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### Legislative History

Efforts to gather and preserve New Jersey Civil War flags began in 1871 when, on 29 March, the New Jersey Senate and Assembly authorized the Quartermaster General to recover Civil War flags not in his possession and place them, along with those already held by the state, in the State House (P.L. 1871, Joint Resolution No. VII, p. 135). Seventeen years later, on 8 March 1888, the Senate and Assembly authorized funding to build a fireproof room in the State House for the flags (P.L. 1888, Joint Resolution No. VIII, p. 559). The legislature also decided to return Confederate flags to the southern states and in 1908 issued a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to do so (P.L. 1908, Joint Resolution No. 4, p. 728). New Jersey Civil War flags (and the Confederate flags which could not be properly identified for return), as well as a number of World War I flags which were later added to the collection, were on display in the State House and later the State House Annex until the mid-1980s, when they were transferred to the Cultural History Bureau of the New Jersey State Museum.

### Content Note

The first group of records in this series consists of flag-related correspondence of the Adjutant General's office from the period 1888-1914. This includes, first, correspondence between New Jersey's Adjutant General R. Heber Breintnall and the adjutants general of the former Confederate states -- mostly replies to Breintnall's inquiry as to whether New Jersey Civil War flags were held by the southern states (none were located).

Next is correspondence regarding Confederate flags, i.e. efforts of New Jersey adjutants general R. Heber Breintnall and Wilbur F. Sadler Jr. to return flags held by the state of New Jersey to the southern states. The most involved of these exchanges concerns the return of the Bedford South Dragoons' flag to Virginia (see items 12 and 16 below). Of particular interest are letters of W. F. Graves, former commander of the Dragoons, which provide a history of the flag and the actions of his company during the war. Also of interest is correspondence relating to a flag held by New Jersey which was believed to be Stonewall Jackson's headquarters flag while encamped at Chancellorsville. Two letters written in October 1910 by Thomas R. Munford, a Confederate cavalryman who fought at Chancellorsville, to General E. Burd Grubb (who led New Jersey troops at Chancellorsville) refute this claim and also provide a colorful firsthand account of the 1863 battle. The flag in question was never identified and remains with the State Museum collection (see slide #134).

Also included with the original records are several early photographs of New Jersey and Confederate flags. These and the correspondence are part of the large collection of Civil War material transferred from the Adjutant General's

Office to the Archives in 1968. The correspondence was in binder #348, "Flags," and has been disbound and foldered for preservation purposes.

Finally, the series also includes modern slides of the "State House" flag collection which were received from the Cultural History Bureau of the New Jersey State Museum in 1991. The set consists of slides of 141 New Jersey and Confederate Civil War flags and 51 New Jersey World War I flags. It should be noted that the flags (held by the State Museum) are no longer on display because of their fragile condition.

### **Contents - Box 1**

#### Correspondence and records relating to New Jersey flags:

1. Joint resolution regarding battle flags of the New Jersey volunteer regiments, approved 8 March 1888 [3 copies].
2. Newspaper article describing Adjutant General Breintnall's receipt of the flag of the Third Brigade, Third Division, Second Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, no date; note recounting some history of the flag, the brigade and its commander, General Robert McAlister, ca. 1902-1909 [3 items].
3. General Order No. 4, Adjutant General's Office, authorizing placement of engraved silver rings on flag staffs of National Guard Regiments, 2 February 1903 [2 items].
4. James Atwood to James S. Kiger requesting that department flag be given to E. P. Southwick, 26 September 1904 and note confirming Atwood's receipt of flag, 29 September 1904 [1 item].
5. List of state and national colors in possession of the State of New Jersey and on exhibition in the main corridor of the State House, ca. 1905 [2 items].
6. Correspondence between Adjutant General Breintnall, the secretary of the United States War Department and adjutants general of the former Confederate states regarding New Jersey battle flags, 22 May 1905 - 21 July 1905 [15 items].
7. Correspondence of Peleg D. Harrison to Deputy Adjutant General James S. Kiger and Adjutant General Breintnall regarding the New Jersey section of a book being written by Mr. Harrison on Civil War flags, and confiscated Confederate flags and held by New Jersey, 15 August 1905 - 4 September 1905 [5 items].
8. List of New Jersey battle flags in the office of the Adjutant General, 13 April 1910 [1 item].
9. Description of flags displayed by governor and commander in chief at Sea Girt and description of types of flags carried by infantry regiments, 2 October 1922 [1 item].

#### Correspondence and records relating to Confederate Civil War flags:

10. Correspondence between Adjutant General Sadler, Fred A. Olds and others regarding the return of North Carolina Confederate flags, 11 February 1899 and 14 May 1905 - 22 March 1915 [43 items in 2 files].
11. Transcripts of speeches made at a ceremony returning the flag of North Carolina's "Beaufort Plowboys" to survivors of the company, ca. 1905-1908 [15 items].
12. Correspondence between adjutants general of Virginia, adjutants general of New Jersey and others concerning the return of the battle flag of the Bedford South Dragoons, 13 April 1908 - 27 April 1915 [55 items in 3 files].
13. Descriptions of Confederate flags, 3 June 1908 and no date [6 items].
14. Correspondence between a variety of individuals regarding a Confederate flag which was thought to be Stonewall Jackson's headquarters flag, 7 October 1910 - 21 August 1912 [22 items].

### **Box 2**

Photographs of flags:

15. Flag of the 1st New Jersey Artillery, Battery C (published by Pine, Trenton, NJ) no date. 4.25"x6.5" B&W postcard.
16. The Battle Flags and Photographs of the Colonel [E. Burd Grubb-] of the 23rd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, 1863 (published by the Dreka Company, Philadelphia), 1905. 9.5"x12" colored print.
17. Flag of the Fourth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, no date. 4.25"x5" on 6"x7" backing.
18. Flag of the Bedford Southside Dragoons (Co. F, 2nd Regiment, Virginia Cavalry), no date. 6.5"x7.5" on 11"x14" backing. [Captured by the 3rd New Jersey at Mananas. 27" square blue silk; in the center is a painting of the head and shoulders of George Washington, at the top are the words "Presented by the ladies to the" and on the bottom "Bedford South{side} Dragoons." On the obverse side (not pictured) was a painting of the seal of Virginia. See also items 12 and 13.]
19. Flag of the 2nd Regiment, North Carolina troops, no date. 8.25"x10.25" on 12.5"x15" backing. [Captured by the 7th New Jersey at Chancellorsville, 3 May 1863. See also item 13.]
20. "Stars and Bars" of the 2nd North Carolina, no date. 8.25"x10.25" on 12.5"x15" backing. [Captured by the 7th New Jersey at Chancellorsville. Red field with blue St. Andrew's cross covered with thirteen stars. See also item #13.]
21. Two unidentified flags, no date. 8.25"x10.25" on 12.25"x15" backing.

**Box 3 - Slides of "State House" Flag Collection**

Civil War flags (1861-1865)

1. Regimental Flag - 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
2. Regimental Flag - 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
3. Regimental Flag - 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
4. U.S. Flag - 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
5. Regimental Flag - 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers - Crampton's Pass.
6. U.S. Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
7. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
8. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
9. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
10. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
11. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
12. U.S. Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
13. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
14. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
15. U.S. Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
16. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
17. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.

18. U.S. Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Militia.
19. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
20. U.S. Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
21. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
22. U.S. Flag - 3rd Regiment of Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
23. U.S. Flag - 4th Regiment, Hunterdon Blues.
24. Regimental Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
25. U.S. Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
26. Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
27. Regimental Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
28. Regimental Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
29. U.S. Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
30. U.S. Flag - 4th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
31. Regimental Flag - 5th Regiment of Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
32. U.S. Flag - 5th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
33. U.S. Flag - 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
34. Regimental Flag - 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
35. U.S. Flag - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
36. Regimental Flag - 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
37. U.S. Flag - 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
38. Regimental Flag - 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
39. Regimental Flag - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
40. U.S. Flag - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
41. Regimental Flag - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
42. U.S. Flag - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
43. U.S. Flag - 8th Regiment of Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
44. U.S. Flag - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
45. U.S. Flag - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
46. Regimental Flag - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
47. U.S. Flag - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.  
  
NOTE: For another 8th Regiment flag, see [#35](#) above.
48. Regimental Flag - 9th Regiment of Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
49. Regimental Flag - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
50. U.S. Flag - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
51. U.S. Flag - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.

52. Regimental Flag - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
53. U.S. Flag - 10th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
54. Regimental Flag - 10th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
55. Regimental Flag - 10th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
56. U.S. Flag - 11th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
57. Regimental Flag - 11th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
58. U.S. Flag - 11th Regiment Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
59. Regimental Flag - 11th Regiment Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.
60. Regimental Flag - 11th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
61. U.S. Flag - 11th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
62. U.S. Flag - 12th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
63. Regimental Flag - 12th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
64. U.S. Flag - 12th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
65. Regimental Flag - 13th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
66. Regimental Flag - 13th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
67. U.S. Flag - 14th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
68. Regimental Flag - 14th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
69. U.S. Flag - 14th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
70. Regimental Flag - 14th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
71. U.S. Flag - 15th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
72. Regimental Flag - 15th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
73. U.S. Flag - 15th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
74. U.S. Flag - 21st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
75. Regimental Flag - 21st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
76. U.S. Flag - 22nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
77. Regimental Flag - 22nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
78. U.S. Flag - 23rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers - Yahoos.
79. U.S. Flag - 24th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
80. Regimental Flag - 24th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
81. U.S. Flag - 25th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
82. Regimental Flag - 25th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
83. Regimental Flag - 25th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
84. U.S. Flag - 26th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
85. U.S. Flag - 26th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.

86. Regimental Flag - 27th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
87. U.S. Flag - 28th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
88. U.S. Flag - 30th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
89. U.S. Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
90. Regimental Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
91. Regimental Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
92. Regimental Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
93. U.S. Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
94. U.S. Flag - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
95. U.S. Flag - 34th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
96. Regimental Flag - 34th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
97. U.S. Flag - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
98. Regimental Flag - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
99. U.S. Flag - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
100. Regimental Flag - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
101. Regimental Flag - 37th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
102. Regimental Flag - 37th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
103. U.S. Flag - 37th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
104. Regimental Flag - 38th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
105. Regimental Flag - 38th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
106. U.S. Flag - 38th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
107. U.S. Flag - 38th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
108. Regimental Flag - 38th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
109. Regimental Flag - 39th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
110. Regimental Flag - 39th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
111. U.S. Flag - 39th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
112. Regimental Flag - 40th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
113. Regimental Flag - 40th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
114. Regimental Flag - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Cavalry.
115. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Cavalry.
116. U.S. Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Cavalry.
117. Regimental Flag - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Cavalry.
118. U.S. Flag - Hexamer's Battery, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Artillery.
119. Battery Flag - Hexamer's Battery, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Artillery.
120. Battery Flag - Clark's Battery, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Artillery.

121. U.S. Flag - Clark's Battery, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Artillery.
122. U.S. Flag - Battery D, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Artillery ("Fourth New Jersey Battery").
123. Corps Flag - 3rd Army Corps.
124. Division Flag - 3rd Division.
125. U.S. Flag - 1st New Jersey Brigade.
126. Brigade Flag - 2nd New Jersey Brigade.
127. Brigade Flag - 3rd New Jersey Brigade.
128. Unit Flag - 8th Battalion, New Jersey Volunteers.
129. U.S. Flag - 63rd U.S. Pioneer Infantry.
130. Organization Flag - New Jersey Department, Grand Army of the Republic.
131. U.S. Flag - Company A, New Jersey Militia.
132. New Jersey Volunteers - unit unknown.
133. New Jersey - unit unknown.
134. Confederate Flag - 12 stars.
135. Confederate Flag - 11 stars (captured by 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, Manassas).
136. Confederate Flag - 13 stars.
137. Confederate Flag - 6 stars (captured by 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, Manassas).
138. Confederate Flag - 7 stars.
139. Confederate Flag - 13 stars (captured by 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, Chancellorsville; presented to National Parks Service in 1963).
140. Confederate Flag - 11 Stars (captured by 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, Manassas).
141. Organization Flag - Veterans of the 1st Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Cavalry.

#### World War I flags (1917-1918)

142. Brigade Flag - 2nd Brigade, New Jersey National Guard.
143. Regimental Flag - 1st Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
144. U.S. Flag - Volunteer Infantry.
145. U.S. Flag - 1st Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
146. Regimental Flag - 1st Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
147. Regimental Flag - 1st Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
148. U.S. Flag - 2nd Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
149. Regimental Flag - 2nd Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
150. U.S. Flag - 3rd Separate Battalion (later 2nd Regiment), New Jersey National Guard.
151. U.S. Flag - 3rd Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
152. Regimental Flag - 3rd Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.

153. Regimental Flag - 4th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
154. Regimental Flag - 5th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
155. Regimental Flag - 5th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
156. U.S. Flag - 113th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
157. Regimental Flag - 113th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
158. Regimental Flag - 114th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
159. U.S. Flag - 114th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
160. Regimental Flag - 114th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
161. Regimental Flag - 311th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
162. U.S. Flag - 311th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
163. U.S. Flag - 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
164. U.S. Flag - 312th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
165. Regimental Flag - 312th Regiment, U.S. Infantry.
166. Regimental Flag - 1st Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
167. U.S. Flag - 1st Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
168. Regimental Flag - 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
169. Regimental Flag - 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
170. Regimental Flag - 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
171. U.S. Flag - 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
172. U.S. Flag - 307th Regiment, U.S. Field Artillery.
173. Regimental Flag - 307th Regiment, Field Artillery.
174. U.S. Flag - 308th Regiment, U.S. Field Artillery.
175. Regimental Flag - 308th Regiment, U.S. Field Artillery.
176. U.S. Flag - 104th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
177. Regimental Flag - 104th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
178. U.S. Flag - 215th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
179. Regimental Flag - 215th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
180. Regimental Flag - 217th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
181. Regimental Flag - 218th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
182. U.S. Flag - 218th Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
183. U.S. Flag - 303rd Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
184. Unit Flag - 303rd Regiment, U.S. Engineers.
185. Unit Flag - 104th Signal Battalion.
186. U.S. Flag - 104th Signal Battalion.
187. U.S. Flag - 111th Machine Gun Battalion.

188. Unit Flag - 111th Machine Gun Battalion.
189. U.S. Flag - 119th Medical Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
190. Regimental Flag - 119th Medical Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.
191. Unit Flag - 1st Ambulance Company, 117th Sanitary Train, 42nd Division.
192. Headquarters Flag - Military Department of New Jersey.

**Box 4**

Newspaper clippings, 1905

**Box 5**

Copy Negatives

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