

## Military Category – Finley Cummings Collection

The Cummings collection ranges between the years of 1862 until 1904, with roughly half of the material dating from the Civil War. There are no materials between the years of 1866 and 1880. The collection consists of 20 folders in one Hollinger box, divided into two series.

Series 1: Service and Pension Papers

Series 2: Official War Department Orders and Forms

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

### Scope and Content Note

The Cummings Collection is divided almost equally between the personal papers of Findley O. Cummings that describe his military service, promotions, and post-war pension difficulties and papers generated during the war in the course of discharging his duties as Assistant Adjutant General.

Series 1 consists of eleven folders, beginning in Folder One with a hand-written account of his military service, probably written in 1904, and ending in Folder Eleven with a resolution from the Wide-Awake Club upon the death of Findley's brother, Wilbur, with whom Findley served from October 22, 1863 to September 23, 1864 in Co. I of the 44<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Of special interest is the letter from Brvt. Brigade General Edwin L. Mason on the occasion of Cummings mustering out commending the later for exemplary service. The series also includes Cummings continued attempts to receive the pay and other compensation due him from his service.

Series 2 consists of official reports on standard forms generated by Cummings in the course of discharging his responsibilities as Adjutant General.

### Box and Folder Listing

| <u>Series</u> | <u>File</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|---------------|-------------|--|
| 1             | 1           | Self written letter explaining the history of Cummings' service 1904 |
|               | 2           | Cummings commission as Assistant Adjutant General 1865 & 1866        |
|               | 3           | Discharge papers 1865 & 1880   |
|               | 4           | Letters proving Cummings enlistment 1889                             |
|               | 5           | Letters of payment to Finley Cummings 1866                           |
|               | 6           | Letter requesting certificate of service for Cummings 1885           |
|               | 7           | Letters from the Pension and Claim Agent 1889                        |
|               | 8           | Letter from the war department 1889                                  |
|               | 9           | Cummings letter to claim 225 for loss of house while in service 1891 |
|               | 10          | Notification of allowance to Cummings 1894                           |

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