

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

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# IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER STORMAN

1916-1968

# A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER ON LONG ISLAND

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 - .
9.0 cubic ft.

The collection includes artifacts (fascine knife, Patter Sea Service Pistol, powder horn, soldier's document box, presentation musket, single shot longarm gun, Model 1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket, Smith & Wesson short revolver, and Civil War battlefield relics); indentures; military documents; printed materials; newspapers and clippings; books; magazines; photographs; and biographical information, including a scrapbook, regarding Robert M. Storman.

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

# **Series I: Artifacts**

Box	1

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<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 p. 220 of the Collector's	
	Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution, in Box 4, and	
	Troiani's Soldiers of the American Revolution, p. 40, in Box 8.	
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.	
	For additional information, see Collector's Illustrated	
	Encyclopedia of the American Revolution, p.118, in Box 4.	
c. 1776	Powder horn. Horn is inscribed with the letters "J.W.M."	

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c. 1776	Soldier's document box. This small document box, which is made		
	of wood, has a paper lining and a leather covering.		
	For additional information, see Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia		
	of the American Revolution, p.81, in Box 4.		
18th century	Single shot longarm gun with snaphance lock.		
	See: Storman Collection Storage Tube 1		
1811	Model 1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket, 1811		
	See: Storman Collection Storage Tube 1		
	For additional information, see Flayderman's Guide To American		
	Firearms, pp. 429-430, in Box 5. (Note: According to Flayderman's,		
	the Model 1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket referenced above is a		
	Type III. For additional information about muskets, see pp. 454-455.)		
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		
1856	Pre-Civil war currency, five dollar note, Planters Bank of Fairfield,		
	South Carolina. (Framed) Note: graphics show Overseer on		
	horseback with whip and slaves picking cotton.		
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 pp. 43-44 of Complete		
	Handbook of Rifles and Small Arms, in Box 3)		
1862; 1864	Confederate currency – one hundred dollar bill (circulated – see stamp		
	on back); one dollar bill (uncirculated)		

See: Box 2, Folder 1

### **Series I: Artifacts**

Box 1

<u>Inclusive dates</u> <u>Description/Title</u>

Smith & Wesson Model 1, Second Issue, .22 rimfire short revolver

For additional information about this model, see *American* 

Handgunner article "Just Do It: Shooting the S&W Model 1,"

Box 2, Folder 5

# Series II: Correspondence

Box 2

Folder Inclusive dates Description/Title

2 1830 Letter of introduction written on behalf of James Thorn,

regarding a claim he wished to make against the

government. The claim concerned contracts to supply the

army during the War of 1812.

# **Series III: Military documents**

3 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, newspapers and clippings

Box 2		
<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	Description/Title
	1795	Dunlap and Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser
		Note: This paper was originally known as the
		Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser, which was the
		first daily newspaper published in the United States.
		See: Oversized Box 9, Folder 1
	1848	The Illustrated London News. See p. 318 for article
		re: expedition in search for Sir John Franklin
		See: Oversized Box 9, Folder 2
	1862	Harper's Weekly: A Journal of Civilization. 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 pp. 792-793 for a series of
		illustrations titled "THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC—
		AT AND ON THE WAY TO FREDERICKSBURG."
		Descriptions of the sketches can be found on p.794.
		See: Oversized Box 9, Folder 3
	1884	Daily Local News. West Chester, PA.
		See: Oversize Box 9, Folder 4
4	1993	Fact sheet, Battle of Fredericksburg, Action at the Stone
		Wall, December 13, 1862
5	May/June 2003	Magazine article, "Just Do It: Shooting the S&W Model 1,"
		American Handgunner

Series V: Robert M. Storman photographs and biographical information

<u>Box 2</u>		
<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Description/Title</u>
6	Oct. 1976	Household & Personal Products Industry
		(HAPPI) magazine. Contains article about Chromex
		Chemical Corp. Includes photo of and quotes from
		marketing v.p. Robert M. Storman. Page 52.
7	1993	Cover (Close-Out Variety Merchandise Editorial Report).
		Contains article about Robert M. Storman titled "Good
		Move for the Man Who Moves Goods"
	1999-2004	Scrapbook containing materials re: Robert M. Storman's
		Revolutionary War education programs
		See: Oversized, Box 10
8	2000	News clipping featuring a picture of Brandywine
		Battlefield volunteer Robert M. Storman
9	Jun. 2001	Military Heritage, Volume 2, Number 6. (See p. 8 for
		Robert Storman's letter to the editor re: Patrick Ferguson)
10	Summer 2001	Battlefield Broadside, Newsletter of the Brandywine
		Battlefield Park Associates. Contains "Battle Brief" titled
		"Expressions of Today Began with Weapons and Tools of
		Yesterday" by Robert M. Storman.
11	2001, [c.2001]	Photographs (2 - 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.
12		Photographs (2 - 4" x 6") of the Birmingham Friend's
		Meeting House. Erected in 1763, it was used as a hospital
		after the Battle of Brandywine.

Series V: Robert M. Storman photographs and biographical information

Box 2		
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13	2003	Commemorative program, 225th Anniversary of the
		Battle of Monmouth, June 27, 1778
14	2004	Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Robert M. Storman
		by Widener University Army ROTC.

## **Series VI: Books and magazines**

Note: Box dimensions (listed in parentheses after box numbers) in this series are given as Height x Width x Depth.

Ice Blink: The Tragic Fate of Sir John Franklin's Lost Polar Expedition, 2000

Our Sacred Honor, 1997

Complete Handbook of Rifles and Small Arms, 2004

American History, June 2008, Vol. 43, No. 2

Civil War, The, 1989. Written by Geoffrey C. Ward, Ric Burns, and Ken Burns.

Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution, 1997

See p. 81 for information re: document boxes; see p. 118 for information re: fascine knives; and see p. 220 for information re: British pistols.

The Faces of Manassas: Rare Photographs of Soldiers Who Fought at Bull Run, 1998

Flayderman's Guide To American Firearms, 1998

For information about the Model 1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket, see pp. 429-430; for additional information about muskets, see pp. 454-455. (Note: According to *Flayderman's*, the Model 1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket in Storman Collection Storage Tube 1 is a Type III.)

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Frontier Rifleman, The, 1989

Great Battles of the Civil War, 1984. By the editors of Civil War Times Illustrated.

History Magazine, Oct. 1999-Sept. 2000, Vol. 1, Number 1

History Magazine, Oct. 2000-Sept. 2001, Vol. 2

History Magazine, Oct. 2001-Sept. 2002, Vol. 3, Number 1

History Magazine, Oct. 2002-Sept. 2003, Vol. 4, Number 1

History Magazine, February / March 2005, Volume 6, Number 3

Quarterly Journal of Military History, The, Aug. 2009

*Revolutionaries, The,* 1996. Part of The American Story series by the editors of Time-Life Books. *Soldiers of the American Revolution,* 2007.

(See page 40 for information about Patter Sea Service Pistol in Box 1.)

Weapons: An International Encyclopedia from 5000 B.C. to 2000 A.D., Updated Edition, 1990 (See pp. 114-119 for information re: muzzle-loading small arms and single-shot muzzle-loading longarms)

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# **Series VII: Other**

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."

See red dolly in rm. 033

# **Series VII: Other**

Fraternal Masonic sword and sheath of Bertram O. Drover, c.1920

Drover was a member of several Masonic lodges in Massachusetts, including Mount Olivet, in 1923; Somerville, in 1924; and Cambridge Commandery No. 42, where he was dubbed a "Sir Knight" on November 24, 1925. Note: the sword was manufactured by the Ames Sword Company of Chicopee, MA.

See: Storage container 1, storage tube 3