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SELECTED MILITARY SERVICE AND PENSION RECORDS
RELATING TO ULYSSES S. GRANT

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Introduction

On the single roll of this microfilm publication, M2035, are reproduced selected military service and pension records relating to Ulysses S. Grant. These records are part of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917, Record Group (RG) 94; Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1917- , RG 407; and Records of the Veterans Administration, RG 15.

Background

Ulysses Simpson Grant, 18th U.S. President and ranking general of the armies of the United States during the Civil War, was born April 27, 1822, at Point Pleasant, OH, and died July 23, 1885, at Mount McGregor, NY. He was baptized Hiram Ulysses Grant, but upon his admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1839, he was registered by the Congressman who had sponsored his appointment as Ulysses Simpson Grant, Simpson being his mother's maiden name. He graduated from West Point 21st in a class of 39 and on July 1, 1843, was brevetted a second lieutenant of infantry. He served under Zachary Taylor in the Mexican War but eventually resigned his commission, July 31, 1854.

After the outbreak of the Civil War, Grant began his second military career as colonel of the 21st Illinois Infantry. After various promotions, he ultimately became commanding general of the army (March 2, 1864-March 4, 1869) and interim secretary of war (August 17, 1867-January 14, 1868). He served two terms as President of the United States, from March 4, 1869, to March 4, 1877. While dying of cancer of the throat, Grant wrote his autobiography, *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*.

Biographies of Grant include Lloyd Lewis, *Captain Sam Grant*; Bruce Catton, *Grant Moves South* and *Grant Takes Command*; and William S. McFeely, *Grant: A Biography*. Brief biographies of Grant appear in *Who Was Who in the Union* by Stewart Sifakis, and *Generals in Blue* by Ezra J. Warner.

Records Description

The records reproduced in this microfilm publication are listed below, along with the number of the record group (RG) in which the record is located.

1. Compiled Military Service Records, Ulysses S. Grant. RG 94.
 - a. 21st Illinois Infantry.
 - b. Union Staff Officers File.

2. Letters Received by the Commission Branch, File Nos. G 154 CB 1863, H 335 CB 1863, H 743 CB 1863, G 273 CB 1863, G 408 CB 1864, G 108 CB 1864, and G 504 CB 1865. RG 94.
3. Letters Received by the Appointment, Commission, and Personal Branch, File No. 4754 ACP 1885. RG 94.
4. 201 File for Ulysses S. Grant, Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office. RG 407.
5. Pension Application Case File, Julia D. Grant, widow Ulysses S. Grant, WC 219,162. RG 15.