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### **Rockingham Guards Papers, 1825-1849**

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## History and Background

The New Hampshire militia eventually known as the Rockingham Guards was first formed in 1793, with Captain John Scheafe as commander, and after the passing of the first NH Constitution in 1792 mandating the formation of militia regiments throughout the state, organized in 1794 as the First Light Infantry Company. Each regiment would be comprised of two battalions. The subsequent act passed by the NH legislature addressing the specifics of militia formation, ordered "that the companies in the towns of Portsmouth, Newington and Newcastle, shall form a first battalion; the companies in the towns of Rye, Greenland and Stratham shall form a second battalion-which shall constitute the first regiment" (An act for framing and regulating the militia within this state ..., 1792). Several subsequent acts addressed further details. In general these acts specified that all able-bodied white male citizens between 18 (later 16) and 40 years old should enroll, that the battalions report for inspection at least twice a year, that each regiment should have its own standard and colors, its own assigned officers, and be organized in companies of infantry, artillery, cavalry, etc. (Potter, part one, pp. 379-380).

In 1808, the New Hampshire militia regiments were reorganized by the state because the preceding laws were "too complicated for practical use" (Militia Bill, 1808). Potter reports that the act provided for the division of the militia anew into regiments, brigades and divisions. It further enacted that all free, able-bodied, white male citizens of the State, from sixteen years of age to forty, should be enrolled, with certain exceptions; that there should be at least a company of light infantry, or grenadiers, to each battalion; specified the number of officers, privates, musicians, etc., there should be to each company of infantry, light infantry, grenadiers, cavalry and artillery, that one cannon, with carriage, harness and apparatus, should be furnished each company of artillery, as also music-money and a color; that there be not more than one company of cavalry to each regiment, and that such companies be furnished with music-money and colors; that each company in the State turn out for inspection of arms and military exercises, on the last Wednesday of June, annually; also, annually, in the month of August or September; and at such other times as the commanding officers of the same should think proper, not exceeding four times in each year ... (part one, pp. 387-388)

The militia changed its name to Rockingham Guards in 1823, at which time the commander was Captain Samuel Shackford.

In 1829, several revisions to militia laws were enacted. One of these concerned the "greatest defect of the militia system - that very many able-bodied men avoid the performance of military duty by improperly obtaining surgeon's certificates" (Militia law of New Hampshire, 1829).

Although the state was responsible for providing the militiamen with weapons and the towns in which the members resided provided meals during annual fall musters and on other community-wide occasions, many of the militia's expenses were borne by the members themselves, as evidenced from the numerous "subscriptions" [literally 'written below'] contained in the records. These consist of a paragraph detailing the items to be purchased (often concerning uniforms, visiting other companies, or hosting such visits), followed by a list of men's names with the amount each agreed to pay.

The Guards disbanded around 1849.

Although there were more than 30,000 soldiers serving annually in the various militia regiments in New Hampshire between 1810 and 1851, a state law passed in 1851 stated that the militia would no longer be subject to active duty, except in cases of national or state emergency. (Potter, part two, p. 357).

**Span Dates:** 1825-1849, with the bulk of the material from the mid-1830s to mid-1840s.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains business and financial records, military subscriptions, company and regimental orders, oaths of allegiance, permissions to enlist, permissions for discharge, excused-from-duty certificates signed by physicians, correspondence, and membership rolls.

Much of the business of the company, during these years between the War of 1812 and the Civil War, centered around entertainments, parades, and visiting with other companies in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The receipts indicate numerous expenses for dinners, military balls, the trimming and repair of uniforms, hosting visits from other companies, turning out for parades, and hiring of musicians. The militia members themselves provided the funds for these expenses, as evidenced by the military subscriptions, signed by individual soldiers with the amount to be paid noted next to the name.

### **Collection Strengths**

The collection will be of interest to military historians and genealogical researchers, as well as to students of 19<sup>th</sup> century fraternal organizations. The records reveal the on-going business of the company, as reflected in its orders, receipts, correspondence, meeting minutes, etc. There are permissions to enlist, orders for drills, payments to doctors, musicians, landlords, and innkeepers, discharges from duty, subscriptions from members to pay for new uniforms, repair of weapons, the expenses of military balls, even a new armory, and the expenses of escorting a visiting dignitary such as General Lafayette. It is also evident from the contents of letters and receipts, that the company engaged in musical entertainments and interacted with other companies, such as the Newburyport (Mass.) Artillery.

Of special note is an item containing the signature of Governor William Badger (Series II, Folder 11, item 7).

### **Acquisition and Appraisal (incl. condition)**

The records were donated to the State of New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources in March 2004 and received an initial review from Russell Bastedo, State Curator. They were contained in a goat or cowhide trunk (L.18.25 x H. 8.5") made by Washington Sweetser, "opposite the Bell Tavern, Congress Street, Portsmouth, N.H. ... Manufacturer of saddles, bridles/harness, trunks, mattresses, molasses & oil hose, fire buckets, & C." The trunk was lined with newspaper from the Gazette and Maine Palladium, December 22, 1832 (taken from notes of Russell Bastedo, State Curator).

In the spring of 2007, the records were transferred to the New Hampshire State Library for processing, cataloging, and archival storage. The contents of the trunk were removed and the trunk placed in archival storage.

The records vary in condition. Some are quite brittle, torn, or worn through, others are in remarkably good shape. All were folded and wrapped into small packets.

Most of the documents have a summary statement written on the outside which describes the subject matter and often provides a date. The dates do not always coincide with the dates in the enclosed documents. There are also several notations on the outside of documents stating that the record is also an entry in a particular volume of a record book. It appears that someone, most probably contemporary to the time of the records, sorted and labeled them before wrapping them into packets and storing them in the trunk.

Appraisal of the worth of the collection must be based on its uniqueness, its extensive coverage of the affairs of the militia over more than a decade, its contribution to New Hampshire history, and its usefulness to genealogists.

### **Access and Use**

The records are in the possession of the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources and may be viewed upon request at the New Hampshire State Library in Concord, NH. The records are in the public domain.

**Size:** the collection consists of 28 folders and 6 ledger books and is contained in 3 legal size Hollinger boxes (26 x 40 x 13 cm.) with a span of approx. 1.5 linear feet.

**Location:** Archives Room, top floor, NHSL, Concord, NH.

**Arrangement and Description:** Most of the contents had been wrapped in packets secured by paper bands sealed with red sealing wax. Processing of the collection entailed opening these packets, unfolding the contents, and placing them in separate folders, one for each packet. The items in each packet were then arranged in chronological order. The folders were organized according to the categories of content, e.g. military orders, correspondence, etc. However, the original packets often included items which crossed these categories. Financial records may have been in the same packet as military subscriptions, etc. Usually, though, the contents seem already to have been roughly classified according to the series headings indicated below; that is, most of the military orders will be found in Series I. The contents of each folder are listed below to aid the researcher's efforts.

The collection consists of a great many lists of names of militia members and, although many of these have been listed below, not all the names were legible. Many names reappear on lists throughout the collection.

The materials listed below are all signed and dated from Portsmouth, N.H., unless otherwise noted. For example, item #17 in Series I, Box 1, Folder 1, is from Rye, NH.

The collection is arranged into series as follows:

- Series I: Military orders and Company history
- Series II: Financial records
- Series III: Military subscriptions

Series IV: Correspondence  
 Series V: Membership rolls

## Container List

### Series I: Military Orders and Company History

Series/Box	Folder	# Items	Dates
I/1	<b>Ledger Book: Rockingham Guards MDCCCXXV</b> <b>Contents:</b> Company history, muster rolls, orders, discharges, etc.		1825-1829
I/1	<b>1: Company orders, minutes, correspondence</b> <b>Contents</b> 1. Wrapper: Rockingham Guards 1838 Papers. 2. Copy of a letter to John S. [Jennys], June 19, 1833, by Josiah G. Hadley. 3. Receipt for payment to RG. Dec. 1, 1837 from William Hall (possibly Hull). 4. Company order, April [no day given], 1838, signed by Phillip Carrier. 5. Meeting minutes, April 19, [1838], H. Hum, chair, [-] Hall, Sec'y. 6. Request for services of Rockingham Guards, June 5, 1838, signed by Sam Gookin, Robert Lefavour. 7. Meeting minutes, April 24, 1838, signed by John A. Moran, clerk. 8. Meeting minutes, May 5, 1838, Henry H. Hum, chair, Josiah G. Hadley, secretary. 9. From J.W. Moses to Samuel Gookin and Robert Lefavour, June 6, 1838. 10. Meeting minutes, June 6, 1838, signed by [-], Sec. 11. Meeting minutes, June 7, 1838, signed by J. Woodman Moses, Thos. E. Call. 12. Meeting minutes, June 8, [1838], F. Mullen, chair, [-] Hall, Sec'y [secretary]. 13. Committee minutes, Aug. 20-21, 1838, E.S. Wendell, chair. 14. Meeting minutes, Aug. 21, [1838], [unsigned]. 15. Company order, Aug. 29, 1838, Newington, signed by Elias Frink. 16. Meeting minutes, Sept. 12, 1838, signed by [-] B. Mullins. 17. Company order, Sept. 10, 1839, signed by Phillip Carrier. 18. Resignation letter from J.M. Story, April 29, 1839, to J. Moran. 19. Company order, Sept. 10, 1839, signed by Phillip Carrier. 20. Meeting minutes, June 22 [n.d.], signed by J. G. Peirce.	20	1833-1839
I/1	<b>2: Company orders</b> <b>Contents</b> 1. Wrapper: Exemption from military duty note, Sept. 28, 1847, signed by Chas. T. Cheever. 2. Note establishing the color and style of uniforms, April 28, 1835, signed by Ira Brown, Thomas Parsons. 3. Subscription to raise money to pay bills, July 10, 1844	7	1835-1847

4. Appointment to 2<sup>nd</sup> sergeant of Benjamin M. Parker, Sept. 7, 1844, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
5. Company order, May 10, 1847, signed by H.F. Wendell
6. Company order, Sept. 22, 1847, signed by Thomas Norton.
7. Blank company order form

**I/1                    3: Minutes and correspondence                    5                    1835-1848**

**Contents**

1. Wrapper: Proceedings of Rockingham Guards at meetings on Sept. 22, 23, 26, 1847, March 23, 30 1848, April 6, 1848, Annual meeting April 11, 1848.
2. From John M. White, Boston, to William Upham, Nov. 7, 1835.
3. Printed circular sent to George T. Wendell from Charles H. Peaslee, Aug. 24, 1847.
4. Minutes, Sept. 22 - 25, 1847, signed by Robert L. Emery, Sec'y.
5. Minutes, March 23 - April 18, 1848 (two pages), signed by Robert L. Emery, Sec'y.

**I/1                    4: Company/Regimental Orders                    31                    1835-1848**

**Contents (3 packets wrapped together):**

1. Wrapper one: Orders from the commanding officers of RG on the treasurer, 1838 & 1839, Edmund S. Wendell, Treasurer.
2. Wrapper two: Company and regimental orders 1836.
3. Wrapper three: Permits, regiments orders 1848.
4. Company order, April 21, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
5. Company order, Sept. 7, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
6. Company order, Sept. 11, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
7. Regimental orders, Rye, Sept. 15, 1835, signed by Albert Greenleaf.
8. Company order, Sept. 16, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
9. Company order, Sept. 10 1836, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
10. Permission to enlist, April 26, 1841, signed by Josiah G. Hadley and Andrew Beck.
11. Company order, April 27, 1841, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
12. Order for parade inspection and drill, Aug. 22, 1842, signed by Wm. Hadley.
13. Company orders, Sept. 13, 1842, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
14. Company orders, Sept. 13, 1842, signed by Henry F. Wendell [not a duplicate].
15. Regimental orders for parade, Sept. 16, 1842, signed by William S. Hadley.
16. Order for discharge from service, May 9, 1843, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
17. Permission to enlist, May 10, 1843, signed by James S. Odiorne.
18. Permission to enlist, May 11, 1843, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, Andrew Beck.
19. Order for parade inspection and officers drill, Aug. 27, 1843, signed by Wm. Hadley.
20. Company order, Sept. 2, 1843, signed by Josiah G. Hadley.
21. Company order, Sept. 2, 1843, signed by H.F. Wendell.
22. Order for officers drill, Aug. 26, 1844, signed by Commander Beck.
23. Regimental order for military inspection, Aug. 26, 1844, signed by Andrew Beck.
24. Permission to enlist, Sept. 28, 1847, signed by Andrew Beck, H.F. Wendell.
25. Permission to enlist, May 5, 1848, signed by A.J. Beck, H.F. Wendell.
26. Company order, May 10, 1848, signed by James W. Lefavour.
27. Regimental order, Sept. 7, 1848, signed by Geo. Towle.

28. Company order, Sept. 13, 1848, signed by James W. Lefavour.
29. Company order, Sept. 13, 1848, signed by James W. Lefavour.
30. Permission to enlist, Sept. 21, 1848, signed by Geo. Towle.
31. Order for payment from E.S. Wendell, [n.d.], signed by Josiah G. Hadley.

<b>Series/Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b># Items</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>I/1</b>	<b>5: Company orders, reports, correspondence</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1837-1847</b>

**Contents:**

1. Wrapper: Treasurers & Clerks report & proceedings of the Company 1842.
2. Permission to enlist, April 15, 1837, signed by Isaac Frink, Josiah G. Hadley
3. Money collected from fines, 1842.
4. Clerk's report April 5, 1842.
5. Request for discharge from service, April 12, 1842, William Gerrish.
6. Request for discharge from service, April 12, 1842, Wm. Walker and others.
7. Meeting minutes, April 12, 1842, signed by H.F. Wendell
8. Request for discharge from service, April 18, 1842, Henry Gerrish and others.
9. Memo concerning requests for discharge, [April] 19, 1842.
10. Expenses list, June 1842.
11. Invitation to the RG to perform escort duty for the president of the United States, June 26, 1847, and decline of invitation, dated also June 26, 1847.
12. List of payments from members, [n.d.].

<b>I/1</b>	<b>6: Minutes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1839-184[7]</b>
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**Contents**

1. Wrapper: "Proceedings of the Rockingham Guards, 1841, 1842, 1843 & 1844".
2. Minutes, Mansion House, July 24, 1839, P. Currier, Chair, G. [ - ] Hall, Sec'y.
3. Minutes April April [6], 1841.
4. Minutes, Armory, April 26, 1841, unsigned.
5. Minutes, Armory, Aug. 29, 1842, H.F. Wendell, chair, W.A. Upham, Secretary.
6. Minutes, Aug 9, 1843, H.F. Wendell, chair, [N.] L. Emery, Sec'y.
7. Minutes, Armory, July 14, 1844, H.F. Wendell, chair, E.R. Goodrich, Sec'y.
8. Minutes Sept. 17, Sept. 21, 184[7], signed by R.L. Emery, Sec'y.

<b>I/1</b>	<b>7: Company orders, oaths, permissions</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1843-1846</b>
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**Contents**

1. Wrapper for bond, 1843 (bond missing).
2. Subscription to pay for equipment, Aug. 1, 1843.
3. Oath of allegiance of Alexander H. Rowe, May 13, 1844, before J. Hamilton Shapley.
4. Target Shots member list, July 4, 1844, with medal awardees.
5. Oath of allegiance of Benjamin Parker, Sept. 7, 1844, before Josiah Hadley.
6. Company order, May 12, 1845, signed by H.F. Wendell.
7. Permission to enlist, May 12, 1845, [unsigned].
8. Permission to enlist, May 12, 1845, signed by Andrew Beck, Evans Ross.

9. Treasurer's report, May 20, 1845, H.F. Wendell, treasurer.
10. Money received Sept. 9, 1845 when the Boston Riflemen visited Portsmouth
11. Oath of allegiance of James W. Lefavour, Sept. 22, 1845, before J. Hamilton Shapley.
12. Exemption from military duty, May 1, 1846, signed by Warren Parsons, surgeon.
13. Company order, May 11, 1846, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
14. Permission to enlist, May 12, 1846, signed by Andrew J. Beck, Theo H. Rowe.
15. Oath of allegiance of John S.D. Dennett, May 12, 1846, before Josiah G. Hadley.
16. Regimental order, Sept. 21, 1846, signed by Andrew Beck.
17. Blank permission to enlist form, dated May 1846.

<b>Series/Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b># Items</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>I/1</b>	<b>8: Company orders, oaths, permissions</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1844-1847</b>

**Contents**

1. Wrapper: company proceedings, 1844 [inside contains letter dated April 11, 1837].
2. Permission to enlist, April 17, 1844, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, Andrew Beck.
3. Permission to enlist, April 17, 1844, signed by William R. Nutter.
4. Company order, May 10, 1844, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
5. Oath of allegiance of Phineas D. Hoitt, Rockingham, May 13, 1844, before J. Hamilton Shapley.
6. Regimental order, Sept. 12, 1845, signed by Andrew J. Beck, J. Woodman Moses.
7. Permission to enlist, Sept. 30, 1845, signed by Andrew Beck, Evans Ross.
8. Oath of allegiance of Thomas Tarlton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 23, 1846, before Henry F. Wendell.
9. Appointment to 4<sup>th</sup> sergeant of Thomas Tarlton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 23, 1846, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
10. Permission to enlist, May 10, 1847, signed by A. Beck, Evans Ross.
11. Appointment to 3<sup>rd</sup> sergeant of John J. Marston, May 12, 1847, signed by H.J. Wendell.

**Series II: Financial Records**

<b>II/2</b>	<b>Ledger Book</b>		<b>1833-1842</b>
<b>II/2</b>	<b>Ledger Book</b>		<b>1837-1844</b>
<b>II/2</b>	<b>9: Payment authorizations</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1828-1840</b>
<b>II/2</b>	<b>10: Business matters (misc.)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1833-1844</b>

**Contents**

1. Wrapper: Business appertaining to the Rockingham Guards
2. Names of persons indebted to the Guards in 18[33].
3. Thank you note from RG to innkeepers, the Strafford Guards, and the citizens of Dover for accommodations during the ceremony in honor of the decease of Gen. Lafayette, dated Sept. 6, 1834.

4. Subscription to pay for trimming of uniforms coats, 1840.
5. Permission for 9 men to be discharged from RG, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, May 9, 1843.
6. Unsigned request form to the NH legislature to be convened Nov., 1844, requesting increased compensation for volunteer companies.

**II/2      11: Financial reports      /      Military balls      22      1833-1849**

**Contents**

1. Wrapper: Rockingham Guards, Bill paid 1848
2. Report of Finance Committee, 1833, [prepared by Wm. Upham, Wm. Gookin].
3. Sentiments prepared by the R. Guards on the arrival of the Washington L[ight] Infantry from Boston City in 1834.
4. Sums paid to musicians, May 8, 1834.
5. Notice concerning upcoming military ball, Nov. 18, 1834.
6. Statement of accounts of the Rockingham Guards, 1834.
7. Draft of state law to increase the membership of the First Light Infantry Company, June 1835, signed by Charles Atherton, Speaker, Charles Gove, President of the Senate, and William Badger, Governor.
8. Minutes of meeting to appoint a Military Ball Committee, Oct. 30, 1835.
9. Report of the Military Ball Committee, [Nov.], 1835.
10. Order for discharge from service, fines, and imprisonment of James B. Pray for non-appearance, Nov. 28, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley [copy 1].
11. Order for discharge from service, fines, and imprisonment of James B. Pray for non-appearance, Nov. 28, 1835, signed by Josiah G. Hadley [copy 2].
12. Meeting minutes, April 9, 1839, Josiah G. Hadley, chair, Edw. L. Wendell, Secretary.
13. Treasurer's report, April 12, 1842.
14. Permissions to enlist, Sept. 1, 1842, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, Andrew S. Beck.
15. Oath of allegiance of John P. Somerby, Sept. 13, 1842, before [Luther] A. Hackett.
16. Permissions to enlist, May 10, 1843, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, Andrew S. Beck.
17. Order for discharge from service, and permission to enlist, Sept. 5, 1843, signed by Josiah G. Hadley, Andrew S. Beck.
18. Receipt, Sept. 18, 1848.
19. Report of Investigating Committee to the Finance Committee, Dec. 8, 1848.
20. Treasurer's report, March 2, 1849.
21. Cash received for fines and assessments [n.d.].
22. Membership dues owed to R.G., [n.d.].

<b>Series/Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b># Items</b>	<b>Dates</b>
II/2	12: Receipts / Bills Paid	54	1833-1838
II/2	13: Receipts/ Bills Paid	25	1836-1837
II/2	14: Receipts / Bills Paid	49	1836-1839

II/2	15: Receipts / Bills Paid	47	1837-1841
II/2	16: Receipts / Bills Paid	49	1839-1842
II/2	17: Receipts from Henry F. Wendell	11	1839-1847
II/2	18: Receipts / Bills Paid	24	1841-1849
II/2	19: Bills /receipts: military ball, Nov. 25, 1848	9	1848
II/2	20: Receipts / Bills Paid	18	1848

### **Series III: Military Subscriptions**

<b>III/3</b>	<b>21: Financial reports, subscriptions, orders</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1834-1844</b>
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#### **Contents**

1. Wrapper: "Rockingham Guards Leace [sic] of Armory, Insurance policy, etc."
2. Subscribers to military ball, Nov. 27, 1834.
3. Subscribers to military ball, Nov. 27 [1834] (notation; 55 gentlemen, 80 ladies).
4. Expenses of [military] ball, Nov. 27, 1834.
5. Permission to enlist, Sept. 2, 1836, signed by Isaac Frink.
3. Rockingham Guards in a/c with Josiah G. Hadley, Feb. - Oct., 1836, "rendered by Gen. Hadley".
6. Company order, May 9, 1843, signed by Henry F. Wendell.
7. Company order, Sept. 5, 1844, signed by H.F. Wendell.
8. Company order, Sept. 5, 1844, signed by H.F. Wendell [not a duplicate].

<b>III/3</b>	<b>22: Military subscriptions</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1834-1844</b>
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#### **Contents**

1. Wrapper: Men's subscriptions 1843 & 44.
2. Subscription to pay for social evening and supper at the Harvest Hotel, March 14, 1834.
3. Subscription to pay for military ball to be held Friday, Nov. 20 at Franklin Hall, Nov. 5, 1835.
4. Subscription to pay for military ball to be held Friday, Nov. 20 at Franklin Hall, Nov. 5, 1835 [not a duplicate].
5. Subscription for ball to be held at Franklin Hall, Nov. 20, 1835.
6. Subscription of \$3.00 each to repair the coats of the company, May 5, 1840.
7. Subscription to pay for a new armory "where drill meetings can be held and also social meetings during the winter months", November 1841.
8. Subscription to pay for expenses of serving as escort to the Washington [T.A.] Society in a parade to be held on Feb. 22, 1842, dated Feb 18, 1842.
9. Subscription of \$2.00 each to defray upcoming parade expenses, June 2, 1842.

10. Copy of subscription of \$2.00 each to defray upcoming parade expenses, June 2, 1842.
11. Subscription to pay for Stackpole, 1843.
12. Membership paid list [-] to Boston, June 17, 1843.
13. Subscription of \$.75 each to pay for the visit of the Lynn (Mass.) Mechanick Rifle Company to Portsmouth on Oct. 6, 1843.
14. Subscription to defray the expenses of a hot supper to dedicate the new armory, Feb. 22, 1844.
15. Subscription to pay for visit of Manchester (Mass.) Mechanic Light Infantry to Portsmouth, Thursday, July 28, [n.d.]
16. Subscription to pay for a silver cup with inscription "Our country and our Constitution, Rockingham Guards, J.G. Hadley, Capt., 1834", [n.d.].

<b>Series/Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b># Items</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>III/3</b>	<b>23: Neglect of Duty forms</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1841</b>
	<b>Contents</b>		
	1. Neglect of duty form for non-appearance at inspection of John N. [N-] on May 4, 1841. Unsigned.		
	2-6. Blank forms		
<b>III/3</b>	<b>24: Blank forms</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>--</b>
	<b>Contents</b>		
	1. Oath of allegiance form.		
	2. Discharge from duty request form.		

#### **Series IV: Correspondence**

<b>IV/3</b>	<b>25: Letters</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1834-1846</b>
	<b>Contents</b>		
	1. Wrapper: "Letters etc. relating to [-] 1846, R.G.s.		
	2. From Timothy Paul in Great Falls to Capt. Hadley, May 5, 1834.		
	3. From Peter Sanborn, Deerfield, to Capt. Hadley, July 15, 1834.		
	4. From William A. Upham to RG, April 6, 1835.		
	5. From J.A. [Pilhorn], Portland, to William A. Upham, Nov. 12, 1835.		
	6. From G.C. McDaniel, Barrington, to Capt. Hadley, Nov. 16, 1835.		
	7. [Frank] Burnham, Manchester, to Commander of the RG, Sept. 6, 1841.		
	8. From John [L.] Locke to H.F. Wendell, [April] 17, 1844.		
	9. From Samuel [Rand], Dover, to Henry F. Wendell, June 26, 1844.		
	10. From D.A. Watson, Bradford, Mass., to Commander of the Rockingham Guards, Aug. 9, 1844.		
	11. From E.N. Anderson, Lowell, to Cap[t.] Wendell, Aug 18, 1844.		
	12. From F.J. Coffin, Newburyport, Mass. to Capt. Wendell, Sept. 16, 1844.		
	13. From F.J. Coffin, Newburyport, Mass. to Capt. Wendell, Oct. 19, 1844.		
	14. From [Geo. C. Hill] to Capt. H.F. Wendell, May 26, 1845.		
	15. From Whitton & Kendall, Boston, a bill for military caps, to [A.H. Rowe], June 27, 1846.		

16. [Copy of] letter to Whitton & Kendall, July 2, 1846 [unsigned].
17. From Isaac Lathrop, Boston, to A.H. Rowe, July 2, 1846.
18. Whitton & Kendall, Boston, to Mr. Rowe, July 2, 1846.
19. From A.H. Rowe, to Isaac Lathrop, July 6, 1846.
20. [Reply to above] July 10, 1846
21. From Isaac Lathrop, Boston, to A.H. Rowe, July 7, 1846.
22. From Isaac Lathrop, Boston, to A.H. Rowe, July 1[6], 1846.
23. From Isaac Lathrop, Boston, to A.H. Rowe, July 22, 1846.
24. From Stephen [H.] Chadbourn, Amesbury, Mass. to Capt. Wendell, Aug, 7, 1846.

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1. From Daniel [Mather] to Josiah Hadley, Edward Smith, Wm. P. Gookin, John H. [Morgan], and Wm. A. Upham, Nov. 11, 1835.
2. From John Peavey, Tuftonborough, to Josiah Hadley, Sept.3, 1836.
3. Regimental orders from William A. Upham, Newington, to Josiah G. Hadley, Sept. 7, 1836, [handwritten note appended to printed orders].
4. From Josiah G. Hadley, to Henry F. Wendell, July 28, 1842.
5. From Moses G. Farmer, Dover, to Mr. Bennett, May 9, 1844.
6. From Moses G. farmer, Dover, to Mr. Bennett, May 14, 1844.
7. From Sewall Brown, Seabrook, to H.F. Wendell, June 10, 1844.
8. From Augustus B. [Pingalls], Asa Warren, Thos. Herbert, Lynn, Mass., to Capt. Wendell, June 19, 1844.
9. From N. J. Jackson, Dover, to Henry F. Wendell, June 25, 1844.
10. From John W. Abbott to the Rockingham Guards, July 2, 1844.
11. From Geo. Greenleaf, Boston, to [Messrs.] Beals and Greene, Aug. 16, 1844.
12. From C. G. Greene, Boston, to Geo. Greenleaf, Aug, 17, [1844].
13. From G.B. French, Newmarket, to H.F. Wendell, Feb. 25, 1845.
14. From John B. Nelson, Newburyport, to Capt. Wendell, March 26, 1845.
15. From G.B. Nelson, Newburyport Armory, to H.F. Wendell, April 1, 1845.
16. From G. L. Sanborn, Boston, to the Rockingham Guards, Sept. 6, 1845.

IV/3	27: Letters	8	1840-1844
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1. From J.G. Batchelder, Exeter, NH, [-] 15, 1840, to Mr. Wendell.
2. From N. J. Jackson, Kennebunk, ME. June 30, 1841.
3. From Moses B. Wheeler, chair, Geo. Creasey, clerk, of the "Newbury port [Mass.] artilery company" to RG, Aug 21, 1841.
4. From John E. Abbott to RG, Aug.24, 1841.
5. From Thomas Rand and James L. Bufford to RG, Feb. 17, 1842.
6. From Oliver Frye to RG, Oct. 31, 1842.
7. From Capt. Wm. B. Smith of Strafford Guard, Dover, to Capt. Henry F. Wendell, July 16, 1844.
8. Copy of letter from H. F. Wendell to Capt. William B. Smith, July 20, 1844.

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1. Wrapper: "To the company of Rockingham Guards", [request from Charles H. Rowe to be discharged from the company], April 13, 1841.
2. Wrapper: "Letters received from sundry persons in 1841 & 1842, also copy of letters to sundry persons".
3. From Phillip Currier to the Rockingham Guards, April 5, 1841.
4. From Thomas E. Call to Henry F. Wendell, April 26, 1841.
5. From A. M. Beck to H.F. Wendell, June 28, 1841.
6. From John L. Haines, Great Falls, to Mr. Moses, July 27, 1841.
7. From Nath. J. Jackson, Kennebunk, July 28, 1841.
8. From E. Kendall, Boston, to Mr. Wendell, Aug. 2, 1841.
9. From Jacob A. Allen, Manchester, to J. Woodman Moses, Aug. 13, 1841.
10. From J.A. Allen, Manchester, to Capt. Wendell, Aug. 23, 1841.
11. From Ellingwood Smith, Manchester, to the Rockingham Guards, Sept. 8, 1841.
12. Nath. J. Jackson, Kennebunk, Sept. 15, 1841.
13. From William A. Upham to officers and members of the Newburyport Artillery, Oct. 15, 1841.
14. From Ephraim H. Dennett to the Rockingham Guards, Feb. 14, 1842.
15. From J. Allen and M.B. [---], Manchester, to Henry F. Wendell, May 16, 1842.
16. From J.A. Allen, Manchester, to Mr. Upham, May 28, 1842.
17. From Ezekiel York, Newburyport, to Mr. Upham, May 30, 1842.
18. From Nath. B. Baker, Lewis Downing Jr., Stephen Brown, [---], David Neal of Concord, to the officers of the Rockingham Guard, June 4, 1842.
19. From Henry F. Wendell to the Concord Committee, June 8, 1842.
20. Meeting minutes, Sept. 5, 1842, H. F. Wendell, chair, Wm. A. Upham, Secretary.
21. Meeting minutes, Sept. 19, 1842, H.F. Wendell, chair, H. F. Gerrish, Sec.
22. From Henry F. Wendell to Nath. Dennett, Nov. 7, 1842.
23. From C.C. Smith, Boston, to the Rockingham Guards, June 19, 1843.
24. From H.F. Wendell to C.C. Smith, Boston, June 22, 1843.
25. From C.C. Smith, Boston, to the Rockingham Guards, June 27, 1843.

**Series V: Membership Rolls**

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**Contents**

1. Roll Book, 1837-1844
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**Names of Selected People**

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Allen, J.A.	Greenleaf, George	Peaslee, Charles H.
Anderson, E.N.	Frink, Elias	Peavey, John
Atherton, Charles	Frink, Isaac	Peirce, J.G.
Beck, Andrew J.	Hadley, Josiah G.	Pickering, John
Badger, Gov. William	Haines, John L.	Pickering, J. Warren
Baker, Nathaniel B.	Hall (or Hull), William	Pierce, Charles L.
Batchelder, J.G.	Herbert, Thomas	Pray, James
Brown, Ira	Howard, Charles	Rand, Thomas
Brown, Sewall	Hull (or Hall), William	Ross, Evans
Brown, Stephen	Hoitt, Phineas D.	Rowe, Alexander H.
Bufford, James L.	Hum, Henry H.	Rowe, Theo H.
Buzzell, John	Jackson, N.J.	Sanborn, G.L.
Call, Thomas E.	Lathrop, Isaac	Scheafe, John
Chadbourn, Stephen	Lefavour, James W.	Shapley, J. Hamilton
Cheever, Charles T.	Lefavour, Robert.	Smith, C.C.
Coffin, F.J.	Libby, William F.	Smith, Edward
Cornelius, William	Locke, James	Smith, Ellingwood
Currier, Phillip	Marston, John J.	Smith, William B.
Dennett, Ephraim	McDaniel, G.C.	Somerby, John P.
Dennett, John S.D.	Moran, John A.	Tarlton, Thomas, 2nd
Downing, Jr., Lewis	Moses, J. Woodman	Towle, George
Dudley, John G.	Mullen, F.	Upham, William
Emery, Robert L.	Mullins, [-] B.	Walker, William H.
Farmer, Moses G.	Neal, David	Warren, Asa
French, G.B.	Nelson, John B.	Watson, D.A.
Gerrish, Henry	Norton, Thomas	Wendell, Edmund S
Gerrish, William	Nutter, William R.	Wendell, George T.
Gookin, Sam	Odiorne, James S.	Wendell, Henry F.
Gookin, William	Parker, Benjamin M.	White, John M.
Gove, Charles	Parsons, Thomas	York, Ezekiel

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