



NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES COLLECTION GUIDE

Record Group:	Department of Institutions and Agencies
Subgroup:	New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers
Series:	Case Files [Incomplete], ca. 1866-1920s
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Access Note

Patient information contained in this series is confidential as per NJSA 30:4-24.3, which reads in part: "All certificates, applications records, and reports made pursuant to the provisions of Title 30 of the *Revised Statutes* and directly or indirectly identifying any individual presently or formerly receiving services in a non correctional institution under Title 30 or the *Revised Statutes*, or for whom services in a non correctional institution shall be sought under this act shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by any person ..."

Institutional History

The New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers was established under the direction of Governor Marcus L. Ward in 1865 by *An Act to authorize the establishment of a Home for Disabled Soldiers*. The institution was modeled after Louis XIV's "Hotel des Invalides" (according to the Home's first annual report), and opened on 4 July 1866 to all soldiers who served New Jersey and were disabled by wounds, or who had served thirty years and received a pension. In 1867, admission was also opened to soldiers who were not residents of the state when they enlisted, but had been disabled while serving in New Jersey (see *A supplement to "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Home for Disabled Soldiers"*). The supplemental legislation also provided for temporary admittance of state residents whose disability was incurred subsequent to service, and to out-of-state soldiers who were in distress. In 1903, *An Act relating to admission to the Home for Disabled Soldiers* also enabled widows, whose husbands would have been eligible for admittance, to be granted admission.

Content Note

These case files relate to veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I. The files vary greatly in content, but often contain the following types of documents: applications for admission, discharge papers, death notices, correspondence, and wills. In many cases, the documents record the names and addresses of next-of-kin, in addition to information on the veteran. The series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the resident. Following the box contents list below, the files are listed individually. In cases where there was more than one file under a particular name, additional information has provided relative to military service.

NOTE: It is known that probably 4-5 cubic feet of case files were lost prior to the transfer of this series to the State Archives. This material was apparently lost after the files were removed from file cabinets and placed in boxes. Because the files were completely jumbled at the time of boxing, sections are missing throughout the entire alphabet. The following large sections of the alphabet are clearly missing (except for a few items which had been misfiled): the end of the K's, all of the L's, some of the Mac's, all of the Mc's, the beginning of the Van's.

Box List

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<u>1 - 25</u>	Abbot - Frick
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<u>51-74</u>	Probert - Zitzow

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