

# Guide to the Military Records, 1623-2006; bulk dates: 1775-1953

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Peggy Calkins, October 2017

**Creator:**

Several unknown creators

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Physical Description:**

12 boxes; 32 volumes

**Abstract:**

The Military Records collections relate to Gloucester's participation in military conflicts through 1953, including King Phillip's War, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. The records also relate to the militia, as well as both state and city aid disbursements to veterans and their families. Materials include but are not limited to correspondence, record books, minutes, registration cards, service lists, burial lists, and casualty lists.

## Access and Use

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**Acquisition Information and Provenance:** The Gloucester City Archives is the repository of the town and municipal records.

**Processing Information:**

The collection was originally processed by the Gloucester Archives Committee. The finding aid was updated by Peggy Calkins, October 2017.

**Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

**Location:**

The collection is housed at the Gloucester City Archives in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** The collection includes bound volumes and boxes of manuscript material. Some boxes are over-filled. Fragile materials have been enclosed in archival polyester sleeves.

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## Collection Description

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**Collection Scope and Content Note:** Gloucester military accounts, miscellaneous papers, financial records, procurement documents, enlistment records, state and local aid disbursements from 1623 to 1953. Military records are subdivided by military engagement, covering King Phillip's War, the French and Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, the militia, the Civil War (including the Grand Army of the Republic), the Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II. There is a small amount of material on the War of 1812 and the Korean War.

**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged into four series:

**Series 1:** Miscellaneous Military Papers

**Series 2:** Military Records

Subseries: General

Subseries: French and Indian Wars and Earlier Wars

Subseries: Revolutionary War

Subseries: Militia

Subseries: Civil War

Subseries: Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

Subseries: Spanish American War

Subseries: WWI and Mexican Border Campaign

**Series 3:** State Aid  
**Series 4:** Relief Disbursements

## **Series 1: Miscellaneous Military Papers, 1623-2006**

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**Collection numbers:** CC87

**Extent:** 2 boxes; approximately 390 items

### **Contents list:**

#### **Box 31**

- Folder 1      Military History, Gloucester, Misc. 1675-1973; 17 items  
Includes but not limited to: condensed military history 1675-1865; supply list 1775; copy of letter from Captain John Singer of the *Falcon* giving account of an “unsuccessful attempt to take schooner in Cape Ann Harbour,” 1775; reports on military history; newspaper clipping of S. Foster Damon’s account of the Annisquam raid during the War of 1812; remarks of William Parsons aboard schooner *Madison* July 1812; enrollment of company of Heavy Artillery, 1863; booklet titled *Battery A August 25, 1973*, four parts including Gloucester Militia, Gloucester Artillery, Company G., and Battery A.
- Folder 2      Continental Army Procuring Men, 1781-1782; 32 items  
Continental Army procuring men and supplies, mainly lists of men procured.
- Folder 3      Military Correspondence, 1780-1844; 48 items
- Folder 4      Military Correspondence and Signatory Lists, 1861-1898; approximately 123 items  
Military correspondence and signatory lists including a 1780 list of donors of beef, blankets, shoes and stockings for Continental Army; document relating to raising money to carry on war, 1782; a bill for cannon, 1800; powder and shot issued to forts and commanders, response to War Department for return of articles of ordinance, 1814; War of 1812 correspondence on protection of Gloucester; issuance and return of equipment, locations of batteries and barracks, returns of companies, 1810-1816; district appointments, 1863-1865.
- Many papers dated 1861-1869 include communications from Fort Warren, 24<sup>th</sup> Reg. Massachusetts Volunteers, State Auditor, Adjutant General, Provost Marshal, Quarter Master General, War Dept., Office of Surgeon General, etc. concerning new recruits, discharges, deserters, promotions, death notices, volunteer enlistments, surplus men, general limits of Military Districts, muster payrolls, returning guns, bounties, admission requirements to National Military Asylum, payroll Company G, etc. Also included are signatory lists of names of persons subscribing money for enlistment of seamen and soldiers. Letter from Secretary of War regarding Gloucester defenses, 1898.

- Folder 5 Military Records: Compiling as Required by Law - Mostly War of 1812 to Civil War, 1863-1917; 25 items  
General Law of 1863 regarding City Clerk creating a Record of Soldiers and Sailors. Letters dated 1899, 1900, 1917 from US Congressmen and others in response to requests for information on war service of Gloucester men in wars from the Revolutionary War through the Spanish American War. Lists of veterans of the Civil War through World War I.
- Folder 6 Civil War-List of Soldiers and Bounties, 1861-1886; 7 items  
List of soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil war includes names, company, regiment or ship, information on wounds and deaths. Includes correspondence on bounty payments, recruitment list, and 1864 Gloucester quota with regiment or navy designation.
- Folder 7 World War I Casualties - City Council Resolutions of Respect 1918; 8 items  
Photocopies of City Council resolutions of respect for World War I casualties.
- Box 31A** World War II Committee Papers, Kent Circle Memorial, 2004-2006
- Folder 1 World War II Memorial Design and Construction, 2004-2006; 62 items  
Correspondence, plans, reports, photographs, and financial documents concerning the World War II Memorial at Kent Circle.
- Folder 2 World War II Memorial Donations, 1998-2006; 9 items  
Records and correspondence concerning donations to the World War II Memorial.
- Folder 3 World War II Memorial Minutes, 2004-2006; 9 items  
Minutes of committee meetings.
- Folder 4 Memorial Dedication Ceremonies, 2006; 14 items  
Notes, pamphlet, financial records, and resolution concerning the dedication ceremony.
- Folder 5 World War II Memorial Miscellaneous Correspondence and Proposal, 2004-2006; 32 items  
Pamphlets, business cards, correspondence, photographs, and other miscellaneous materials regarding inscriptions and construction of World War II Memorial.
- Envelopes 1-4 The Flag of the United States of America, certificate, 2006  
Each envelope contains a certificate certifying the flag of the U.S. was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building on May 4, 2006 per request of Hon. John F. Tierney and the Gloucester World War II Memorial Committee; pamphlet "Our Flag."

## Series 2: Military Records, 1775-1953

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### I. Subseries: General

Enlistment, service, casualty and burial records for Gloucester service men and women through the Korean War. Some correspondence and histories are also included. Collections arranged in subseries by military conflict.

#### [CC211] Military Service Lists, 1775-1919

Folders 1-8: Typewritten lists of people serving in the Revolutionary War through World War I, includes varying degrees of detail on enlistment, service, and casualties. No records of Gloucester's participation in the War of 1812 or the Mexican-American War, 1846-1848.

Folder 5: Handwritten list of service members that served on the Mexican border in 1916. Several of the lists are labelled Project 6308-12669. Note: some of the records contain duplicate data that can be found elsewhere.

Folders 9-12: Service lists for the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I. Some lists are handwritten.

#### Box 32

- Folder 1 Revolutionary War: Service List from Tablet, undated; 2 items
- Folder 2 Revolutionary War: Service List "Gloucestermen," 1937; 1 item
- Folder 3 Civil War Service List, 1937; 6 items
- Folder 4 Spanish-American War Service Lists, 1937; 8 items
- Folder 5 Mexican Border 1916 Service Lists, 1937; 3 items
- Folder 6 World War I Service Lists-Army-Air Service-Navy-Coast Guard Supp. List, 1936-1937; 9 items
- Folder 7 World War I Service Lists Unidentified, undated; 2 items
- Folder 8 Military Discharges, 1917-1919; 4 items
- Folder 9 Revolutionary War: Service Lists-duplicates, 1937; 1 item
- Folder 10 Civil War: Service Lists-duplicates, 1937; 6 items
- Folder 11 Spanish-American War: Service Lists-duplicates, 1937; 3 items
- Folder 12 World War I: Service Lists-duplicates, 1936-1937; 16 items

#### [CC212] Military Casualties and Burials, 1775-1953

Lists of military casualties and burials of service members from the Revolution to the Korean War. List of Gold Star Mothers, 1917-1953. Most lists compiled by the Federal Project Team based on cemetery records, cemetery inspections, veterans' organizations, plaques, and affidavits. No records of the War of 1812 or the Mexican-American War, 1846-1848. Note: several of these records appear to contain duplicate data. Folders 12-14 are duplicates.

#### Box 33

- Folder 1 Revolutionary War Burials, 1937; 2 items
- Folder 2 Civil War Burials: Essex, Manchester, Rockport, Out of Town, At Sea, undated; 6 items
- Folder 3 Civil War Burials: Gloucester Cemeteries, A-M, undated; 19 items
- Folder 4 Civil War Burials: Gloucester Cemeteries, N-Z, undated; 10 items

- Folder 5 Civil War Burials: Index, 1937; 4 items
- Folder 6 Spanish War Burials: Index, 1937; 6 items
- Folder 7 Spanish War Burial: By Cemetery, Gloucester and Away, undated; 35 items
- Folder 8 World War I Burials: Indexes, 1937; 5 items
- Folder 9 World War I Burials: By Cemetery, Gloucester, 1937; 18 items
- Folder 10 Casualties: World War II Gold Star Mothers; World War I, World War II, Korea War, undated; 4 items
- Folder 11 Military Graves Requiring Stones: By Cemetery, 1937; 2 items
- Folder 12 Spanish War Burials: By Cemetery, duplicates; Military Casualties and Burials, undated; 10 items
- Folder 13 World War I Burials, duplicates, 1937; 16 items
- Folder 14 Casualties World War II Gold Star Mothers, World War I, World II, Korean War, duplicates, undated; 1 item

[CC174] Military Affairs Committee, 1878-1906

**Box M**

- Volume 1 Board of Selectmen Records, Committee on Military Affairs, City of Gloucester, 1878-1906  
Handwritten minutes of meetings and approvals of expenditures for aid to veterans, maintaining the Armory, bell ringing, parades, etc., including a vote to prepare a record of soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil War. No index.

## II. Subseries: French and Indian Wars and Earlier Wars

- [CC132] Military: French and Indian Wars and Earlier Indian Wars, 1675-1762  
**Box 35** Handwritten 5x8 cards arranged alphabetically listing Gloucester men who served in the French and Indian Wars and earlier Indian Wars (King Phillip's War) including dates, campaigns, and name of Army or Navy unit. Compiled by John Somes in 1899 from State House records. Includes two envelopes of notes by John Somes, and photocopy of some cards. See 1st card in [CC132] for note on accuracy of data.

- [CC131] French and Indian Wars and Earlier Indian Wars, 1675-1762  
1 Volume Alphabetically listing Gloucester men who served in the French and Indian Wars and earlier Indian Wars (King Phillip's War) including dates, campaigns, and name of Army or Navy unit. See 1st card in CC132 for note on accuracy of data.

- [CC109-II] *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, 1906  
**Box M** Photocopy of six pages from the book *Soldiers in King Philip's War* being a critical "Account of that War with concise history of the Indian Wars of New England from 1620-1677." Lists of soldiers of Massachusetts Colony serving in Philip's War, including Gloucester residents.

George Madison, A.B. *Soldiers in King Phillip's War*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Boston: Printed for the Author, 1906) 156, 167, 370, 420, 422, 449.

### III. Subseries: Revolutionary War

[CC248] Revolutionary War Muster Rolls: Sea Coast Defense of Gloucester, 1775-1776  
1 Volume Untitled volume; includes copies of muster rolls, pay rolls, and coat rolls relating to Gloucester units. Information includes names with place of residence, age, rank, time of enlistment and discharge, time in the service, wages per month, wages due, those for Quebec, deceased, discharged or deserted, travel and amount per mile, supplies by whom and price, notes of death, etc. Originals are located at the Massachusetts State Archives.

1. Capt. Barnabas Dodge's Company
2. Col. Loammi Baldwin's 38th Regiment Coat Rolls
3. Capt. William Ellery's 3rd Company Artillery Pay Rolls
4. 1st Lt. Joseph Lane's Company for Seacoast Defense Muster Roll and Pay Roll
5. Capt. William Pearson's 1st Company Pay Rolls
6. Capt. Gideon Parker's Company
7. Col. Moses Little's 17th Regiment Coat Rolls
8. Capt. Joseph Roby's Company, 17th Regiment Coat Rolls
9. Capt. John Rowe's Company
10. Col. Ebenezer Bridges 27th Regiment Return and Pay Rolls
11. Capt. Enoch Putnam's 19th Regiment Coat Rolls
12. Capt. Bradbury Saunder's 2nd Company Pay Rolls
13. Daniel Warner's 1st Company Pay Rolls
14. Capt. Joseph Whipple's Company Pay Roll
15. Capt. Nathaniel Warner's Company
16. Col. Moses Little's 17th Regiment Pay Roll and Coat Roll

[CC76] Soldiers and Sailors Records, 1775-1782  
Volumes 1-2 Records of Soldiers and Sailors, A-L & Records of Soldiers and Sailors, M-Z  
Alphabetical listing of Revolutionary War servicemen from Gloucester. Includes name, rank, date and place of enlistment, discharge, and in some cases, details of service and death.

### IV. Subseries: Militia

[CC220] Militia Papers, 1815-1908

**Box 36**

Folder 0.5 Isaac Tucker Papers, 1815-1845; 9 items  
Original correspondence and regimental orders concerning Captain Isaac Tucker.

Folder 1 Militia Papers, 1826-1871; 36 items  
Rolls, lists, returns, poll tax abatements, etc. for Essex Guard Militia organized by Parish and/or Company including West Parish, Steven's Company (Squam) and East Ward. Gloucester Artillery Company, Company B. Includes correspondence regarding Capt. J. Cook, Co. B, 2nd Regiment.

- Folder 2 Militia-Enlistment Book, 1857-1862, 1875, 1886; 3 items  
Enlistment book, Co. G, 8th Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia recording volunteers enlisting for five years including name (in order of enlistment), residence, enlistment date and discharge date. Annual Returns of Enrolled Militia. Company G bounty due with signatures. United States Volunteer Enlistment list with signatures, rank. Company Roll from August 1873 and an untitled list of names from 1886.
- Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers transferred to Camp of Rendezvous - missing
- Folder 2.5 Militia List of Assessors, 1863; 1 item  
July 25, 1863 Assessors' Enrollment of the Militia in Gloucester includes 1,798 names.
- Folders 3-9 Assessors Return of Militia, 1899-1905; 58 items  
Persons liable to do military duty in West Ward, East Ward, Squam, Town Parish, and West Parish. Enrollment lists for East Ward and West Ward. Roll call of Militia Company G., 1899-1905.
- Folder 10 Assessors Return of Militia 1907-1908 (2 items)  
Assessors returns of militia and enrollment of active militia in district no. 122, 1907-1908.

## V. Subseries: Civil War

- [CC74] Soldiers and Sailors Who Served in the War of Rebellion, 1861-1865; 3 volumes  
Each volume contains some or all of the following data: name, parentage, previous occupation; dates and places of enlistment, service and discharge; rank, battle record; sources of data and source of information. See also Military – Service Lists [CC211] and Soldiers and Sailors [CC75] cards with data from interviews on which these records are based. No index.
- Volume 1 Record of Sailors Who Served in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, City of Gloucester, A-Z, 1888; includes copy of letter outlining methods of compiling records written by City Clerk John Somes to the City Council.
- Volume 2 Records of Soldiers Who Served in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, A-L, 1888.
- Volume 3 Records of Soldiers Who Served in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, M-Z, 1888.



- [CC75]** Soldiers and Sailors—Names, Dates, Campaigns, etc., 1861-1865  
**Box 37** Military Personnel: Civil War Soldiers, A-G, 1861-1865  
 Individual cards containing records of soldiers and officers who served during the American Civil War, 1861-1865; including enlistments, musters, birthdate, birthplace, previous occupation, regiment/unit, and parents.
- Box 38** Military Personnel: Civil War Soldiers, H-Z, 1861-1865  
 Individual cards containing records of soldiers and officers who served during the American Civil War, 1861-1865; including enlistments, musters, birthdate, birthplace, previous occupation, regiment/unit, and parents. Missing J-R.
- Box 39** Military Personnel, Civil War Sailors, A-Z, 1861-1865  
 Individual cards containing records of seamen and officers who served in the Navy during the American Civil War, 1861-1865; including enlistments, musters, birthdate, place of birth, previous occupation, regiment/unit, and parents. Missing I-R.
- [CC133]** 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, 1861-1865  
 1 Volume *Record of the 23rd Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, 1861-1865*, by James A. Emmerton, published by William Ware & Co., Boston, 1886. A printed account of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry during the American Civil War, includes alphabetical roster, company rolls, portraits, maps, etc. Indexed.
- [CC155]** Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Massachusetts Voluntary Militia, 1862-1864  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume Handwritten record book of Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Massachusetts Voluntary Militia from September 12, 1862 - November 10, 1864; includes lists of members and record of activities from swearing into service of the United States in 1862 at Camp Stanton, Boxford, MA to final mustering out at Readville, MA. Locations include Camp Lander in Wenham, MA; New Bern, NC; Maryland Heights, VA. No index.
- [CC257]** Soldiers, Sailors & Marines Civil War Veterans, 1915  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume *A List of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Civil War, 1915*  
 A published volume containing census or listing by town showing all surviving veterans of the Civil War in 1915. Units of ships are indicated in most instances. Published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No index.
- A List of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Civil War, 1915.* Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1916.

Box M Printed list of Gloucester Civil War deaths compiled from Pringle and Post 45 GAR Monument by archival volunteer Stephanie Buck in June 2004

## **VI. Subseries: Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)**

**[CC185]**

**Box M**

**1 Volume** GAR Wounded: A Civil War Medical Descriptive Book, 1861-1864; 1876  
Handwritten volume listing 11 wounded members of the GAR identifying their wounds & circumstances in obtaining the wounds; includes Gloucester artist, Addison Center.

**[CC184]**

**Box M**

**1 Volume** GAR Muster Roll  
Descriptive Book, Col. Allen Post No. 45, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, undated  
Volume contains handwritten entries: name, age, birthplace, residence, occupation, entry into service date, rank, company, regiment, final discharge date, rank, length of service, cause of discharge, and date of muster into GAR.  
No index. See also [CC87] for undated, unsigned speech presenting this book to GAR.

**[CC250]**

**Box M**

**1 Volume** August Wentz Post No. 1 GAR, 1881-1925  
Softbound volume with roster including Civil War veterans listed alphabetically with name, rank, company, regiment, state, branch of service, and date admitted to the Post. Deaths & burials of Davenport, Iowa veterans including name, date of death or burial, and place of burial. Inserted loose in cardboard folder is 4"x6" 48 star US flag printed on silk. Historical sketch gives explanation for Civil War & history of Davenport Veterans Post.

**[CC242]**

**Box M**

**1 Volume** GAR Blacklist, 1872-1892  
Black List, Col. Allen Post No. 45, Department of Massachusetts GAR, 1872-1892  
List of servicemen rejected from the Col. Allen Post No. 45; include name, age, residence, rank, command with subheadings company, regiment, and ship, length of service, by whom vouched for, date of rejection, post where rejected, and remarks. No index.

**[CC256]**

**Box M**

**1 Volume** GAR Post Surgeons Reports  
Post Surgeon 45 GAR, 1893  
Includes reports of Samuel W. Mess, Post Surgeon, on comrades reported sick and their deaths. No index.

- [CC239]** Associate Members—GAR  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume Post 45 GAR Associate Members, 1898-1920  
 Includes members names recorded with dates and amount of fees and dues paid.  
 Indexed.
- [CC240]** GAR Roster, 1903  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume Roster Post 45 GAR, 1903  
 Includes list of names & addresses of members of GAR Post 45. No index.
- [CC241]** GAR Quartermaster's Orders  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume Quartermaster's Orders, 1914-1919  
 Handwritten orders on printed forms to Quartermaster of Post 45 GAR to pay  
 various businesses & individuals for services rendered, 1914-1919.
- [CC251]** GAR Check Stubs  
**Box M**  
 1 Volume Untitled volume, 1915; Includes check stubs, sparse entries and ciphering, and  
 reference to "Post" which is possibly the Col. Allen Post

## **VII. Subseries: Spanish and American War**

- [CC98]** Records of Sailors and Seamen A-Z, 1898  
 1 Box Records of sailors and seamen serving during the Spanish American War, written  
 on index cards. Cards include name, residence, date and place of birth, enlistment  
 date, duration, rank, parentage, previous occupation, citizenship, military  
 assignment and source of data. Note large numbers of people from Canada,  
 Maritime Provinces and Scandinavia who were credited to Gloucester.
- 1 Volume Proceedings of Encampment, Department of Mass United Spanish War Veterans,  
 1948  
 Volume includes the Official Report of the Proceedings of the Stated Convention  
 of the 49<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment which was held in Gloucester in 1948.
- [CC130]** Military Soldiers and Officers Enlisted in Gloucester, A-Z, 1898  
 Box 41 Records of soldiers and officers in the Spanish American War contained on cards  
 arranged alphabetically. Information includes give name, residence, date and  
 place of birth, enlistment date, duration, rank, parentage, previous occupation,  
 citizenship, military assignment, and source of data.

- [CC97] Spanish-American War-Soldiers & Sailors, 1898-1899  
 1 Volume Record of the Soldiers and Sailors Who Served in the Spanish American War from May 5, 1898 to April 9, 1899; inclusive from Gloucester  
 Includes some or all of the following: name, date and place of birth, enlistment date and rank, parentage, previous occupation, citizenship, record of service, and source of data. Nearly all the soldiers enlisted on April 28, 1898 in Company G, 8th Regiment and served in Cuba from January 1899 until discharged. Sailors had more varied service. Insert "The Settlement of Cape Ann 1622-3" by John Somes; broadsheet from Cape Ann News, and handwritten speech. Indexed.

### VIII. Subseries: World War I and Mexican Border Campaign

- [CC183] World War I Soldiers and Sailors Military Record of Service, 1916-1919  
 1 Volume Record of Service Soldiers and Sailors from Gloucester in the German War, 1916-1919. Alphabetical listing of veterans of World War I including birth, parent's names, address, branch of service, rank, unit, discharge/death and source of information. Also includes detailed service biographies of Lester S. Wass and Louis E. Johnson. Detailed introduction on background of how the volume was compiled and overall statistics on Gloucester veterans written by John Somes, City Clerk. Addenda at back list approximately 50 names furnished by the Manager of War Community Service, and 70 names of veterans of Mexican Border Campaign of 1916. No index.

### IX. Subseries: World War II

- [CC163-II] Military World War II Service Men's Records, 1943  
 Box 40A Postcard Returns, February – September, 1943  
 Postcard Returns of service men and women in all branches of the military. Data includes some or all of: Army/Navy/Coast Guard serial no., home address, date and place of enlistment/induction/commission, date of beginning active duty, place and date of birth, ranks achieved, organizations joined (replies range from church & club membership to military assignments and regiments), name and address of next of kin. Approximately 850 cards, sorted alphabetically.
- Pamphlet *Record of Our War Heroes: Soldiers & Sailors*, booklet, by John J. Somes, City Clerk, explaining various plans for War Memorial.
- Folder Gloucester High School Diploma and Ceremony Papers, 1999  
 Records of 22 World War II Veterans granted Gloucester High School diplomas on October 16, 1999.
- Folder Oak Grove Veterans, A-K

**[CC208-II] Norman Thomas Hatch Papers, 1943-2008**

**Box 40A**

Folder 1 Norman Thomas Hatch Papers, 1943-2008  
Photographs, DVDs, and other materials relating to Hatch's service in the Marine Corps during World War II. Provides insight on the subject of photography in battle. One DVD is an account of the Tarawa battle using film taken by Hatch. Copies of articles from *Leatherneck Magazine*, *Marine Corps Gazette*, *Fortitude*, and other articles dealing with Hatch, Iwo Jima/Tarawa; includes a collection of Hatch photographs of raising the flag on Iwo Jima/Tarawa. Donated by Arley Pett, Veteran's Administrator in September 2008.

**Series 3: State Aid**

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Records of state aid disbursements from 1861 to 1921 to people who served in the military and their families from the Civil War through WWI.

**[CC125]** City of Gloucester Record of State Aid, 1861-1865; 2 volumes  
Disbursements of money to wives, mothers and/or children of soldiers; includes soldier's name, military unit, wife or mother's name, children's names and ages, date of death or wounding, and amounts of money disbursed to dependents. First volume has facsimile gravestone inscriptions of 10 soldiers. Second volume includes communications from the State. Indexed.

Volume 1 Record of State Aid, 1861, 1862, 1863.  
Ledger of State Aid 1861, 1862, 1863, written on spine.  
Volume 2 Record of State Aid, 1864-1865.  
Day-Book, State Aid 1864 and 1865, written on spine.

**[CC30]** State Aid 1861-1921  
Various correspondence regarding the application for and disbursement of state aid to persons serving in the military and their families, from the Civil War through World War I.

**Box 34**

Folder 1 State Aid: Letters from other Towns, 1861-1865; 88 items  
Folder 2 State Aid: General Order, Application, Accounts with Names, Communications, Names and Causes of Death, Dale Fund, 1861-1873; 49 items  
Folder 3 Military Aid: State Applications and Petitions to Committee on Military Affairs, 1878; 93 items  
Folder 4 Military Aid: State Office of Soldiers Relief, 1878; 81 items  
Folder 5 Military Aid: State Adjutant General's Office Certificates, 1878-1879; 53 items  
Folder 6 Military Aid: State Committee, 1907 Minutes and Misc. Papers, 1878-1889; 24 items  
Folder 7 Military Aid: State Certificates and Correspondence and Applications, 1880-1886; 31 items  
Folder 8 Military Aid: State, Civil War through World War I, 1921; 1 item

- [CC180] State Aid Disbursements, 1866-1867  
1 Volume State Aid, 1866-1867  
Handwritten record of payments to disabled veterans, widows, and soldiers' children. Indexed.
- [CC 126] Town of Gloucester, Record of State Aid, 1870-1873  
1 Volumes State Aid Orders from February 1, 1870 to December 3, 1873  
Record of state aid paid to various individuals by Gloucester Town Treasurer, totaled by year and amount reimbursed by the State. No index.
- [CC 53] City of Gloucester State Aid Disbursements under Chapter 374, Acts of 1899; 1900-1907  
1 Volume State Aid 1900, City of Gloucester  
Names of people in the service of the United States receiving aid. Includes number of regiment or battery or name of vessel in which last served, letter of C.O., date from which pension was granted, amount of pensions per month, names of persons to whom paid, names of persons for the aid of whom money has been applied, age of parties, relation of persons assisted to soldier, and monthly payments. Indexed.

#### **Series 4: City of Gloucester Relief Disbursement**

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Records of relief disbursements between 1900 and 1945 from the City of Gloucester to service members including the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II.

- [CC54]  
1 Volume City of Gloucester Relief Disbursement under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890; 1900-1907  
Certificates of Reasons under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, for Disbursing Relief to Indigent Soldiers, Sailors, and Widows of Same. Information includes date, age, name of applicant, nature and extent of applicant's disability, what amount could be earned if not disabled, present resources of applicant, property, if any, and how applicant's "settlement" in Gloucester acquired. Indexed.
- [CC179]  
1 Volume Military Aid, German War, 1921; 1919-1945  
Incomplete and irregular handwritten accounts of aid to veterans and widows of World War I and World War II. Arranged alphabetically. No index.
- [CC181]  
1 Volume Military Aid, Civil War and Spanish War, 1921; 1921-1945  
Relief disbursements to indigent veterans and dependents of the Civil War, Spanish War, World War I, and World War II, by name. Arranged alphabetically. Entries incomplete, some overlap with CC182. Indexed.

## [CC182]

- 2 Volumes Relief Disbursements, 1921-1945  
Relief and aid disbursements to veterans and/or dependents of the Civil War, Spanish War, World War I, and World War II. Listings incomplete, some overlap with CC181.
- Volume 1 Relief Disbursements, 1921-1945; A-M  
Volume 2 Relief Disbursements, 1921-1945; Mc-Z

## Related Collections and Materials:

### *Gloucester City Archives*

- CC115 Selectmen's Day Book, 1775-1782  
*Available in digital format:* <https://archive.org/details/GLODAYBOOK17751782Images>
- CC5 Legal Papers: Acts, Resolves, Laws, Opinions, Jurors, etc., 1651-1987  
CC15 Treasurer's Papers: Treasurer Bonds, Receipts, Obligations, etc., 1774-1923  
CC57 Papers of the Joint Standing Committee on Accounts, 1876-1891  
CC83-II Naturalization Papers, 1885-1906  
CC91-130-II Committee Reports, 1917-1940  
CC154 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Book, 1891-1901  
CC195 Women's Time Capsule, 1827-1889  
RB30-II Retirement Board General Ledger, 1937-1989

Memorial plaques located throughout Gloucester. For more information regarding memorial parks and plaques visit the Gloucester City Archives, Research Guides webpage:  
<http://gloucester-ma.gov/index.aspx?NID=914>

### *Cape Ann Museum*

- A14 Samuel D. Hanscomb, Letters and Papers of a Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865  
*Finding aid:* [http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/finding\\_aid\\_-\\_samuel\\_hanscomb.pdf](http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/finding_aid_-_samuel_hanscomb.pdf)
- A20 Irving L. Morris, Letters and Papers of a World War I Soldier, 1917-1923, undated  
*Finding aid:* [http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/web\\_20\\_irving\\_morris\\_register-1.pdf](http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/web_20_irving_morris_register-1.pdf)
- A74 World War II Women's Defense Corps., Hatalie Hays Hammond, 1941-1942, undated  
*Finding aid:* [http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/web\\_74\\_wwii\\_women's\\_defense\\_corps.pdf](http://www.capeannmuseum.org/media/web_74_wwii_women's_defense_corps.pdf)

### *Sawyer Free Library*

Gloucester's Oral History Collection

*Available in digital format:* <https://digitalheritage.noblenet.org/gloucester/collections/show/1>

**Subject Terms**

Due to the nature of the collection, the subject terms listed below is not an exhaustive list of the people, locations, or topics found within the collection. Listed names of people have not been unilaterally included among the subject terms.

**People:**

- Allen, Col.
- Armstrong, Roger
- Center, Addison
- Hatch, Norman Thomas
- Johnson, Louis E.
- Low, Capt. David W.
- Parsons, William
- Singer, Capt. John
- Somes, John J.
- Tucker, Capt. Isaac
- Wass, Lester Sherwood

**Geographic Location:**

Massachusetts

- Annisquam, MA
- Boston, MA
- Boxford, MA
  - Camp Stanton, Boxford, MA
- Gloucester, MA
  - East Ward
  - Squam
  - Town Parish
  - West Parish
  - West Ward
- Readville, MA
- Rockport, MA
- Wenham, MA
  - Camp Lander, Wenham, MA

North Carolina,

- Newburn, NC

Virginia

- Maryland Heights, VA

**Subjects:**

- Armory
- Civil War
- Committee on State Aid
- Committee on State and Military Aid
- Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment
- Dale Fund



Essex Guard  
French and Indian Wars  
Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)  
Gloucester Artillery  
Gold Star Mothers  
King Phillip's War  
Korean War  
Mexican border  
Military  
Military Affairs Committee  
Militia  
Revolutionary War  
Soldier's Relief  
Spanish American War  
State Aid  
United States Coast Guard  
United States Marine Corps  
United States Navy  
United States Naval Reserve Force  
Veterans  
War of 1812  
War of the Rebellion  
World War I  
World War II  
World War II Memorial