
Guide to the Richard Blackstone Military Papers

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Abstract: The Richard Blackstone Military Papers consist of materials related to the life of Richard Blackstone, especially his service in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 32nd Regiment, in the Civil War.

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Biography

Richard Blackstone (1843-1922), born October 16, 1843 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, entered the United States military service at the age of 20, enlisting in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 32nd Regiment. He remained with this regiment until his honorable discharge in 1865 at the end of the Civil War. Blackstone, stating his occupation as farmer, first enlisted in 1861 and joined the 32nd Regiment during its original organization in Mansfield, Ohio. Re-enlisting as a Veteran Volunteer in 1863, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on March 29, 1864 and then to 1st Lieutenant just five months later. In June of 1865 Richard Blackstone received his final promotion to Captain. He retained this rank until his discharge from service on July 27, 1865.

During the war, the 32nd Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry advanced against Greenbrier, Virginia and was engaged in watching the maneuvers of the rebel army, commanded by General Robert E. Lee. Subsequently, the 32nd Regiment participated in the capture of Camp Allegheny, Huntersville, Monterey and McDowell. The 32nd Regiment then participated heavily in the Battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic. In 1862 the Regiment was called to assist in the defense of Harper's Ferry, where 150 of its men were lost and the rest became prisoners of war. The 32nd Regiment was eventually paroled, sent to Annapolis and from there traveled to Chicago. By December 1862, under the command of B. F. Potts, the 32nd Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, numbering 800 soldiers, had been reconstituted. The regiment was then ordered to Memphis and reported to Major General U.S. Grant. Subsequently, the 32nd took part in the campaign against Vicksburg and the Battles of Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, and Champion Hills. In June 1864, the men of the 32nd joined General Sherman in Georgia and participated in his March to the Sea.

The 32nd regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Army entered the field of battle in September 1861 with 950 men. During the course of the war, 1600 recruits joined it. At muster-out, only 565 men remained. The 32nd Regiment both recruited and lost more men than any other Ohio Regiment.

After the Civil War, Richard Blackstone relocated to Central City, South Dakota, where he joined the Homestake Mining Company in 1878. Initially, he worked as a surveyor, then as chief engineer, participating in such projects as the construction of the Black Hills and Fort Pierre Railroad. Blackstone served as chief engineer for more than 33 years, after which he was appointed assistant superintendent and eventually superintendent.

Blackstone died December 21, 1922, leaving a son, Alex, and daughter, Louise. Alex was born June 1, 1875 and fathered one son, James, who was born January 25, 1915.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Richard Blackstone Military Papers consist of diaries, muster roles, discharge papers, military certificates, correspondence, photographs and negatives, dating from 1863 until 1925.

Arrangement

The Richard Blackstone Military Papers have been divided into three series: Series 1: Papers; Series 2: Photographs (Prints); Series 3: Photographs (Negatives)

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

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

Ohio--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Blackstone, Richard, 1843-1922

Homestake Mining Company

Blackstone, Alexander J.

Series One: **Papers 1863-1925**

Physical Description: 1 archival document box; 1 oversize box; 1 flat file

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of the papers of Richard Blackstone and includes documents from his careers in both the Ohio Volunteer Infantry and the Homestake Mining Company. Materials included in this series are muster rolls, discharge papers, special orders, certificates, correspondence, and the diary of Blackstone from the years 1863-1864.

Box 1, Folder 1	Diary: Richard Blackstone, January 1863-August 1864
Box 1, Folder 2	Discharge papers, 17 January 1864
Box 1, Folder 3	Special Orders from the headquarters, Seventeenth Army Corps and the headquarters, Ohio Volunteer Recruiting Service 1 February 1864; 10 February, 9 April and 14 April 1864
Box 1ov, Folder 1ov	Muster-out Roll of 2nd Lieutenant Richard Blackstone, C Company 32nd Ohio Infantry Volunteers, 25 August 1864
Box 1ov, Folder 2ov	Muster-in Rolls, 29 March 1864, 23 August 1864, 17 June 1865
Box 1, Folder 4	Discharge papers, 28 March 1864, 24 May 1864
Box 1, Folder 5	Notice of commission as First Lieutenant in the 32nd Regiment of Infantry Volunteers, 15 August 1864
Box 1ov, Folder 3ov	Certificate of appointment as First Lieutenant in the 32nd regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 11 August 1864
Mapcase mc, Folder 4ov	Clothing receipt, 32nd Regiment Ohio Volunteers, [ca. 1864]
Box 1ov, Folder 5ov	Muster-out Roll, 30 April 1865
Mapcase mc, Folder 6ov	Muster-out Roll, 17 June 1865
Box 1, Folder 6	Printed letter from the Ordnance Office, War Department, 5 June 1865
Box 1ov, Folder 7ov	Certificate of appointment as Captain in the 32nd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 6 June 1865
Box 1, Folder 7	Special Orders from headquarters, 32nd Regiment, 27 July 1865
Box 1, Folder 8	Discharge papers, 20 July 1865
Box 1, Folder 9	Quarterly Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, 27 July 1865
Box 1, Folder 10	Notary Public's statement and refused check, 30 June 1875
Box 1, Folder 11	Receipt, Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Company, 2 May 1878
Box 1, Folder 12	Appointment of Deputy U.S. Mining Surveyor, 13 June 1879
Box 1ov, Folder 8ov	Certificate issued by the South Dakota Division Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., 23 December 1889
Box 1, Folder 13	Certificate issued by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, 3 November 1892
Box 1, Folder 14	Official form naming John C. Dermody as Blackstone's attorney, 1896
Box 1, Folder 15	Notification of Disallowance, Treasury Department, Office of the Auditor for the War Department, 27 May 1896
Box 1, Folder 16	Correspondence with the Vicksburg National Military Park Commission, 1901, 1905
Box 1, Folder 17	Letter: Warner Mills, Secretary and Treasurer of the Regimental Association of the 32nd Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, to Blackstone, 14 March 1905
Box 1, Folder 18	Bureau of Pensions correspondence and paperwork (25 items), 1905-1913
Box 1, Folder 19	Notification of Disallowance, Treasury Department, Office of Auditor for the War Department, 3 September 1908
Box 1, Folder 20	Letter to Hon. E.W. Martin, M.C., Washington, D.C., and printed copy of Senate Bill S. 4183. The bill was To create in the War Department and the Navy Department, respectively, a roll designated as The civil war volunteer officers' retired list, to authorize placing thereon with retired pay certain surviving officers who served in...the civil war... 22 December 1909
Box 1, Folder 21	Proposed form of bill, Volunteer Retired List, Summary of Reasons Which Justify the Legislation Requested from the 61st Congress to Provide Suitable Recognition of the Service and Merit of Surviving Union Volunteer Officers of the Civil War. 15 October 1909
Box 1, Folder 22	Newspaper articles: Superintendent in Charge, Captain Rich'd Blackstone: Superintendent of the Homestake, Lead Daily Call, The Homestake's New Superintendent; Blackstone-Connors.; fragment, (17 December 1914); (30 September 1914); undated

Box 1, Folder 23	Calendar: The Favorite Calendar of Cheer, 1915
Box 1ov, Folder 9ov	Grand Army of the Republic certificates of Aide-de-Camp, 9 September 1915, 1 January 1916
Box 1, Folder 24	Receipts for dues paid to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, 1915-1918
Box 1, Folder 25	Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) ephemera, 1915-1920 Physical Description: (22 items)
Box 1ov, Folder 10ov	Certificate of appointment as Sergeant of the Third Regiment S.D.H.G., 28 September 1918
Box 1, Folder 26	3 letters: J.M. Blair to Blackstone, (3 December 1920); Blackstone to Blair; Blair to Blackstone, Blair was the Recorder for the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Ohio. These letters pertain to Blackstone's attempt to have his son, Alex J. Blackstone, apply for membership in the Loyal Legion. 10 December 1920, 13 December 1920.
Box 1, Folder 27	Printed program, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Ohio. Includes announcement of Alexander J. Blackstone's election to the Legion, 22 January 1921
Box 1, Folder 28	Notes on the Blackstone family genealogy copied from a book of father[']s[,] Dec. 31 1922., 31 December 1922 Physical Description: (6 cards)
Box 1, Folder 29	Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Ohio. In Memoriam. Richard Blackstone and Charles Augustus Cable, 27 January 1923
Box 1, Folder 30	Memorial to the Valor of the Soldier of the South. A commemorative folder and coin. The coin depicts General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson mounted on their horses with the words Stone Mountain 1925. The folder holding the coin has the name J.C. Weadock on the cover, 1925
Box 1, Folder 31	Printed photograph of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Glee and Mandolin and Guitar Clubs, undated

Series Two: **Photographs (Prints), n.d.**

Physical Description: 1 archival document box

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of 37 photographic prints, including a photograph of Richard Blackstone and several of his son, Alex J. Blackstone.

Box 1, Folder 32	Addams, Mrs. F.E.
Box 1, Folder 33	Barkalow
Box 1, Folder 34	Barkalow, Kate
Box 1, Folder 35	Blackstone, Alex J. [baby]
Box 1, Folder 36	Blackstone, Alex J. [baby], 2 copies
Box 1, Folder 37	[Blackstone, Alex J. baby]
Box 1, Folder 38	Blackstone, Richard (approx 9 x 7 inches) 1920
Box 1, Folder 39	Hay, Henry
Box 1, Folder 40	Hay, Henry
Box 1, Folder 41	Johnson, Chris
Box 1, Folder 42	Kirkindall, Judge
Box 1, Folder 43	Kirkindall, Mrs.
Box 1, Folder 44	Matthews, Elwood
Box 1, Folder 45	Rogers [man]
Box 1, Folder 46	Scott, Laura
Box 1, Folder 47	Shepherd [man] tintype
Box 1, Folder 48	Whitehead, Belle (Mrs. Walter Harbut)
Box 1, Folder 49	Friends of Richard Blackstone [3 men]
Box 1, Folder 50	[unidentified baby]
Box 1, Folder 51	[unidentified baby]
Box 1, Folder 52	[unidentified boy]
Box 1, Folder 53	[unidentified child]
Box 1, Folder 54	[unidentified child]
Box 1, Folder 55	[unidentified girl]
Box 1, Folder 56	[unidentified girl]
Box 1, Folder 57	[unidentified girl]
Box 1, Folder 58	[unidentified girl]
Box 1, Folder 59	[unidentified man]
Box 1, Folder 60	[unidentified man]
Box 1, Folder 61	[unidentified man]
Box 1, Folder 62	[unidentified man]
Box 1, Folder 63	[unidentified man standing next to automobile], (12 3/4 x 7 3/4 inches)
Box 1, Folder 64	[unidentified men in military uniforms], (5 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches)
Box 1, Folder 65	[unidentified woman]
Box 1, Folder 66	[unidentified woman]
Box 1, Folder 67	[unidentified woman]
Box 1, Folder 68	[Richard Blackstone's gravestone]

Series Three: **Photographs (Negatives), 1913, n.d.**

Physical Description: 1 archival document box

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of photographic negatives dating from 1913.

Box 2, Folder 69	Anaheim Ranch--California, April 1913 Physical Description: (17 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 70	Recreation Bldg--Poorman and Central Highwater. All printed Sept 2 1913 Physical Description: (25 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 71	Belle Fouche Fair--printed Sept. 1913 Physical Description: (11 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 72	On Tinton Road, printed Oct 1, 1913 Physical Description: (6 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 73	Spearfish fair; Beam at Recreation Bldg--Saturday afternoon; Spearfish Canyon Sunday afternoon. Sept. 1913; Oct 11, 1913; Oct. 12, 1913; All printed Oct. 14 1913 Physical Description: (17 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 74	Spearfish Hydro Elect Physical Description: (50 negatives)
Box 2, Folder 75	Recreation Building Construction, Alex Blackstone Physical Description: (18 negatives)