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Guide to the Richard Blackstone Military Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Richard Blackstone military papers,

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Creator: Blackstone, Richard

Extent: 2 document boxes, 1 oversize box, 1 flat file

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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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**Acquisition Information**
The source of acquisition is unknown.

**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

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 1978

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 10v, 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 10v, 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 Jacksom 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.

<p>| 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 |</p>
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<td>[unidentified men in military uniforms], (5 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches)</td>
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Series Three: Photographs (Negatives), 1913, n.d.

- **Anaheim Ranch--California, April 1913**
  - Physical Description: (17 negatives)

- **Recreation Bldg--Poorman and Central Highwater. All printed Sept 2 1913**
  - Physical Description: (25 negatives)

- **Belle Fouche Fair--printed Sept. 1913**
  - Physical Description: (11 negatives)

- **On Tinton Road, printed Oct 1, 1913**
  - Physical Description: (6 negatives)

- **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)

- **Spearfish Hydro Elect**
  - Physical Description: (49 negatives) Digital positive images of each negative also available

- **Recreation Building Construction, Alex Blackstone**
  - Physical Description: (18 negatives)