

Title: Milwaukee Light Guard Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2574

Inclusive Dates: 1858 – 1867, 1921

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft. total

Location: Sm Mss (000.03 cu. ft.)
OS SM “M” (5 items)

Abstract: The Milwaukee Light Guard was one of several pre-Civil War militia units formed in Milwaukee. It was organized in July 1855 and was comprised entirely of native-born Americans. During the Civil War, it became Company A, 1st Wisconsin Infantry.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a blank form notifying a prospective member of his election to Milwaukee Light Guard, Company B (1858); three blank membership certificates; and in oversize two copies of “The Light Guards Quickstep” composed by H. N. Hempsted (1859); two copies of “Milwaukee Light Guard Quickstep, Arranged for Four Hands” composed by Hempsted (1867); a copy of the “Milwaukee Light Guard Quick Step” published for the City of Milwaukee Diamond Jubilee (1921); and in oversize a card of thanks adopted at a meeting of the Milwaukee Light Guard for the courtesies shown during a trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan (June 30, 1859). Also includes Martin K. Gordon’s undated article “The Ethnic Militia of Early Milwaukee,” published in *Imprint on the Nation: Stories Reflecting the National Guard’s Impact on a Changing Nation*.

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