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## **Finding Aid for the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Collection, 1862-2015**

### **Collection Overview**

**Title:** Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Collection

**Dates:** 1862-2015

**ID:** DBC

**Primary Creator/Collector:** Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.)

**Extent:** 1.34 linear feet

**Arrangement:** Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by subject.

**Forms of Material:** Audiovisual materials, digital files, documents, ephemera, maps, objects, photographic materials

**Language of materials:** English

### **Abstract**

The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Collection, located in Wilmington, California, documents the history of the location, and the activities of staff and volunteers at the Museum, between 1862 and 2015. The Drum Barracks, located in Wilmington, California is designated as a California Historic Landmark, a Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **Scope and Contents**

The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Collection primarily documents the history of the location, as well as activities and events of staff and volunteers at the Museum, located in Wilmington, California between 1862 and 2015. The collection consists of correspondence, informational brochures and flyers, historical booklets, newspaper clippings, photographs, historical sketches, reports, volunteer and docent educational material, exterior and interior views of the Drum Barracks, and selected newsletters, including *Reveille*, *The Newsletter of the Drum Barracks Society* and *Drum Beats*. Topics include holiday celebrations, guest lectures, book talks, tours, historical reenactments, fundraising events, and festivals. Highlights of the

collection are *Drum Barracks Powder Magazine, A Report by Wilmington Historical Society*, and *The History and Architecture of the Drum Barracks Powder Magazine*, which detail the history of the Powder Magazine, a Civil War Era munitions storehouse, for Union troops stationed at Camp Drum, and efforts to save the building from demolition in the late 1980s-early 1990s.

## **Subjects/Access Terms**

### **Creator**

#### **Organization Name:**

Drum Barracks Civil War Museum  
Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.)

### **Subject Headings**

#### **Topical Terms:**

Drum Barracks (Los Angeles, Calif.)  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

#### **Organization names:**

Drum Barracks Garrison and Society

#### **Geographical locations:**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)  
Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

#### **Documentary forms:**

Audiovisual materials  
Digital files  
Documents  
Ephemera  
Maps  
Objects  
Photographic materials

## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information:** Holli Teltoe, 2023-2024

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**Conditions Governing Access:** The collection is open for research use.

**Preferred Citation:** Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Collection. Wilmington Historical Society.

**Acquisition:** This collection has been acquired and assembled by the Wilmington Historical Society from a variety of sources. The sources and dates of acquisition are unknown.

## **Collection Contents**

### **Box 1**

**Folder 1:** Administrative Records, 1928, 1987-1989

**Folder 2:** Artworks, 1998

**Folder 3:** Brochures, Flyers, and Booklets

**Folder 4:** The Camel Corp., 1865, 1954

**Folder 5:** Cultural Resources Assessment, 1872, 1935, 1973, 1994

**Folder 6:** Docents and Volunteers, 1993-1996

**Folder 7:** Drum Barracks Exterior Photographs, 1969, 1988, 1993

**Folder 8:** *Drum Barracks Powder Magazine, A Report by Wilmington Historical Society* (1 of 2), 1990 February 20

**Folder 9:** *Drum Barracks Powder Magazine, A Report by Wilmington Historical Society* (2 of 2), 1990 February 20

**Folder 10:** Drum Barracks Society, Society for the Preservation of Drum Barracks, Drum Barracks Garrison, 1965, 1980-1991

**Folder 11:** *Drum Beats*, Spring 1987, July 1987, October 1987, January 1988, April 1988, July 1988, October 1988

**Folder 12:** *Drum Beats*, January 1989, April 1989, July 1989, October 1989, January 1990, April 1990

### **Box 2**

**Folder 1:** *Drum Beats*, July 1990, October 1990, April 1991, July 1991, October 1991

**Folder 2:** Events, 1965, 1978, 1988-1994

**Folder 3:** Events, 1996-1997, 2000-2001, 2007

**Folder 4:** Gatling Gun, 1942-1943, 2000

**Folder 5:** Historical Sketches, 1951, 1957, 1972, 1974, 1988

**Folder 6:** *The Lost Buildings of the Drum Barracks*, by William A. Lockett, 1974-1975, 1985 June 5

**Folder 7:** Maps, Plans, and Photographs (photocopies), 1862-1873, 1910

**Folder 8:** Marmor, Jason. 1989. *The History and Architecture of the Drum Barracks Powder Magazine*. California State University, Dominguez Hills (bound).

**Folder 9:** Marmor, Jason. 1989. *The History and Architecture of the Drum Barracks Powder Magazine*. California State University, Dominguez Hills (unbound).

### **Box 3**

**Folder 1:** National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form

**Folder 2:** News Articles, 1988, 1990

**Folder 3:** *Pacific Republic, a Journal of History*, Summer 1989

**Folder 4:** Powder Magazine, 1982, 1988, 1990, 1996

**Folder 5:** *Reveille, The Newsletter of the Drum Barracks Society*, February-June 1989, December 1989, May 1990, August 1991, November 1991, June 1992

**Folder 6:** *Reveille, The Newsletter of the Drum Barracks Society*, September-November 1996, February-April 1997, July 1997, October 2000, October 2002, October 2009

**Folder 7:** *Reveille, The Newsletter of the Drum Barracks Society*, June 2013, May-August 2014, February-March 2015

**Folder 8:** Roster of the First Battalion Native California Cavalry

**Item 1:** Cut Nails

**Item 2:** Drum Barracks Souvenir Pin

**Item 3:** Central Los Angeles Public Library, New York Public Library, VHS tape

### **Map Case 8**

**Flat File 1:** Drum Barracks Restoration Plans, U. S. Quartermaster's Depot

**Flat File 2:** Exterior, Main Entrance, Photograph

**Flat File 3:** Map of the Military Reservations for Drum Barracks & U. S. Depot at  
Wilmington, California, Reproduction, 1868-1870

**Flat File 4:** News Articles, 1923, 1976

**Digital Box**

**Folder 1:** Buildings, Notable Individuals, Photographs (reproductions)

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