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**Rhode Island Collection**  
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**Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society Collection**  
**1858-1887**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 022-02

Title: Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society Collection

Creator: Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society

Dates: 1858-1887

Quantity: 2 boxes (1 linear foot)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Gift of Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society, date unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from collector.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2014 by Taylor McNeilly.

Conservation: None.

Language: Materials are predominantly in English; items in German are indicated at the folder level.

**RIGHTS AND ACCESS**

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Rhode Island Collection department.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material Published works that were originally donated as part of this collection were separated and cataloged as part of the Harris Collection on Civil War and

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Slavery. The bulk of the manuscripts and records were donated to the RI Historical Society.

Published descriptions	Not applicable.
Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Portions of this collection were published in the <i>Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion</i> , a series published by the Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society.
Subject headings	United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 United States – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Campaigns Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Campaigns Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Personal narratives Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Regimental histories Rhode Island – History – Civil War, 1861 - 1865 – Societies, etc. Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society Application forms (aat) Clothing (aat) Correspondence (aat) Manuscripts (aat) Newspapers (aat)

### SEE ALSO

Caleb Fiske Harris Collection on the Civil War and Slavery, Providence Public Library.  
*Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion*, Providence Public Library.  
Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society records, Rhode Island Historical Society.

### HISTORICAL NOTE

The Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society was founded circa 1875 with the intention of preserving and disseminating the history of the Civil War, with an emphasis on the role of Rhode Island residents. Full membership was open to Rhode Island residents who had served in the Civil War. Meetings included readings concerning battles and campaigns, many of which were published under the title *Personal Narratives of the Battles of the Rebellion*.

The Ballou Collar was worn by Major Sullivan Ballou during the battle of Bull Run, in which he died. The collar was recovered by Mr. Nichols of the First Rhode Island Cavalry on March 21, 1862 after the Confederate desecration of his body on the battlefield. The collar was then donated to the Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society by Lieutenant Charles A. Towne.

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When the society was disbanded, its published material, papers, and library were donated to the Providence Public Library. While the majority of the manuscripts and papers were given in an exchange to the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1933, these materials appear to have been kept by the Providence Public Library.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection consists primarily of manuscripts and papers from the society, as well as published material including newspapers and flyers. Some paperwork, such as muster rolls and blank applications, are included, as well as some correspondence appearing to be from members of the society. The collection also include the collar worn by Major Sullivan Ballou.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is separated into five series according to the format of the material. The series are: manuscripts, published works, forms, correspondence, and the Ballou Collar.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

#### Series 1: Manuscripts

Title	Date	Folder
"Old Guard" Ward GAR Post 1889		1
Miscellaneous Manuscripts		2
[Fragments of Speeches]		3
Tobie, Edward P. [Fragment] Trip to Richmond as POW.		4
Metcalfe, Edward Report of 3rd R.I. Heavy Artillery (Already Published)		5
Barney, Beriah. "A Country Boys First three months in the army" Already Published.		6
Allen, George H. "Battle of the Mine.		7
Peck, George B "A Recruit Before Petersburg" Already Published.		8
The organization and service of Battery F. 1st Reg't R.I. Light Artillery		9

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Untitled Manuscript		10
Untitled Manuscript		11
Untitled Manuscript		12
Rhodes, Elisha Hunt. "The First Campaign of the Second Rhode Island Volunteers"		13

**Series 2: Published works**

Title	Date	Folder
Orleans Independent Standard (VT)	1861	15
Amsterdamsche Courant (German)	1864	16
The Evening Post (New York)		17
New York Herald	1863	18
The World - Newspaper	1862	19
misc. newspaper clippings found in box		20
Ballou's Pictorial Journal	1858-12-18	21
Vanity Fair	1862-08-29	22
Mollus Publications		23
Congressional Report	1889-02-24	24

**Series 3: Forms**

Title	Date	Folder
Blank application forms		25
Blank forms		26

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Military passes	1865	27
Miscellaneous forms		28

**Series 4: Correspondence**

Title	Date	Folder
E.F. Chupp	1864-05-16	29
Sholes, Albert E.		30
Addemann, Joshua	1892	31

**Series 5: Ballou collar**

Title	Date	Folder
Ballou, Major Sullivan. Collar worn during Battle of Bull Run	Box 2	