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# **DC Militia Scrapbook Collection**

## **An inventory of DC Militia Scrapbook Collection at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	District of Columbia. Militia
<b>Title:</b>	D.C. Militia Scrapbook Collection
<b>ID:</b>	068
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1890-1906
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The District of Columbia was established by the Organic Act of 1801 with no provisions as to which state militia would be responsible for the city's security. President Thomas Jefferson realized this vulnerability and created the D.C. Militia with the Assumption Act of 1802. The Militia held its first muster on October 30, 1802 and the officers were hand picked by President Jefferson. Congress officially recognized the organization in 1803. The Militia saw action during the Battle of Bladensburg during the War of 1812. Eventually the outmanned and under funded unit was forced to withdraw and watched as the British Army burned the city. Following the war, Congress increased the size and equipment of the unit and its members have gone on to serve in every conflict since. In 1888 Congress changed the name of the D.C. Militia to the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of three scrapbooks about the D.C. Militia (National Guard) Engineer Battalion. Materials included in the scrapbooks include: clippings from local and national newspapers, correspondence, programs, flyers, maps, blueprints, and photographs. The scrapbooks are labeled "1890-1898," however, the materials extend to 1906. Each scrapbook contains notes at the beginning regarding the contents.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Custodial History

Gilbert Thompson donated the scrapbooks to the DC Public Library in 1907.

### Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- United States -- Armed Forces
- Scrapbooks
- United States--National Guard
- District of Columbia. Militia
- Photographs
- Maps
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc)
- Ephemera
- Newsletters

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Untitled, August 1890-December 1893	Box 1	Folder 1
Untitled, January 1894-April 29, 1897	Box 2	Folder 1
Untitled, April 29, 1897-1906	Box 3	Folder 1

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