



Robert M. Storman Collection  
of American Revolutionary War  
and Civil War Materials,  
1748–

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The collection has a multi-purpose mission: to help better understand the sacrifices and lives of those who fought to establish and preserve our great nation, to preserve and assist in the study of actual documents and artifacts that bear witness to our history, and to help comprehend how the actions and battles of long ago affect not only our lives today, but also our future.

“Through every dead and living thing  
Time runs like a fuse  
And the fuse is burning  
And the earth is turning”

- Jackson Browne

The Robert M. Storman Collection of American Revolutionary War and Civil War Materials, 1748– .  
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The collection includes artifacts (a fascine knife, a Patter Sea Service Pistol, a powder horn, a soldier's document box, a presentation musket, and Civil War battlefield relics), indentures, military documents, printed materials and publications, photographs, and biographical information regarding Robert M. Storman.

***Note: permission of the university archivist needed to use this collection.***

### **Series I: Artifacts**

#### Box 1

<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
c.1756	Patter Sea Service Pistol. Pistol bears engravings of a King George II emblem, a sign of the British military, and the word "Tower," indicating that the pistol was made at the Tower of London. Note: silver line on hammer indicates that the hammer is not the original. (For information about this artifact, see page 40 of Troiani's <i>Soldiers of the American Revolution</i> , in Box 1, Folder 2.)
c. 1776	Fascine knife. Also known as "Bill Hooks," these sharp engineering tools were used to cut light brush and growth. Found in numerous quantities at many military encampment sites, it is likely that they were also used as common camp implements.
c. 1776	Powder horn. Horn is inscribed with the letters "J.W.M."
c. 1776	Soldier's document box. This small document box, which is made of wood, has a paper lining and a leather covering.
1835	Presentation musket. Includes an eagle embellished brass plate with an inscription that reads: "Presented to Sergeant William Bearns, August 3, 1835."

See: Storage container 1, storage tube 2

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1861-1865	Civil war battlefield relics, Richmond, VA. The relics, which are housed in a display frame, include a .58 cal. musket ball, a buckle, a harmonica reed, a rivet, back pack hooks, a minié ball, a Spencer casing, a spoon, and cannonball grapeshot.  (For information about the minié ball, see page 43 of <i>Complete Handbook of Rifles and Small Arms</i> , in Box 1, Folder 2.)

**Series II: Indentures**Box 2

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
	1748	Indenture. "This indenture made the third day of February in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight."  Separated to red dolly in rm. 033

**Series III: Military documents**Box 2

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
1	1782	Pay-Table-Office order. This order called for the payment of twenty-one pounds and four pence to Private Remembrance Filley, this "being the Balance found due to him for service in the Continental Army in the year 1780." Private Filley was a member of one of the five companies from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Connecticut Regiment that went to Virginia with Lafayette and played a key role in the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

#### **Series IV: Printed Materials and publications**

<u>Box 2</u> <u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
	1862	<i>Harper's Weekly: A Journal of Civilization</i> . See p.788 for illustration titled "General Banks's Expedition - Encampment of Troops on the Union Course, Long Island, New York." See p. 791 for brief article about General Banks's expedition. See: Oversize Box 3, Folder 1
	1884	<i>Daily Local News</i> . West Chester, PA. See: Oversize Box 3, Folder 2
2	1993	Fact sheet, Battle of Fredericksburg, Action at the Stone Wall, December 13, 1862
3	2004	<i>Complete Handbook of Rifles and Small Arms</i>
4	2007	Troiani, Don. <i>Soldiers of the American Revolution</i> . Stackpole Books (See page 40 for information about Patter Sea Service Pistol in Box 1.)

#### **Series V: Robert M. Storman photographs and biographical information**

<u>Box 2</u> <u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
5	2001	Portrait (5"x 7") of Robert M. Storman dressed as a 1777 Pennsylvania militiaman. The black ribbon on the hat signifies "pre-French alliance," while the white feather indicates that the soldier was a continental militiaman. (A white piece of cloth was sometimes used instead of the feather.) Note: the rope on the hat is actually a wick.
6	2004	Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Robert M. Storman by Widener University Army ROTC.

## Material re: Sir John Franklin and his lost polar expedition

### Box 2

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
	1848	<i>The Illustrated London News</i> . See p. 318 for article re: expedition in search for Sir John Franklin See: Oversize Box 3, Folder 3
7	2000	<i>Ice Blink: The Tragic Fate of Sir John Franklin's Lost Polar Expedition</i> by Scott Cookman

### Oversize material

### Box 3

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1	1862	<i>Harper's Weekly: A Journal of Civilization</i> . See p.788 for illustration titled "General Banks's Expedition -Encampment of Troops on the Union Course, Long Island, New York." See p. 791 for brief article about General Banks's expedition.
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