

# Washington Artillery Collection

## RG 71

Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Provenance:</b>	This collection is a combination of gifts and loans from several sources.
<b>Title:</b>	Washington Artillery Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1854-1920
<b>Abstract:</b>	Primarily a collection of invitations and documents relating to the Washington Artillery. Includes journals and scrapbooks.
<b>Extent:</b>	1 oversized box
<b>Accession:</b>	1767; 6499a; 9791; 11524; 12059; 12949; 1956.20; T025.2003.21.01-.58

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### Biographical / Historical Note

The Washington Artillery developed out of New Orleans' Native American (meaning American-born citizens) Artillery. The Native American Artillery was founded in the late 1830s, and would become part of the Washington Battalion in 1841. After the Mexican-American War of the 1840s, the unit became known as the Washington Artillery.

The Washington Artillery joined the Confederate Army in 1861 and fought in many engagements during the Civil War. After the war, the Washington Artillery was prohibited from continuing in a military capacity and became for several years a benevolent organization. In 1875, the Washington Artillery was again permitted to act in a military capacity, and it would take part in the Spanish-American war of the late 1890s.

Its insignia is a red field with a tiger head, inscribed with the company's motto, "Try Us". The company would continue to serve the United States Army during the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. (Historical information taken from *The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Washington Artillery*, 1914).

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### Scope and Content

This collection includes correspondence and documents relating to the Washington Artillery, a history of the Washington Artillery, a memorandum book of C.C. Bier (1861-2), a scrapbook of World War I memorabilia (compiled by Alfred D. McBryde, Jr.), and ball invitations of 1884-5, 1902-3, 1914.

## Subjects

Washington Artillery  
Washington Artillery Monument  
World War I  
Confederate Veterans of the Mississippi Department  
Ball Invitations

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## Access of Use Restrictions

### Access

Collection is **open** for research

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## Related or Separated Materials

The following items from RG 71 have been placed into the oversized combination box no. 1:

*United Confederate Veterans' Certificate* (3 in file, no visible accession numbers). May 4, 1903.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Washington Artillery Collection, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center.

### Acquisition Information

6499a: gift of Mrs. L.A. Tassin; 9791: Gift of W. J. Warrington, November 19, 1929  
11524: loan from the Board of Managers of the Washington Artillery, February 21, 1936  
12059: loan from the Battalion of the Washington Artillery through Colonel H. B. Curtis, March 16, 1939  
12949: loan from Casey Powell, December 5, 1949.

### Notes

More information about the Washington Artillery may be found in the Vertical File.

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- Folder 1:** Letter to General E. L. Tracey from John L. Lewis, Mayor of New Orleans. September 12, 1854.
- Folder 2:** Report of Colonel H. Forno [Tonio?] to John. L. Lewis, Mayor of New Orleans. September 20, 1854.
- Folder 3:** Photograph of John B. Richardson, Captain of the Washington Artillery, New Orleans, whose battery fired the first gun at Manassas. Circa, 1865.
- Folder 3A:** Invitation. February 22, 1884.
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- Folder 6:** Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order of Washington Artillery. New Orleans, 1913.
- Folder 7:** Booklet. "The Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the Washington Artillery". February 22, 1914.
- Folder 8:** WWI Scrapbook of newspaper clippings. Circa, October 14, 1917 – February 16, 1919.
- Folder 9:** Postcards (2) to A.D. McBryde from Alfred McBryde. Circa, 1919.
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- Folder 12:** Memorandum book of C. C. Bier of the 4<sup>th</sup> Co., Washington Artillery, New Orleans. May 27, 1861 – September 17, 1862.
- Folder 13:** Certificate of membership – Washington Artillery Chas. A. Raymond. New Orleans. April 21, 1884.
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- Folder 16:** Invitation – Unveiling and dedication of Washington Artillery Monument. February 22, 1880.
- Folder 17:** Invitation. [Miss Ethel Perkins. Includes envelope, invitation, name card, and roster]. February 22, 1884.
- Folder 18:** Invitation. [Mrs. S.P. Evans. Includes envelope, invitation, and name card]. February 22, 1884.
- Folder 19:** Invitation. [Mrs. Anne Perkins. Includes envelope, invitation, and name card]. February 22, 1884.
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- Folder 30:** Invitation [celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Washington Artillery]. February 22, 1914.
- Folder 31:** Name card [L. A. Adam]. No date.
- Folder 32:** Invitations (3) Envelopes, Washington Artillery. No date.
- Book 1:** Scrapbook of Confederate Veterans of the Trans Mississippi Department. July 14, 1892 – August 2, 1909.
- Book 2:** Scrapbook. 1914-1918 World War I Book. Circa, 1914-1918.