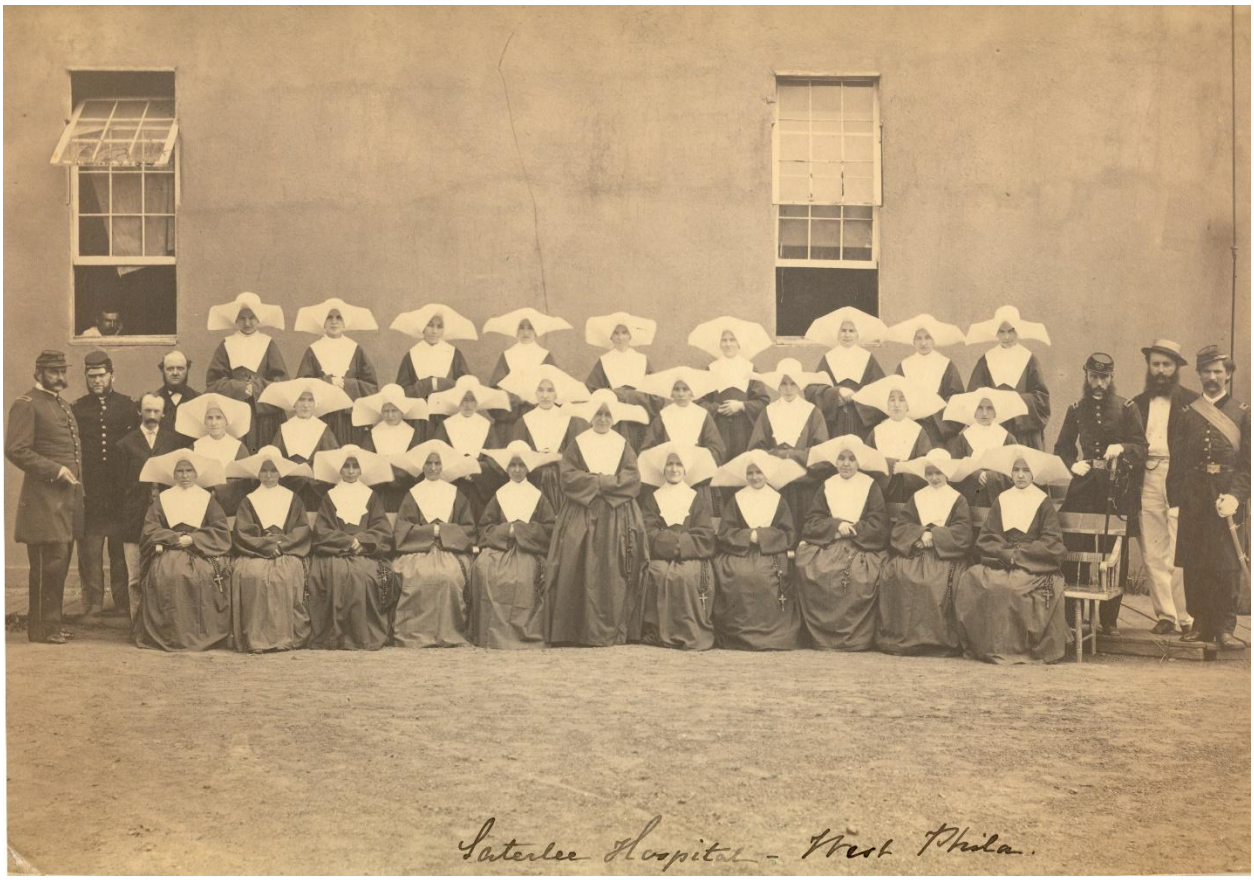
Military Service – Civil War

Archives of the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise

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Creator:	Daughters of Charity Civil War Records
Title:	Military Service – Civil War
Dates:	1861-2026, bulk 1861-1901
Extent:	13 boxes, 8.5 linear feet
Identification:	RG 7-5-1
Language:	English with some French
Subjects:	Civil War Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul - United States Frederick (Md.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865 Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863 Gettysburg National Military Park (Pa.) Nursing - Religious aspects - christianity Nursing - United States – History O'Reilly, Sister Loretto, D.C. (1833-1869)

Philadelphia (Pa.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Richmond (Va.) - History - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Hospitals
Richmond (Va.) - History - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Medical care
Saint Louis (Mo.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States - History - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Hospitals
United States - History - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Medical care
United States - History - Civil War - 1861-1865 - War work - Catholic Church
United States - History - Civil War - 1861-1865 - Women
Vicksburg (Miss.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Washington (D.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Historical Note

The Daughters of Charity accounts of the Civil War were initially collected by Provincial Director Rev. Francis Burlando, C.M. based upon the Daughters experiences in Emmitsburg, MD; Gettysburg, PA; Frederick, MD; Philadelphia, PA; St. Louis, MO; Donaldsonville, LA; Vicksburg, MS; Washington, DC; Richmond, VA; and Lynchburg, VA. The accounts contain information about battlefield nursing, movement of troops, Civil War hospitals, and major figures of the war between 1861 and 1865. Many of the Daughters, such as Sr. Gonzaga Grace and Sr. Matilda Coskery, were became known for their medical skills after the war as the Daughters nursed troops of both the Union and the Confederacy.

The Daughters served at nearly 60 sites in 15 states.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of sisters in the war zones, hospitals, and provincial houses; collected Civil War Annals and accounts of the war, including the 1904 edited compendium of Sr. Loyola Law; lists of sisters; maps; photographs; records of Satterlee Military Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; memorabilia; secondary articles and programs

System of Arrangement

Collection was split geographically in provincial separation of 1910 and re-combined into semi-artificial collection loosely arranged by record type.

Conditions Governing Access

No access restrictions. It is requested that researchers use transcriptions or copies as much as possible. Some copies of material in other archival collections. Check inventory for provenance information. Permission for any type

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Custodial History

Initially collected by Rev. Francis Burlando, C.M. and Sr. Loyola Law, D.C. before being transferred to archives. Split by geographic concern in 1910 provincial separation and re-created after provincial merger of 2011. Additional accessions 202408001 and 202508002 are noted in the Inventory.

Civil War Patch donated by creators in 2026 from the Military Archdiocese.

Existence and Location of Originals

Some originals located in the Benjamin F. Butler papers, 1778-1929 (bulk 1861-1893), Library of Congress Manuscript Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA dcu.; Abraham Lincoln papers, 1774-1948, Library of Congress Manuscript Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA dcu.

Related Archival Materials

See other collections "Emmitsburg, MD - St. Joseph College" and "Donaldsonville, LA - Ascension Catholic Inter-Parochial School."

Additional information about Satterlee can be found at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, DC. Satterlee records are part of Record Group 94 (Records of the Adjutant General's Office), Series "Field Hospital Records". These records consist of nearly 30 volumes, most of them fairly large. Some of the volumes are arranged chronologically by date of admittance, while others are arranged by a soldier's regiment and then by date he was admitted.

Another series containing data pertaining to a soldier's hospitalization is "Carded Medical Records, Civil War" These records are arranged by state, thereunder by the numerical designation of regiments, (i.e., all of a state's infantry, artillery, cavalry units under the same numerical designation would be filed together); and then by alphabetically by surname.

NARA staff cannot undertake extensive searches for patrons, but they can make these records available their research room. For more information about planning a research visit to their facility in Washington, DC, please go to the NARA web site.

Other records of Satterlee Hospital can be found at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Historical Library and Wood Institute
Hospital register
Patient ledger and scrapbook

Contact the College of Physicians of Philadelphia directly for hours and use policies.

Preferred Citation Format

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Inventory

Title	Box/Drawer	Folder	Item	Collection Type	Date	Additional Accessions
Correspondence	1	1		Manuscript	1/1/1861	
Correspondence - From Father Burlando to the Sisters	1	2		Manuscript		
Copies of General Benjamin F. Butler Papers from the Library of Congress	1	3		Manuscript		
Copies of Philip F. Edeln's Letters and permission to publish them by Sr. Mary Helen Edelen, D.C.	1	4		Manuscript		
Farewell Address to the Army of Northern Virginia by General R. E. Lee; General Order No. 9 to Brig. Gen. W. H. Stevens on April 10, 1865	1	5		Manuscript	04/10/1865	
Copy of the memo by President Lincoln mentioning Sr. Mary Caroll, D.C.	1	6		Manuscript	9/22/1862	

Copies of Blog Posts on President Lincoln's letters at the Library of Congress regarding the Daughters of Charity Service in Civil War	1	7		Manuscript		
Copies of letters from Mother House, Paris related to the Civil War	1	8		Manuscript		
Copies of letters from Adeline Bayley Muse, St. Joseph's Academy student, Emmitsburg, MD) to her brother, Dr. Josiah A. B. Muse, Civil War surgeon	1	9		Manuscript		
Information from the Boonsborough Historical Museum on Dr. O. J. Smith who provided hospitality to the sisters	1	10		Manuscript		
Copies of Lt. Edmund Wallace's letters given by his great grand daughter, Sr. Vincentia Goeb, D.C.	1	11		Manuscript		

Copy of the obituary of Capt. Frederick Chatard	1	12		Manuscript		
War Claim by Sr. Emerentiana Bowden to Sr. Camilla O'Keefe under the Act of Congress	1	13		Manuscript		
Account and copy of a photograph of Charles T. Barnes, Union Drummer Boy)	1	14		Manuscript		
References from the National Park Service, Fredericksburg, VA on the Civil War activities of the Daughters of Charity	1	15		Manuscript		
Photograph - Saterlee Hospital, Philadelphia, PA	2		1	Flat File		
Newspaper - Harpers Weekly, September 6, 1862	2		1	Flat File	09/06/1862	
Map of Civil War Hospitals in Richmond, Va	2		2	Flat File		
Annals - War Between the States 1861-1865; Handwritten notes of the Sisters' services in military hospitals (original)	2	1		Manuscript		

Civil War Annals (Part I) by Sr. Loyola Law, D.C. - containing St. Louise Military Hospital - House of Refuge, St. Louis Hospital and Prisons, Alton - IL, Washington - DC, Portsmouth and Norfolk - VA, White House - VA, Point Lookout - MD, Frederick - MD, Gettysburg - PA	3	1		Manuscript		

Civil War Annals by Sr. Loyola Law, DC - Containing Services of the Sisters Near Various Battlegrounds of the South; Harper's Ferry, VA; Richmond, VA; Manassas; Antietam; Boonsboro and Sharpsburg;Satterlee Hospital and West Philadelphia; Natchez, MS; Charity Hospital, Marine Hospital, NO; Alton, IL; St. Ann's Military Hospital; Richmond Infirmary, St. Francis de Sales Infirmary, Richmond, VA	4	1		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (copies of pages 1-154)	5	1		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (copies of pages 155-288)	5	2		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (copies of pages 289-453)	5	3		Manuscript		

Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (copies of pages 454-523)	5	4		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (transcription of pages 1-172)	5	5		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (transcription of pages 173-348)	5	6		Manuscript		
Annals - War between the States 1861-1865 (transcription of pages 349-523)	5	7		Manuscript		
Civil War Annals by Sr. Loyola Law, DC (transcription)	6	1		Manuscript		
Historical Notes of Satterlee Hospital (Original)	6	2		Manuscript		
Historical Notes of Satterlee Hospital (Copy)	6	3		Manuscript		
Historical Notes of Satterlee Hospital (Tanscription)	6	4		Manuscript		
Satterlee Hospital Account Book from June 9, 1862 to May 7, 1887 (original); List of sisters at the end	6	5		Manuscript		

Satterlee Hospital Account Book from June 9, 1862 to May 7, 1887 (copy); List of sisters at the end	6	6		Manuscript		
Notes on Civil War by Sr. Felix McQuaid, D.C. (original and copy)	7	1		Manuscript		
Notes on sisters caring for prisoners of war in Alton, IL	7	2		Manuscript		
Notes on St. Louis Military Hospital - House of Refuge, Gratiot and Myrtle St. Prisons	7	3		Manuscript		
Copies of notes on Civil War from the Annals of the Congregation of the Mission (in French)	7	4		Manuscript		
Various Notes On Civil War	7	5		Manuscript		
List of Sisters Served during Civil War	7	6		Manuscript		
List of sisters and their service at the Lincoln General Hospital, Washington, DC	7	7		Manuscript		
List of places where the sisters served during the Civil War	7	8		Manuscript		

Information on Sr. Veronica (Mary Serena) Klimkiewicz, D.C.	7	9		Manuscript		
Information requested by a Civil War Soldier, Thomas Trahey, on Sr. Regina (Louise) Lacroix, D.C.	7	10		Manuscript		
Notes on Sr. Mary Thomas McSwiggan, D.C.	7	11		Manuscript		
Notes on Sr. Mary Agnes Weaver, D.C.	7	12		Manuscript		
Excerpts from the Lives of Deceased Sisters about Civil War	7	13		Manuscript		
St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, NY - Various Notes, Booklet, Copy of the diary of a soldier, and names of patients (soldiers of Civil War)	7	14		Manuscript		
Copies of Newspaper Clippings 1929-2013	8	1		Manuscript		

Copies of articles about Civil War by various people (last names A-B) - Angela M. Adler, Kalina K. Anderson, Antietam National Park Service, George Barton, Marshall Bond, Sr. Nancy Brosnan	8	2		Manuscript		
Copy of articles from American Catholic Historical Society on Mother Gonzaga, Satterlee Hospital - staff and sisters	8	3		Manuscript		
Copy of article, "History of Nursing Source Book" by Anne L. Austin	8	4		Manuscript		
Copy of article "Escape From Slavery - The Underground Railroad" by Charles L. Blockson	8	6		Manuscript		
Copy of articles by various people (last names C-D) - Jeane Heimberger Candido, E. F. Conklin, William Corby, Paul Cullen, James Durkin	8	7		Manuscript		

Research Paper on Sr. Mary Veronica Klimkiewicz, D.C. by Sarah Davis and an article by Sr. M. Liguori	8	8		Manuscript		
Booklet "Our Women of the Sixties" by Sylvia G. L. Dannett and Katharine M. Jones	8	9		Manuscript		
Copy of articles in Gettysburg magazine by James Durkin and Silas Felton	8	10		Manuscript		
Copy of articles by various people (last names E-G) - Cammie East, John B. Ebel, Suzy Farren, Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Gerald P. Fogarty, Richard Oliver Gerow, Sr. Henrietta Guyot	8	11		Manuscript		
"A Frenchman, A Chaplain, A Rebel" - The War Letters of Pere Louis-Hippolyte Gache, S.J.	8	12		Manuscript		

"Human Interest Stories of the Three Days' Battles at Gettysburg" with Pictures - by Herbert L. Grimm and Paul L. Roy	8	13		Manuscript		
Copies of articles by various people (last names H-L) - S. Helms, John Horvat, Sr. Patricia Kenny, Mark Leberfinger, Renee Lelandais, Margaret Leech, Library of Congress Information Bulletin	8	14		Manuscript		
Copy of articles on Gen. John Reynolds and Kate Hewitt	9	1		Manuscript		
Copy of article "Voices from the Past: The Daughters of Charity in the Civil War" by Ellin M. Kelly	9	2		Manuscript		
Memorial to "The Nuns of the Battlefield"- Speech of Hon. Ambrose Kennedy of Rhode Island in the House of Representatives	9	3		Manuscript		

Booklet - "Key to the Avenue of Fame" - Thirty-Third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic	9	4		Manuscript		
Article, "Sisters of Charity at Gettysburg" pp 31-61in the booklet for Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention and Memorial Dedication - Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus	9	5		Manuscript		
"An Angel of Gettysburg" - dedicated to Sr. Mary Jane Stokes by M. F. Loughman	9	6		Manuscript		
Copy of articles by various people (last names M-R) - R. Martin; From St. Margaret's Hospital, Montgomery, AL; Christine McCollough-Friend; Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, D.C.; Don Morrison; Mark Nesbitt; From Providence Hospital Memorial Book - Washington, DC	9	6		Manuscript		

Booklet - "The Hessian Barracks: A Witness to History" by Hazel K McCanner	9	8		Manuscript		
Booklet - "Civil War Views of Pensacola" - Edited by Virginia Parks and Sandra Johnson	9	9		Manuscript		
Articles about Civil War published by the Pensacola Historical Society	9	10		Manuscript		
Copy of articles by various people (last names S-Z) - Rev. Richard Shaw; Grace H. Sherwood; Thomas Stritch; Michelle Taylor; Andrew Uffindell	9	11		Manuscript		
Copy of the "Notes on Satterlee Military Hospital" by Sara Trainer Smith	9	12		Manuscript		
Copy of "Catholic Sister War-Nurses" by George E. Stewart	9	13		Manuscript		

Copy of article "Four Years with the Army of the Potomac" by Regis De Trobriand - Translated by George K. Dauchy	10	1		Manuscript		
Copy of article "How I Became A Catholic" by Daniel S. Troy	10	2		Manuscript		
Copy of article "These Splendid Sisters" by James J. Walsh	10	3		Manuscript		
Copy of various articles about Civil War - No authors	10	4		Manuscript		
St. Francis Xavier Church, Gettysburg, PA - History, Anniversary Booklets 1831-1981, 1853-1953, Photos, Post Cards	10	5		Manuscript		
Program - Dedication of Plaque Honoring the Catholic Missionaries During the Civil War, Lynchburg, VA	10	6		Manuscript		
Program of the Unveiling of the Monument in honor of the Nuns of the Battlefield, Washington, DC	10	7		Manuscript		

Special Edition Calendar by the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc.	10	8		Manuscript		
Copy of Pass to Sr. Candida and her two companions issued by G. T. Beauregard, Chief Engineer and General Superintendent	10	9		Manuscript		
The Southern Almanac for 1865	10	10		Manuscript		
Receipts - Payment to the Sisters of Charity by the U.S. Government for the damages and purchase of other supplies;	10	11		Manuscript		
Confederate States of America $20 - 1864; State of Louisiana $100 - 1863; State of Alabama $100 - 1864	10	12		Manuscript		
Lady Visitors' Pass for U.S.A. General Hospital, West Philadelphia, PA	10	13		Manuscript		
Commemorative Stamps	10	14		Manuscript		

Information on the Memorial Plaque/Medal presented to the Daughters of Charity by the request of Commanding General Braxton Bragg	10	15		Manuscript		
Copy of photo - Military Hospital Frederick, MD	10	16		Manuscript		
Centennial Commemoration of the Nuns of the Battlefield Monument	10	17		Manuscript	2024	Accession 202508002
Civil War Catholic Sister Nurses Patch	10	17		Manuscript	2026	Donated by creators in Military Archdiocese
Photos of the Daughters of Charity - Sr. Gonzaga Grace, Sr. Mary Xavier Clark, Sr. Ann Simeon Norris, Sr. Mary Louise Caulfield, Sr. Camilla O'Keefe	11	1		Manuscript		
Photo - Father Francis Burlando, C.M.	11	2		Manuscript		
Copies of photographs - St. Joseph's House - Seminary, College, Emmitsburg, MD	11	3		Manuscript		

Photos and slides of Satterlee Hospital, West Philadelphia, PA - Group of Sisters and Staff, Kitchen, Outdoor Square, Aerial View, Tents	11	4		Manuscript		
Photos and slides of The Lincoln Military Hospital, Washington, DC	11	5		Manuscript		
Photos and slides - Sketch of Prisoner's Ward at the General Hospital, Richmond, VA - drawn by R. M. Shurtleff	11	6		Manuscript		
Photos of General Robert Lee and General U. S. Grant	11	7		Manuscript		
Photos and slides of the sketches drawn by Sr. Eileen Healey, D.C. for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of	11	8		Manuscript		
Photo of Leopold Karpeles (Charrier) - soldier admitted at the Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C.	11	9		Manuscript		

Copy of a lithograph - Lynchburg College Building occupied by the Sisters of Charity during the Civil War	11	10		Manuscript		
Photo of stained glass window with the Daughters of Charity and Mercy Sisters - St. Brigid Parish, Lexington, MA	11	11		Manuscript		
Photos of Re-enactments - Battle of Gettysburg, PA	11	12		Manuscript		
Photos of Maryland Historical Trail Markers at St. Joseph's Provincial House Grounds, Emmitsburg, MD	11	13		Manuscript		
Photos of the dedication of the Irish Brigade Monument in Antietam, MD	11	14		Manuscript		
VHS - Sr. Betty Ann McNeil and the Frederick Civil War Medical Museum;	12	1		Manuscript		
Record of Nuns of the Battlefield, Part I & II - AV	13	1		Manuscript		
Douglas and Stanton Hospitals, Washington, DC	13	2		Manuscript		

Sister Loretta O'Reilly Correspondence (Washington, D.C.)	13	3		Manuscript	1862-1870	Accession 202408001

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