index.	
	Volume (59)	May 1873–June 1874
	<i>Index to Bounty Records</i>	
	The single-volume index to bounty records is unnumbered and dated April 10, 1873.	
		Apr. 10, 1873
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound lists of claimants, May–June 1873 and May 1874, are arranged chronologically.	
		May–June 1873 and May 1874

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
1 (cont.)	<i>Confidential Lists</i> Unbound confidential lists, 1873, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier.	1873
	<i>Miscellaneous Records</i> Unbound miscellaneous records, 1866–67 and 1872–74, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include orders and circulars received, affidavits and memorandums relating to claims, accounts current, and weekly reports of payments.	1866–67 and 1872–74
	<i>List of Certificates of Land Sales in South Carolina</i> The single-volume list of certificates of land sales in South Carolina, 1875–76, is arranged chronologically.	1875–76
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2	FORT JOHNSTON, NC (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, June 1873–May 1874 (61), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	June 1873–May 1874
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, August 1872–May 1874 (60), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume has a name index. For letters received, see the unbound letters received (Aug. 1872–May 1874) described below. The first entries are orders dated 1866, but they were apparently sent in 1872.	Aug. 1872–May 1874
	<i>Letters Received</i> Unbound letters received, August 1872–May 1874, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (60) described above. There are orders dated 1866 at the beginning of the series.	Aug. 1872–May 1874
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants (62) covers the month of March 1874. The entries in the volume are all on one page.	Mar. 1874

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
2	<i>Confidential Lists and Accounts Current</i>	
(cont.)	Unbound confidential lists and accounts current, February–April 1874, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.	

Feb.–Apr. 1874

LOUISVILLE, KY (Disbursing Officer)

Letters Sent

The four volumes of letters sent, October 1872–July 1878, 1 (73), 2 (74), 3 (75), and 4 (76), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

Volume 1 (73)	Oct. 1872–Mar. 1874
Volume 2 (74)	Mar.–Nov. 1874
Volume 3 (75)	Dec. 1875–June 1878
Volume 4 (76)	June–July 1878

3 *Registers of Letters Received*

The entries in the two volumes of registers of letters received, October 1872–July 1878, 1 (71) and 2 (72), are arranged chronologically. Both volumes have name indexes. The unbound letters received for this period are described below. They include unregistered letters for Sept. 1872.

Volume 1 (71)	Oct. 1872–July 1876
Volume 2 (72)	June 1876–July 1878

Letters Received

Unbound letters received, September 1872–July 1878, are arranged in two subseries. The first (Sept. 1872–Sept. 1876) is arranged chronologically and consists mainly of letters registered in volume 1 (71) of the registers of letters received described above. (The Sept. 1872 letters are unregistered.) The second (June 1876–July 1878) is arranged according to their entry in volume 2 (72) of the registers of letters received described above.

	Entered in Volume 1 (71)	Sept. 1872–Mar. 1873
4	Entered in Volume 1 (71)	Apr.–Dec. 1873
5	Entered in Volume 1 (71)	Jan.–Dec. 1874
6	Entered in Volume 1 (71) and 2 (72)	Jan. 1875–Sept. 1876
7	Entered in Volume 2 (72)	June 1876–Dec. 1877
8	Entered in Volume 2 (72)	Jan.–July 1878

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
8	<i>Register of Claimants</i>	
(cont.)	The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–May 1878 (77), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer and has a name index.	
	Volume (77)	Oct. 1872–May 1878
9	<i>Lists of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–May 1878, are arranged chronologically.	
		Sept. 1872–May 1878
	<i>Memorandums of Examination of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound memorandums of examination of claimants, 1872–76, are arranged numerically by the number of the certificate issued to the claimant. There are gaps in the numerical sequence. Confidential lists are interfiled with the memorandums of examination.	
	292482—606334	1872–76
10	606339–611469	1872–76
11	611470–613435	1874–75
12	613436–615919	1874–75
13	615920–618039	1874–75
14	618040–620387	1874–75
15	620390–623525	1875–76
16	623529–625360	1875–76
17	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1872 and 1873, are arranged in two subseries. The first (Oct.–Dec. 1872) consists of forms on which more than one name appears, and these are arranged chronologically. The second (1873) consists of forms on which information relating to a single soldier appears, and these are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the soldier.	
		Oct.–Dec. 1872
	Ahl–Owens	1873
	Page–Young	1873

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
17 (cont.)	<i>Miscellaneous Records</i> Unbound miscellaneous records, 1872–78, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include returns of public property, reports of persons and articles hired, accounts current and receipts, affidavits, and a report of unpaid bounty claims.	1872–78
18	FORT MACON, NC (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, December 1872–August 1874 (99), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Volume (99)	Dec. 1872–Aug. 1874
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, December 1872–August 1874 (98), is arranged in chronological order and numbered and has a name index. Volume (98)	Dec. 1872–Aug. 1874
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, February 1873–July 1874 (100), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. The volume has a name index. Volume (100)	Feb. 1873–July 1874
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, February 1873–February 1874, are arranged chronologically. Feb. 1873–Feb. 1874	Feb. 1873–Feb. 1874
	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1873 and 1874, are arranged numerically by the number of the certificate issued to the claimant. 1873 and 1874	1873 and 1874
	FORT LEAVENWORTH, KS (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, January 1874–May 1875 (67), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Volume (67)	Jan. 1874–May 1875

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
18	<i>Register of Letters Received</i>	
(cont.)	The single-volume register of letters received, December 1873–May 1875 (66), is arranged chronologically. There are two numerical sequences for the entries: Numbers 1–63 for Dec. 1873 to Aug. 1874, and numbers 1–55 for Sept. 1874 to May 1875. For letters received, see the unbound registered letters received (Oct. 1874–May 1875) described below.	
	Volume (66)	Dec. 1873–May 1875
	<i>Registered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound registered letters received, October 1874–May 1875, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (66) described above. The letters for the period Dec. 1873–Sept. 1874 are missing.	
		Oct. 1874–May 1875
	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound unregistered letters received, August 1874–May 1875, are arranged chronologically.	
		Aug. 1874–May 1875
	<i>Register of Claimants</i>	
	The single-volume register of claimants, January 1874–April 1875 (68), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer and has a name index.	
	Volume (68)	Jan. 1874–Apr. 1875
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound lists of claimants, September 1874–April 1875, are arranged chronologically.	
		Sept. 1874–Apr. 1875
19	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1874 and 1875, are arranged numerically by the number of the certificate issued to the claimant.	
		1874 and 1875
20	<i>Miscellaneous Records</i>	
	Unbound miscellaneous records, 1874 and 1875, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include reports of persons and articles hired, returns of public property, weekly reports of payments, and accounts current. They also include deposit slips with the First National Bank of Leavenworth (dated 1872–74) and lists of claimants turned over to Lt. Col. P. T. Swaine.	
		1874 and 1875

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
21	<p>FORT MONROE, VA (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, December 1872–April 1875 (64), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.</p> <p>Volume (64)</p>	<p>Dec. 1872–Apr. 1875</p>
	<p><i>Letters Returned Undelivered</i> Unbound letters returned undelivered, 1873, 1874, and 1875, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant. The letters consist mainly of forms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1873, 1874, and 1875</p>	
	<p><i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, December 1872–April 1875 (63), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The entries are numbered in four sequences: adjutant general, disbursing officer, Treasury Department, and others. For the letters received, see the unbound letters received (Dec. 1872–Apr. 1875) described below.</p> <p>Volume (63)</p>	<p>Dec. 1872–Apr. 1875</p>
	<p><i>Letters Received</i> Unbound letters received, December 1872–April 1875, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (63) described above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec. 1872–Dec. 1873</p>	
22	<p><i>Letters Received (cont.)</i></p>	<p>Jan. 1874–Apr. 1875</p>
	<p><i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, February 1873–March 1875 (65), is arranged chronologically by date of payment to claimant. The volume has a name index.</p> <p>Volume (65)</p>	<p>Feb. 1873–Mar. 1875</p>
	<p><i>Miscellaneous Records</i> Unbound miscellaneous records, 1873 and 1874, are arranged by type of record. They consist mainly of affidavits, deposit slips, and check stubs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1873 and 1874</p>	

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
23	MEMPHIS, TN (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The three volumes of letters sent, September 1872–June 1877, 1 (79), 2 (80), and 3 (81), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.	
	Volume 1 (79)	Sept. 1872–Feb. 1874
	Volume 2 (80)	Feb. 1874–May 1875
	Volume 3 (81)	May 1875–June 1877
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The entries in the single-volume register of letters received, September 1872–June 1877 (78), are arranged chronologically and numbered in three sequences. For letters received, see the unbound letters received (Sept. 1872–June 1877) described below.	
	Volume (78)	Sept. 1872–June 1877
	<i>Letters Received</i> Unbound letters received, September 1872–June 1877, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (78) described above.	
	1–191	Sept. 1872–Feb. 1873
24	192–664	Mar.–Dec. 1873
25	665–1232	Jan. 1874–Feb. 1875
26	1234–1622	Mar. 1875–July 1876
27	1–159	July–Dec. 1876
	1–152	Jan.–June 1877
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–June 1877 (82), is arranged chronologically by the date of receipt of money from the disbursing officer. The volume has a name index.	
	Volume (82)	Oct. 1872–June 1877
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–June 1877, are arranged chronologically.	
		Sept. 1872–June 1877

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28	<p><i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1872, are arranged by paid and unpaid claimants. Most of the forms contain names of several soldiers, but some contain information relating solely to one individual.</p>	1872
	<p><i>Receipts for Payments of Claims</i> Unbound receipts for payments of claims, 1874–75, and 1877, are arranged numerically. Filed with the receipts are other related papers, such as confidential lists, form letters, and correspondence.</p>	
	1–34	1874
	145–150	1874
29	151–178	1874
	47–54	1875
	22–33	1877
	<p><i>Receipt Book</i> The single-volume receipt book, January–November 1875 (230), is arranged chronologically.</p>	
	Volume (230)	Jan.–Nov. 1875
	<p><i>Register of Postage Paid by Major Hunt</i> The single-volume register of postage paid by Major [G. G.] Hunt, July 1875–June 1877 (109), is arranged chronologically.</p>	
	Volume (109)	July 1875–June 1877
	<p><i>Miscellaneous Records</i> Unbound miscellaneous records, 1872–77, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include returns of public property, statements of public funds, reports of persons and articles hired, and accounts current. Also included are lists of unpaid cases turned over to Maj. G. G. Hunt and receipts for registered letters.</p>	1872–77
30	<p>NASHVILLE, TN (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, September 1872–July 1876 (86), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.</p>	
	Volume (86)	Sept. 1872–July 1876

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
30 (cont.)	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, September 1872–June 1876 (85), is arranged in chronological order and numbered, with some endorsements received at the end of the series. The volume has a name index. For letters received, see the unbound registered letters received (Sept. 1872–June 1876) described below.	
	Volume (85)	Sept. 1872–June 1876
	<i>Registered Letters Received</i> Unbound registered letters received, September 1872–June 1876, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (85) described above.	
	1–327	Sept. 1872–June 1875
31	328–429	July 1875–June 1876
	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i> Unbound unregistered letters received, March 1873–May 1876, are arranged chronologically.	
		Mar. 1873–May 1876
32	<i>Quarterly Returns of Public Property, Weekly Reports of Payments, and Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired</i> Unbound quarterly returns of public property, weekly reports of payments, and monthly reports of persons and articles hired, 1872–76, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically.	
		1872–76
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–May 1876 (87), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. The volume has an index.	
	Volume (87)	Oct. 1872–May 1876
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–May 1876, are arranged chronologically.	
		Sept. 1872–May 1876
33	<i>Lists of Claimants Paid While Major Gibson Was Temporarily in Charge of the Nashville Office</i> Unbound lists of claimants paid while Major George Gibson was temporarily in charge of the Nashville Office, 1872–74, are arranged chronologically.	
		1872–74

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
33 (cont.)	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1873 and 1874, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier.	1873 and 1874
	<i>Lists of Cases Used in Transferring Business of Office from Major Lamotte to Major Gibson and from Major Gibson to Captain Hawkins</i> The single volume of lists of cases used in transferring business of office from Major [R. G.] Lamotte to Major [George] Gibson and from Major Gibson to Captain Hawkins (88) covers the period 1872–75. The volume contains three separate lists.	
	Volume (88)	1872–75
34	NATCHEZ, MS (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The two volumes of letters sent, October 1872–June 1876, 1 (90) and 2 (91), are arranged chronologically. Both volumes have name indexes.	
	Volume 1 (90)	Oct. 1872–Apr. 1875
	Volume 2 (91)	Apr. 1875–June 1876
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, 1872–76 (89), is arranged by year and thereunder in chronological order and numbered. The volume has a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound letters received (1872–76) described below.	
	Volume (89)	1872–76
	<i>Letters Received</i> Unbound letters received, 1872–76, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (89) described above.	
	1–35	1872
	1–154	1873
35	155–271	1873
	1–369	1874
36	1–343	1875
	2–185	1876
37	<i>Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Returns of Public Property, and Statements of Public Funds</i> Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, returns of public property, and statements of public funds, October 1872–June 1876, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically.	
		Oct. 1872–June 1876

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
37 (cont.)	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–June 1876 (92), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. There is also a name index.	
	Volume (92)	Oct. 1872–June 1876
	<i>Register of Claims Investigated</i> The single-volume register of claims investigated, October 1872–June 1876 (93), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (93)	Oct. 1872–June 1876
	<i>Names and Addresses of Claimants</i> The single volume of names and addresses of claimants (94) is undated and arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant.	
	Volume (94)	Undated
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–May 1876, are arranged chronologically.	
		Sept. 1872–May 1876
38	<i>Memorandums of Examination of Claimants</i> Unbound memorandums of examination of claimants, 1872–77, are arranged numerically by number of certificate issued to claimants. The bulk of the documents are dated 1874–77.	
	281894–615771	1872–77
39	615870–629537	1872–77
40	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1872–75, are arranged numerically by number of certificate issued to claimants.	
	281886-597400	1872–73
41	597401-620970	1873–75
42	NEW ORLEANS, LA (Disbursing Officer) <i>Subject Index</i> The single-volume subject index (106) is an index to part of volume 1 (103) of the two volumes of letters sent described below.	
	Volume (106)	Undated

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
42	<i>Letters Sent</i>	
(cont.)	The two volumes of letters sent, September 1872–July 1878, 1 (103) and 2 (104), are arranged chronologically. Both have name indexes. For a subject index to part of vol. 1 (103), see the single-volume subject index (106) described above.	
	Volume 1 (103)	Sept. 1872–July 1876
	Volume 2 (104)	July 1876–July 1878

Registers of Letters Received

The two volumes of registers of letters received, September 1872–July 1878, 1 (101) and 2 (102), are arranged chronologically. The entries from Sept. 1872 to Dec. 1873 are in one numerical sequence; thereafter, the entries are numbered in separate sequences for each consecutive year. Each volume has a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound letters received (Sept. 1872–Mar. 1878) described below.

Volume 1 (101)	Sept. 1872–June 1878
Volume 2 (102)	June–July 1878

Letters Received

Unbound letters received, September 1872–March 1878, are arranged according to their entry in the two volumes of registers of letters received, 1 (101) and 2 (102), described above. The letters for Apr.–July 1878 are missing.

Entered in Volume 1 (101)

	0–01	Sept. 1872
	1–38	Oct.–Dec. 1872
	39–117	Jan.–Apr. 1873
43	118–339	Apr.–Dec. 1873
	1–273	Jan.–Dec. 1874
44	1–244	Jan.–Dec. 1875
	1–157	Jan.–June 1876
45	159–328	July–Dec. 1876
	1–202	Jan.–May 1877
46	203–398	May–Dec. 1877
	1–55	Jan.–Mar. 1878

Quarterly Returns of Property, Weekly Reports of Payments, and Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired

Unbound quarterly returns of property, weekly reports of payments, and monthly reports of persons and articles hired, 1872–78, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically.

1872–78

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
47	<p><i>Register of Claimants</i></p> <p>The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–May 1878 (105), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. There is also a name index.</p>	
	Volume (105)	Oct. 1872–May 1878
	<i>Names and Addresses of Claimants</i>	
	The two undated volumes of names and addresses of claimants, 1 (107) and 2 (108), are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant.	
	Volume 1 (107)	Undated
	Volume 2 (108)	Undated
	<i>Memorandums of Examination of Claimants</i>	
	Unbound memorandums of examination of claimants, ca. 1876, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant. Miscellaneous papers relating to a case are filed with the memorandums.	
	ca. 1876	
	<i>Confidential Lists</i>	
	Unbound confidential lists cover the period 1872–78. For the period September–December 1872, the forms contain information about more than one soldier, and these forms are arranged chronologically. The remaining forms relate to only one soldier each, and they are arranged numerically by number of certificate issued to the claimant, with some unnumbered forms at the end of the series.	
	Sept.–Dec. 1872	
48	276935–631965	1873–78
49	ST. LOUIS, MO (Disbursing Officer)	
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i>	
	The single-volume register of letters received, October 1872–June 1876 (111), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume has a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound registered letters received (Oct. 1872–June 1876) described below.	
	Volume (111)	Oct. 1872–June 1876
	<i>Registered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound registered letters received, October 1872–June 1876, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (111) described above.	
	Oct. 1872–June 1876	

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
50	<p><i>Unregistered Letters Received</i> Unbound unregistered letters received, September 1872–June 1876, are arranged chronologically.</p>	<p>Sept. 1872–June 1876</p>
	<p><i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, October 1872–May 1876 (113), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. There is also a name index.</p>	<p>Volume (113) Oct. 1872–May 1876</p>
	<p><i>Register of Payments Made to Claimants</i> The single-volume register of payments made to claimants, December 1872–January 1875 (114), is arranged chronologically.</p>	<p>Volume (114) Dec. 1872–Jan. 1875</p>
51	<p><i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–May 1876, are arranged chronologically.</p>	<p>Sept. 1872–May 1876</p>
	<p><i>Receipts for Payments of Claims and Other Related Papers</i> Unbound receipts for payments of claims and other related papers, June 1873, are arranged numerically.</p>	<p>June 1873</p>
	<p><i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants are dated 1872–74. The forms containing names of more than one soldier (Sept.–Oct. 1872) are arranged chronologically. The forms containing information about a single soldier are arranged numerically by number of certificate issued to claimant.</p>	<p>1872–74</p>
	<p><i>Confidential Lists Concerning Deceased Soldiers</i> Unbound confidential lists concerning deceased soldiers, 1873, 1874, and 1875, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier.</p>	<p>1873, 1874, and 1875</p>
	<p><i>Miscellaneous Records</i> Unbound miscellaneous records, 1872–76, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include quarterly returns of public property, monthly reports of persons and articles hired, and deposit slips with the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, MO.</p>	<p>1872–76</p>

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
52	SAVANNAH, GA (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, April 1873–March 1875 (117), is arranged chronologically. There is also a name index.	
	Volume (117)	Apr. 1873–Mar. 1875
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, December 1872–April 1875 (116), is arranged chronologically and then numbered in two sequences: Dec. 1872–Oct. 1874 and Oct. 1874–Apr. 1875. There is also a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound registered letters received (Dec. 1872–June 1874 and Oct. 1874–Apr. 1875) described below.	
	Volume (116)	Dec. 1872–Apr. 1875
	<i>Registered Letters Received</i> Unbound registered letters received, December 1872–June 1874 and October 1874–April 1875, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (116) described above.	
		Dec. 1872–June 1874 and Oct. 1874–Apr. 1875
	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i> Unbound unregistered letters received, November 1872–April 1875, are arranged chronologically.	
		Nov. 1872–Apr. 1875
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, April 1873–February 1875 (118), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from the disbursing officer. There is also a name index.	
	Volume (118)	Apr. 1873–Feb. 1875
	<i>List of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, April 1873–January 1875, are arranged chronologically.	
		Apr. 1873–Jan. 1875
53	“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants, 1874 and 1875, are arranged numerically by the number of the certificate issued to the claimant.	
		1874 and 1875

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
54	<i>Accounts Current</i> Unbound accounts current, April 1873–April 1875, are arranged chronologically.	Apr. 1873–Apr. 1875
55	VICKSBURG, MS (Disbursing Officer) <i>Letters Sent</i> The single volume of letters sent, September 1872–June 1874 (121), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	Sept. 1872–June 1874
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i> The single-volume register of letters received, September 1872–June 1874 (120), is arranged chronologically. The entries are then numbered in two sequences: Sept. 1872–Dec. 1873 and Jan.–June 1874. The volume has a name index. For the letters received, see the unbound letters received (Sept. 1872–June 1874) described below.	Sept. 1872–June 1874
	<i>Letters Received</i> Unbound letters received, September 1872–June 1874, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received (120) described above.	Sept. 1872–June 1874
56	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i> Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1872–April 1874, are arranged chronologically.	Oct. 1872–Apr. 1874
	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, 1872, 1873, and 1874 (122), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of money from disbursing officer. The volume has a name index.	1872, 1873, and 1874
	<i>Names and Addresses of Claimants</i> The undated single volume of names and addresses of claimants, (125) is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant.	Undated
	<i>Lists of Claimants</i> Unbound lists of claimants, September 1872–June 1874, are arranged chronologically.	Sept. 1872–June 1874

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
56 (cont.)	<i>Memorandums of Examination of Claimants</i> Unbound memorandums of examination of claimants, 1873 and 1874, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant.	1873 and 1874
57	<i>“Confidential Lists” for the Identification of Claimants</i> Unbound “confidential lists” for the identification of claimants cover the period 1872–74. The forms containing information about more than one soldier (Sept. 1872) are arranged chronologically. The forms containing information about one soldier only are arranged by unit of service.	1872–74
58	<i>Affidavits of Identity</i> Unbound affidavits of identity, 1873 and 1874, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant. These are statements made by neighbors in which they swear that they are acquainted with the individual and know that he was enlisted in the military service of the United States in a particular unit.	1873 and 1874