

N. A. Strait Civil War Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: N. A. Strait Civil War Collection

Span Dates: 1861-1900

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1865)

ID No.: MSS41707

Creator: Strait, N. A. (Newton Allen), 1846-1922

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81041707>

Summary: Collector. Civil War Union regimental records compiled from records of the U.S. Adjutant General's Office of twenty-three states and the District of Columbia and from diaries and correspondence of soldiers. Also includes regimental records relating to U.S. Colored Troops (until 1864 known as the U.S. Corps d'Afrique).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Strait, N. A. (Newton Allen), 1846-1922.

Organizations

United States. Adjutant-General's Office. United States Adjutant-General's Office records.

United States. Army--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States. Colored Troops.

United States. Corps d'Afrique.

Subjects

Soldiers--United States--Correspondence.

Soldiers--United States--Diaries.

Places

Massachusetts--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

New Jersey--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

New York (State)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Participation, African American.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations

Collectors.

Provenance

The Civil War Collection of N. A. Strait, collector, was given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. N. A. Strait via J. A. Webster in 1954.

Processing History

The collection of N. A. Strait was organized after being received by the Library in 1954 and reprocessed in 2016. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of N. A. Strait is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Civil War collection of N. A. Strait is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Civil War Collection of N. A. Strait, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Civil War collection of Newton Allen Strait (1846-1922) spans the years 1861-1900, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1861-1865. The material consists of Union regimental records compiled by Strait in the late nineteenth century from records of the U.S. Adjutant General's Office of twenty-three states and the District of Columbia and from diaries and correspondence of soldiers. Also included is regimental information relating to U.S. Colored Troops. The collection is most extensive for the regiments of New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

Born in Pennsylvania, Strait compiled other data relating to the Civil War, including, with John Wesley Wells, *An Alphabetical List of the Battles of the War of the Rebellion, with Dates* (Washington, D.C.: Gibson Brothers, printers, 1875), and *Roster of All Regimental Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in the Late War with Their Service, and Last-Known Post-Office Address Compiled from Official Records by N. A. Strait* ([Washington?], 1882). *A List of Soldiers Homes*, produced by the Pension Bureau, 1920, is also attributed to Strait.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Arkansas
BOX 1	Colored troops (4 folders)
BOX 1	California
BOX 1	Colorado
BOX 1	Connecticut (4 folders)
BOX 1	Delaware
BOX 1	Illinois (4 folders)
BOX 1	Indiana (1 folder)
BOX 2	(1 folder)
BOX 2	Iowa
BOX 2	Kansas
BOX 2	Kentucky
BOX 2	Maryland
BOX 2	Massachusetts (5 folders)
BOX 2	Nebraska
BOX 2	New Hampshire
BOX 2	New Jersey (4 folders)
BOX 2	New York (1 folder)
BOX 3	(15 folders)
BOX 4	(6 folders)
BOX 4	Pennsylvania (2 folders)
BOX 4	Phode Island (2 folders)
BOX 4	Tennessee
BOX 4	Vermont
BOX 4	Virginia
BOX 4	West Virginia
BOX 4	Wisconsin