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**Inventory of the Irish Volunteers  
Company Records, 1798-1929**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Irish Volunteers Company records
<b>Date(s)</b>	1798-1929
<b>Creator:</b>	Irish Volunteers Company (Charleston, S.C.)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Organized in Charleston, South Carolina about 1798, the Irish Volunteers Company was first on active service in the War of 1812 where they served on patrol and constructed defenses. This collection contains typescript copies of "The History of the Irish Volunteers Company" (1798-1836) and minutes from organizational meetings from 1884-1901 and 1915-1929. They were transcribed during a Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) project from 1935 to 1937.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 linear feet (1 slim document box)
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English

## Biographical Note

Organized in Charleston, South Carolina about 1798. The Irish Volunteers included many prominent members of the Hibernian Society who served as officers. Originally part of the 28th Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, the Irish Volunteers Company was first on active service in the War of 1812 where they served on patrol and constructed defenses. The Irish Volunteers supported Nullification in 1832 and served in the Seminole War (1836) and the Mexican War. During the American Civil War the Irish Volunteers became Company K, First Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers of the Confederate States of America Army under command of Captain W.H. Ryan.

In 1916 the unit was called upon to patrol the Mexican border from attacks by Pancho Villa. During World War I the unit became the 105th Ammunition Train. Following the war the Irish Volunteers was maintained as a veterans' social organization.

## Collection Overview

Records include two typescript copies (original and carbon) of the "The History of the Irish Volunteers Company" (from 1798-1836) by F.M. Salley copied from the original by Agnes P. Lyons, and a typescript copy of minutes (1884-1901, 1915-1929) of the Irish Volunteers copied by Elise Thompson and Frederica B. Keller. Both manuscripts were copied during 1935-1937 Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) projects. Minutes include the names of elected officers, financial reports, resolutions, names of committee members, and annual reports.

## Collection Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Related Material

Related material in Special Collections includes the pamphlet, "The Irish Volunteers memorial meeting and Military Hall festival" (E577.4.I68).

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

Irish Volunteers Company (Charleston, S.C.)--History  
Irish Volunteers Company (Charleston, S.C.)--Records and correspondence  
South Carolina. Militia. Regiment, 28th  
United States. Works Progress Administration

### Subjects

Military service, Voluntary--South Carolina--Charleston

### Places

South Carolina--History--1775-1865

### Types of Material

Minutes  
Typescripts

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Irish Volunteers Company records, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

## **Custodial History**

When copied for the W.P.A. project, the Salley manuscript was in the possession of Dr. W. Cyril O'Driscoll of Charleston, South Carolina and the original minutes were in the possession of Matthew A. Condon.

## **Alternate Form of Materials**

Digital reproduction available online in the **Lowcountry Digital Library**.

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Special Collections staff.

Encoded by Gillian Cote, December 2012.

Reviewed, edited, and uploaded by Martha McTear, February 2013.

## Inventory

Box 1 Folder 1	"The History of the Irish Volunteers Company" by F.M. Salley, 1798-1836 Copied by Agnes P. Lyons.
Box 1 Folder 2	"The History of the Irish Volunteers Company" by F.M. Salley, 1798-1836 Carbon copy. Copied by Agnes P. Lyons.
Box 1 Folder 3	Minutes, 1884 March 3-1901 July 1 Copied by Mrs. Elise Thompson.
Box 1 Folder 4	Minutes, 1884 March 3-1901 July 1 Duplicate copy. Copied by Mrs. Elise Thompson.
Box 1 Folder 5	Minutes, 1915 January 22-1917 June 11, 1929 May 14 Copied by Frederica B. Keller.
Box 1 Folder 6	Minutes, 1915 January 22-1917 June 11, 1929 May 14 Duplicate copy. Copied by Frederica B. Keller.