



**Records of Charleston Light Dragoons, 1835-1948.  
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Containers 11/510-512**

**Creator:** Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, 4th. Company K.

**Description:** 1.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Military organization of Charleston, South Carolina. The Dragoons were formally chartered in 1733 but may have been organized as early as 1706 when a combined French and Spanish fleet attacked Charleston (S.C.) from Florida. Before the American Revolution the unit was called the Charleston Horse Guards and during the Revolution was made up of several companies. Sometime after the Revolution the name was changed to Charleston Light Dragoons. During the War of 1812, three companies were mustered but did not see action. In 1861, the unit enlisted in the Confederate States of America Army and served until Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army disbanded in North Carolina. In 1914 the Dragoons were sent to Mexico during a border dispute with Pancho Villa. The unit last saw military action during World War I when they were a headquarters unit in the 30th Old Hickory Division in France. After World War I the unit was officially disbanded but held reunions until the late 1940s.

**Scope and Content:** The records include minutes of meetings (5 volumes : 1835-1858, 1875-1895, 1916-1920), a copy of the unit's revised constitution (1844), a volume of members' accounts (1841-1848) for dues and fines, the treasurer's day book (1893-1910), roll books (1903, 1911-1916), a renewal of charter (1908), records (1888-1892) for tilting tournaments which took place at Pleasure Grove plantation and the Race Course, reports (1898) of the Shirrtail Committee, and miscellaneous lists including a list (1864) of members killed, wounded and missing of Company K, 4th S.C. Cavalry, Butler's Brigade, and membership lists (1879-1880, 1916-1919).

The volume containing the unit's revised constitution (1844) also includes the signatures of members between 1836 and 1861 and at the back of the volume is a list of members' "difficulties" for such offenses as getting married or being thrown from a horse.

Also included is the scrapbook and other items (1916-1917) of the Ladies Association of the Charleston Light Dragoons and clippings, letters, and other material concerning reunions in 1941 and 1948.

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## Collection Inventory:

### Box 11/510

- 11/510/1 Charleston Light Dragoons papers (1844-1861): Charleston Light Dragoons constitution (1844), members signing the constitution, members joining the organizations, listing of member "difficulties"
- 11/510/2 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: Treasurers' accounts (1841-1858)
- 11/510/3 Charleston Light Dragoons treasurers' account book (1893-1910)
- 11/510/4 Charleston Light Dragoons book of minutes (1835-1848)
- 11/510/5 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: proceedings/minutes (1848-1858)

### Box 11/511

- 11/511/1 Charleston Light Dragoons book of minutes (1875-1891)
- 11/511/2 Charleston Light Dragoons book of minutes (1891-1895)
- 11/511/3 Charleston Light Dragoons book of minutes (1916-1920)
- 11/511/4 Charleston Light Dragoons roll book (1903)

### Box 11/512

- 11/512/1 Charleston Light Dragoons roll book (1911-1916)
- 11/512/2 Charleston Light Dragoons tilt tournament record book (1888-1892)
- 11/512/3 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: member lists (1864, 1879-1880, & 1916-1919)
- 11/512/4 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: duty roster (1919), letter from war department recognizing Charleston Light Dragoons for active duty (1916), passenger list/Brest, France/headquarters troop/30th Div./WWI
- 11/512/5 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: 2 reports of the Shirt Tail Committee (1898)
- 11/512/6 Miscellaneous
- 11/512/7 Charleston Light Dragoons ladies association book of minutes (1916-1917), constitution of the Woman's Auxilliary Association of the Charleston Light Dragoons, misc. letters
- 11/512/8 Charleston Light Dragoons book of reunion registration (1941)
- 11/512/9 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: reunion lists, letters, etc. (1941-1948)
- 11/512/10 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: reunion lists, letters, copies of newspaper clippings and some photos (1941-1948)
- 11/512/11 Charleston Light Dragoons papers: reunion lists, letters, copies of newspaper clippings and one photo (1941-1948)
- 11/512/11-A Charleston Light Dragoons original newspaper clippings