

THE CITIZENS GUARD, 1893-1902

INTRODUCTION

The records were created by the Citizens Guard which was under the jurisdiction of the Marshal's Office in the Department of the Attorney General. The collection is unrestricted and comprises 97 linear inches.

The Citizens Guard records date from 1893 to 1902 and contain minutes, correspondence, letterbook, company rosters, and personnel records with name indexes. The bulk of the Citizens Guard record group is made up of over 60 volumes of company rosters and personnel records with name indexes. The Minutes and Outgoing Letters document Citizens Guard functions and activities. The Timebooks and List of Members who Received Certificates of Active Service in the Revolution of 1895 document Citizens Guard participation in the 1895 Rebellion.

The bulk of the records date from 1895 to 1898. The role and activities of Marshal A.M. Brown as commander of the Citizens Guard are documented in the Incoming Letters to Staff Officers and Outgoing Letters. Citizens Guard functions and activities such as firearms acquisitions, drills, shooting matches, parades are documented in the minutes and correspondence. The disbandment of the Citizens Guard is also documented in the minutes and correspondence. Citizens Guard participation in the 1895 Rebellion and call to service during a cholera outbreak scare in 1895 are evidenced in the Timebook and Journal of the Nuuanu Valley Guard.

Family history researchers and firearms collectors will find the records of the Citizens Guard quite interesting. The following series contain personnel information of interest to the family history researcher: Minutes and Oahu Squad Rosters, Incoming Letters to Staff Officers, Correspondence of the Third Division, Company Reports, Recordbook of Squad 3 Division 1, Journal of Nuuanu Valley Guard, Timebooks, Citizens Guard Commissions and 1895 Census, List of Members...in the Revolution of 1895, Rosters, Personnel Records, Enlistment Applications and Miscellaneous Records of the Citizens Guard.

Firearms collectors will find serial numbers to rifles issued to Citizens Guard members in Minutes and Oahu Squad Rosters, Incoming Letters to Staff Officers, Company Reports, Recordbook of Squad 3 Division 1, Rosters and Enlistment Applications.

The records do not document the initial establishment and organization of the Citizens Guard nor its association

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with the Annexation Club. There are gaps in minutes, letters and correspondence for 1893. Minutes to what appears to be the first Citizens Guard meeting held on January 23, 1893 can be found in the Special Collections Unprocessed Manuscripts Number U-96. The minutes document the establishment and initial organization of the company.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Citizens Guard was organized by Frank B. McStocker, chairman of the Annexation Club Executive Committee, Attorney General A.S. Hartwell, C. Stratemeyer and T.B. Murray shortly after the establishment of the Provisional Government in order to strengthen the cause of the Annexation Party. The Citizens Guard initial organization consisted of nine squads totaling 390 men. After the 1895 Rebellion, the organization comprised over 600 volunteers.

The Citizens Guard was commissioned in 1893 by the Marshal's Office under the Department of the Attorney General as Special Police Officers. It was an organized volunteer militia and functioned as an emergency police force assisting the Sheriff's Departments on Oahu, Hawaii, Maui and Kauai in maintaining law and order; preserving peace and public safety; protecting life and property; and defending the government against enemy attacks.

The Marshal was designated the Commander of the Citizens Guard and commissioned the officers who commanded the divisions. Company officers consisted of one captain, two lieutenants, one orderly sergeant, one quartermaster sergeant, four sergeants, and four corporals who were elected by their respective company members. Companies were commanded by Captains who were responsible for transmitting orders; requisitioning and issuing supplies; maintaining an inventory of stores; and compiling a complete company roster which consisted of names, rank, squad designation, telephone number, occupation, and equipment issued. The company captain or other senior officer maintained a daily record of orders, instructions and events at company headquarters.

Membership in the Citizens Guard was restricted to men who took the oath of loyalty to the Provisional Government and later to the Republic. Each applicant was approved by their respective company captain and the Commander of the Citizens Guard. Many members of the Citizens Guard became proficient in marksmanship and qualified to join the National Guard Sharpshooter units and the Mounted Police force.

Drills, target practices and shooting matches were held by Citizens Guard units to maintain marksmanship and

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discipline. All members were required to maintain rifles issued to them and keep at least 20 rounds of ammunition. Officers were armed with a sidearm pistol and privates with carbines.

The Citizens Guard was called into active service during the January 1895 rebellion to guard government buildings and assist police officers. In September 1895, the Citizens Guard was called out by Board of Health President William O. Smith to monitor the movement of resident aliens in Honolulu.

Following the 1895 rebellion, the Citizens Guard was reorganized into five divisions. The divisions were composed of companies or squads and organized as follows: 1st Division consisted of companies within the Honolulu city limits; 2nd Division comprised the Mounted Reserve and units on the island of Oahu outside of Honolulu; 3rd Division consisted of companies organized on the island of Hawaii; 4th Division consisted of companies organized on the island of Maui; 5th Division comprised units on the island of Kauai. (See table of Citizens Guard divisions and location of units on pages 8 & 9). The Marshal remained the Commander of the Citizens Guard with members commissioned as Special Police Constables.

With the United States annexation of the Republic of Hawaii, the Citizens Guard disbanded as a volunteer militia on July 18, 1898. The organization remained active and functioned as a social club.

The following sources were used to prepare the administrative history:

Citizens Guard Records, 1893-1902.

Pacific Commercial Advertiser, January 25, 1895.

Report of the Attorney General to the Hawaiian Legislature, 1893-1899.

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For additional information on Hawaiian military and paramilitary organizations, the following sources are available in the Archives:

FINDING AIDS: GOVERNMENT RECORDS INVENTORIES

Attorney General, 1843-1958
Military and Navy Department, 1844-1893
National Guard, 1893-1900
National Guard, 1900-1918

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Secretary of War and the Navy Reports to the Legislature.
1854-1862.

Report of the Major Commanding the King's Guard and
Volunteer Forces to the Honorable John G. Dominis,
Commander in Chief. 1884.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CARD FILE - HAWAII (KINGDOM) ARMY
for additional references

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Warfield, C.L. History of the National Guard...(call no.
355.37 W27h)

PHOTOGRAPH INDEX

Expedition - Koolau the Leper
Government Officials - Republic
Historical Events - Annexation
Overthrow of the monarchy
Proclamation of the Republic
Military - Citizens Guard
Hawaiian Cavalry
Honolulu Rifles
Military Commission, 1895
National Guard
Revolution of 1895
Royal Household Guard
Ships - Kaimiloa

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

M-22. George R. Carter. Miscellaneous Document 16.
Citizens Guard Police Commissions
M-43. S.B. Dole. Document 13. Citizens Guard General
Order.
M-383. Veterans of the Old Guard Papers, 1923-1952.
MS U-96. Citizens Guard Minutes to January 23, 1893
meeting.

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For additional information on Hawaiian military and paramilitary organizations, the following sources are available in the Archives:

SUBJECT INDEX

- Citizens Guard
- Honolulu Rifles
- Liliuokalani, Queen
- Military Commission
- National Guard
- Rebellion of 1895
- Sharpshooters

UNPROCESSED RECORDS

Minister of the Interior. Register of Firearms Licenses, 1896-1898. (*Fire Arms Certificates, INTU-2 Location: H7-13-7*)
Department of the Attorney General, Marshal's Office.

ARTIFACTS

Medals and Awards

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- 50 MINUTES AND OAHU SQUAD ROSTERS. 1895-1898; 1900-1902. 2.5 linear inches; 2 volumes.
Organized in two subseries: Minutes and Oahu Squad Rosters, recorded in two volumes: 1896-1902 Minutebook and Draft Minutebook.
Minutes, recorded in both volumes are arranged chronologically. Final copy of minutes are recorded in the 1896-1902 volume. Meetings conducted by Marshal A.M. Brown, commander of the Citizens Guard or Senior Captain Frank B. McStocker and attended by captains and lieutenants. Documents shooting matches, drills, inspections, parades and disbandment of the Citizens Guard. Minutes for 1900-1902 document the organization's attempts to set up a memorial to Charles L. Carter.
Oahu Squad Rosters, recorded in both volumes are arranged by divisions and squads and reflects Citizens Guard organization prior to the 1895 reorganization. Rosters list officers for 1896-1898, firearms inventories which contain manufacturer and serial numbers of rifles issued to the Citizens Guard from 1895 to 1900 and documents firearms and ammunition distribution to Citizen Guard companies on all islands.
- 51 INCOMING LETTERS TO STAFF OFFICERS. 1894-1899. 5 linear inches.
Arranged chronologically.
Routine letters to Marshall A.M. Brown, Adjutant General J. Batchelor and Senior Captain Frank B. McStocker from squad captains, sheriffs of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu. Contains reports of squad captains regarding officer elections and personnel matters, requests for arms and ammunition, commission lists, squad roster lists, target shooting results, enlistment requests.
- 52 OUTGOING LETTERS. 1895-1901. 2 linear inches; 1 volume.
Arranged chronologically. Contains name index.
Routine outgoing letters by Marshal A.M. Brown, commander of the Citizens Guard and J. Batchelor, Adjutant, to officers in the Citizens Guard and the National Guard of Hawaii and to the Sheriffs' Offices on Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai transmitting firearms and ammunition to Citizens Guard units, and concern officer elections, membership applications, supply requisitions, and stores inventories.

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- 53 **CORRESPONDENCE OF THE THIRD DIVISION.** 1895-1896. 0.25 linear inch.
Arranged chronologically.
Routine letters exchanged by the Captain H.C. Austin of the Third Division (island of Hawaii), the Sheriff of Hawaii island and Marshal A.M. Brown regarding meetings, elections of officers, stores inventories and issuing firearms and ammunition to Third Division squads in Hilo, Pahala and Punaluu. Contains a roster of Pahala Company (Division 3, Squad 1).
- 54 **COMPANY REPORTS.** 1895. 1.5 linear inches.
Arranged by division and squad.
Contains reports by company captains detailing rosters, supplies and rifles issued to their respective units. Lists name, age, occupation, nationality, residence, telephone numbers, rifle-revolver make and serial numbers, ammunition issued and date of commission.
- 55 **RECORDBOOK OF SQUAD 3, DIVISION 1.** 1895. 0.25 linear inch.
Arranged by rank.
Contains a roster of Squad 3, Division 1 comprising men who lived in Makiki. Also contains minutes to the annual squad meeting for 1895 to elect officers.
- 56 **JOURNAL OF THE NUUANU VALLEY GUARD.** 1895. 0.5 linear inch; 2 volumes.
Arranged chronologically.
Contains rosters of and documents the guard duty watches of the Nuuanu Street Volunteer Guards and the Liliha Street Volunteer Guards from September 11 through September 26, 1895 during a feared cholera outbreak in Honolulu. Citizens Guard was called out by the Board of Health president to monitor the movement of resident aliens in Honolulu.

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- 57 **TIMEBOOKS.** 1895. 1.5 linear inches; 2 volumes.
Arranged by division, company and by member names.
Lists Citizens Guard members who were on duty during the 1895 Rebellion in both volumes - January 1895 Timebook and First Division Supplementary Payroll.
The January 1895 volume contains a record of Honolulu Harbor incoming and outgoing vessels, 1895-1898.
- 58 **CITIZENS GUARD COMMISSIONS AND 1895 CENSUS OF HONOLULU.**
1894-1895. 1.5 linear inches; 1 volume.
Organized in two subseries: Citizens Guard Commissions and 1895 Census of Honolulu.
Citizens Guard Commissions is arranged by division and squad. Names listed are not in alphabetical order. Lists name, rank, division and squad assignment, date of commission and remarks. Remarks include recommission dates and notes if person moved out of the district.
The 1895 Census of Honolulu is arranged alphabetically. Contains census reports dated September 1895 for Honolulu. Surnames are predominantly haole and Portuguese. Lists name, sex, age, nationality, occupation, residence and notes if person is a member of the National Guard or Citizens Guard. Nationality section notes half caste for part Hawaiians.
The volume is very fragile and has been microfilmed. The microfilm entitled "1895 Census" is filed with other census microfilms.
- 59 **LIST OF MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION OF 1895.** 1895. 0.5 linear inch; 1 volume.
Arranged alphabetically.
Lists name, rank and unit assignment of members who defended the Republic in the 1895 Rebellion.
- 60 **NAME INDEXES TO ROSTERS.** 1893-1899. 2 linear inches; 2 volumes.
Arranged alphabetically.
Name indexes to company rosters for Oahu island units. Name index to Citizens Guard rosters cover Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu units.
Indexes are fragile and have been photocopied.

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- 61 **ROSTERS.** 1893-1899. 10 linear inches; 4 volumes.
Organized in two subseries: Company Rosters and Citizens Guard Rosters.
All rosters in this series provide name, rank, unit assignment and firearms and ammunition issued to members of all divisions. May also include age, nationality, occupation, telephone number, marital status, date of commission, uniform items issued and attendance at parades and drills. Firearms (rifles and sidearms) information includes manufacturer, serial numbers, caliber of weapon and ammunition issued.
Company rosters, 1894 to 1898 for all units consists of three volumes. Arranged by unit and rank. The Mounted Reserve roster also contains brief minutes, orders and notes on drill attendance.
Citizens Guard Rosters for 1898 consists of one oversize volume. Arranged by division, company, rank and name.
- 62 **NAME INDEXES TO PERSONNEL RECORDS.** 1894-1895. 1.5 linear inches; 1 folder and 1 volume.
Arranged alphabetically.
Name indexes to the Biographical Sketches and Rolls.
Indexes are fragile and have been photocopied.
- 63 **PERSONNEL RECORDS.** 1894-1895. 55 linear inches; 52 volumes.
Organized in two subseries: Biographical Sketches and Rolls. Arranged alphabetically by members names.
The Biographical Sketches consists of 21 volumes with name index. The Rolls consists of 31 volumes with name index. Rolls and Sketches provide name, rank, unit assignment, nationality, race, age, occupation, marital status, children and remarks.
Biographical Sketches are fragile and have been photocopied.
- 64 **ENLISTMENT APPLICATIONS.** 1895-1897. 2.5 linear inches.
Arranged chronologically.
Contains enlistment applications listing name, age, nationality, occupation, residence and phone numbers. May also contain make and serial numbers of rifles. Includes roll book of Company 1, Division 1.

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- 65 REQUISITIONS. 1895-1897. 0.25 linear inch.
Arranged chronologically.
Contains requisition forms for supplies, uniforms, guns, and ammunition. Also contains draft list of commissions with name, rank and date of commission.
- 66 MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE CITIZEN'S GUARD. 1895-1898. 1 linear inch; 1 folder.
Arranged chronologically.
Contains post locations in Honolulu for October 1895, Medals and Bars marksmanship requirements, petitions, enlistment requests dated February 1898 by Captain William Henry of Kaneohe and Commissions for Portuguese in the Second Division, Squad 3 dated October 7, 1895. Includes pamphlet entitled "Regulations for the Guidance of the Citizens Guard" (Honolulu: Hawaiian Gazette Company Print, 1895).

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FIRST DIVISION - HONOLULU, OAHU

Company	Location
1	Lower Makiki
2	Green Street
3	Upper Nuuanu
4	Masonic Temple
5	Kakaako
6	Lower Nuuanu
7	Palama
8	Kamehameha
9	Kalihi
10	Punahou
11	Waikiki
12	Thomas Square
13	Punchbowl
14	Middle Nuuanu
15	Custom House
16	Upper Makiki

SECOND DIVISION - OAHU

Company	Location
1-2	Mounted Reserve
2	Koolaupoko Kahuku Company
3	Ewa
4	Pearl City

THIRD DIVISION - HAWAII

Company	Location
1	Kau Pahala Company
2	Hilo
3	Hilo
4	Hilo
5	Laupahoehoe
6	Honokaa
7	Kohala
8	Olaa
9	Kona

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FOURTH DIVISION - MAUI

Company	Location
1	Wailuku
2	Makawao
3	Lahaina
	Hana Company

FIFTH DIVISION - KAUAI

Company	Location
1	Hanamaulu
2	Lihue
	Squad 1-Makaweli
	Squad 2-Waimea
	Squad 3-Kekaha
	Squad 4-Mana
3	Nawiliwili
4	Grove Farm

SERIES INVENTORY

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*50	MINUTES AND OAHU SQUAD ROSTERS Draft Minutebook Minutebook
51	INCOMING LETTERS TO STAFF OFFICERS
52	OUTGOING LETTERS
53	CORRESPONDENCE OF THE THIRD DIVISION
54	COMPANY REPORTS
55	RECORDBOOK OF SQUAD 3, DIVISION 1
56	JOURNAL OF THE NUUANU VALLEY GUARD Liliha Street Nuuanu Street
57	TIMEBOOKS January 1895 1st Division Supplementary Payroll
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59	LIST OF MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION OF 1895
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BOX 4	Rolls I, O, J-L
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BOX 6	Rolls Q-V
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65	REQUISITIONS
66	MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE CITIZENS GUARD

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v.2	Minutebook
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52	OUTGOING LETTERS
53	CORRESPONDENCE OF THE THIRD DIVISION
54	COMPANY REPORTS
55	RECORDBOOK OF SQUAD 3, DIVISION 1
56	JOURNAL OF THE NUUANU VALLEY GUARD
	Liliha Street
	Nuuanu Street
57	TIMEBOOKS
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	1st Division Supplementary Payroll

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