

List of Files in “Records of Disallowed Claims of Laundresses, ca. 1853-1920”

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This series contains 180 files, arranged alphabetically by surname of laundress. The list below includes the person’s name and date span of the records. If the records were submitted in support of work during an earlier period of time, such as during the American Civil War, that date span is also indicated.

Additional information about each file, including names of clients who failed to pay the laundresses, is provided in NARA’s catalog at <<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/2591963>>.

Abbott, Hannah L., 1866
Ackley, Adelia G., 1885-87
Alford, Mary, 1878, for 1864-65, 1st North Carolina Infantry, hospital at Beaufort, NC
Armbruster, S. E., 1871-74
Arnold, Sophie, 1876-77
Ashman (or Ashmann), later Elizabeth White, 1869-70, for 1863, 1st U.S.C.T. hospital
Austin, Adelia, 1853-54, for 1846-48
Bane, Frances, 1872-73
Barr, Ann, 1871-72
Barrett, Mary, 1875-76
Belknap, Mary A., 1887, for 1855-56, Rogue River War
Blenck, Eliza, 1862-64
Block, Anna A., 1879
Boizard, E. M. 1862, Newport Barracks, KY, for man transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry
Breen, Mary C., 1871-72
Bridgeman, Mrs. Charles, 1868-78
Brown, Catherine, 1872
Brown, Evelena, 1860-63
Bulger, Mary, 1876-77
Burbank, S., 1862. This file contains correspondence submitted by Lieutenant Colonel S. Burbank, 13th U.S. Infantry, Newport Barracks, Kentucky, in support of claims by laundresses Catherine Reahl [Raehl], Kathrine Lang, Johane Pfannermiller, Mary Swarde [Swade], Selina W. Holt, Mary Leary, Carolina Greuble [Katharina Grubel], Augusta

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Hammerle, Frances [Fanny] Yagier, and Priscilla Michaels, for work done for men who had been transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry. Most of these women also have separate files in this series. Some of these women’s names are spelled differently in their own files.

Burke, Bridget, 1867-68.
Byron, Elizabeth E., 1866
Call, Caroline, 1870-72
Campbell, Mary, 1865, 14th VRC
Cardwell, Harriet Cox, 1888, for 1863-64, Co. G, 9th Kansas Cavalry
Casey, Johanna, 1862-63, 98th NY
Churchill, Charlotte, 1892, for 1863, Desmarres Hospital, Washington, DC
Clark, Martha, 1862-69
Cole, Rebecca, 1863-64, California
Conelly, Alice, 1874-75
Connolly, Mary, 1878-80
Cooly, Lu, 1864-1922
Cook, Mary, 1873
Costello, Margaret, 1874
Coulter, Winnifred, 1874-76, also mentioned in file of Delia McMillan
Cox, Catherine, 1853-72
Crandall, Mary E., 1879-80
Cullen, Bridget, 1870-71
Curren, Margaret, 1874
Danger, Mrs. Thomas, 1870-78
Davis, Eliza, 1887-88, for 1862, Co. B, 1st U.S.C.T.
Davis, Elizabeth, 1887-88, wounded in 1861, 4th Michigan Infantry
Davis, Judith, 1878-80
Day, Nancy, 1875-76, for 1863-65, 1st Louisiana Infantry
Derwin, Catherine, 1869-70
Dillon, Martha, 1878-80
Doolan, Bridget, 1875
Dougherty, Jane, 1869
Duffy, Mrs. John, 1867-78
Dunham, Augusta E., 1863, Fort Stevens, Washington
Dunn, Hannah, 1871-72
Ellis, Helen, 1872
Engle, Wilhelmina, 1863-64, 8th U.S. Infantry
Fallon, Mary, 1871
Farrell, Bridget, 1861-63, 8th U.S. Infantry
Farrell, Margaret, 1876-77
Fawkner, Rosanna, 1872
Ferguson, Elizabeth, 1878-80

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Fink, Laura, 1873
Fink, Maria, 1873
Flannagan, Mrs. James, 1879-81
Flumoie, Mrs., 1870-78
Flynn, Annie, 1874-78
Flynn, Ellen, 1874-78
Ford, Caroline, 1868
Ford, Lucinda, 1874-75 for 1861-62, U.S. Hospital near Benedict, Charles Co., Maryland, also mentions Emily Jane Proctor and Victoria Ann Gatewood
Fox, Mary, 1867
Frazier, Fannie, 1866-68, for 1862-63, Hospital 14, Nashville, Tennessee
Gale, Margaret, 1874
Galvin, Susan, 1874
Garland, Mary, 1871
Gatewood, Victoria Ann, 1874-75, for 1861-62, U.S. Hospital near Benedict, Charles Co., Maryland
Gill, Catherine, 1872
Gilman, Trophana, 1866, for 1861-62, 31st Ohio Infantry
Glynn, Bridget, 1871-72
Green, Sarah, 1866-68, for 3 months in 1863 at Hospital 14, Nashville, Tennessee
Greenway, Agnes, 1865-66, Co. D, 5th NY Infantry
Grubel, Katharina 1862-63 [Carolina Greubel], Newport Barracks, KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry, 1861.
Hall, Mary A., and Mary Burgner (or Bergnar) 1865, Capt. Young’s Independent Battery G, Pennsylvania Volunteers
Hammerle, Augusta, 1862-63, for 1861, Newport Barracks, KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry
Handley, Catharine, 1872-73, and tailor Michael Kannalln, Taylor Barracks, KY, 1872
Handlon, Ellen, 1865-67, D, 5th NY Heavy Artillery
Haskins, Mary, 1881-82
Hawkins, Mary E., 1875-76, file no. 1
Hawkins, Mary E., 1876-77, file no. 2
Hazzard, Emma E., now Madison, 1890, for 1864-65, Co. A, 5th Massachusetts Cavalry
Herrin, Mary, 1872-74
Hickey, Ellen, 1873-74
Hines, Catherine, 1873; also Maria Fink and Ann Maroney (allowed)
Hinze, Henrietta, 1870-71 for 1863, 1st New York Cavalry in hospitals
Holt, Selina W., 1862, for 1861, Newport Barracks KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry
Hunt, Margaret, 1868-69
Hyland, Mary, 1865-66, Co. C, 5th NY Artillery

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Jones, Harriet, 1873
Kemptner, Catharine, 1862, Co. E, 28th Ohio Infantry.
Killinger, Minnia, Texas, 1869
Lamb, Mary, 1880-81, mentions laundress Susan Ritzheimer
Leary, Mary, 1862, for 1861, Newport Barracks, KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry
Lee, Mary Ann, 1865, for 1863-64, 11th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery (earlier (when she was working) 14th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery)
Lovejoy, John R., 1868-69
Mackin, Bridget, 1871-72
Marble, Mary, 1866-68, for 1865, 1st California Infantry
Marlowe, Bridget, 1885, for 1847-49, 9th Connecticut Infantry, War with Mexico
Marr, Mary, 1874
McAlpin, Mary, 1870
McCarthy, Mrs., 1870-78
McCarthy, Mary Ann, 1878-81
McCormack, Kate, 1871-72
McDonald, Catharine, 1867-68, for VRC at Camp Berry, Maine, 1863-64
McGeary, Bridget, 1867-68
McGill, Eliza, 1895-1920, for 1863 to 1866, for Co. H, 49th U.S.C.T., also mentions Eliza Galasper
McGuffin, Mary, 1880
McHale, Mary A., 1872-73
McKee, Eliza, 1873-74
McLennon, Mary, 1861-62, 7th U.S. Infantry, in Missouri
McLindon, Mary Jane, 1875
McMillan, Delia, 1873, also mentions Winnifred Coulter
McMinn, Mary, 1872
Michaels, Priscilla, 1862-63, Newport Barracks, KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry.
Milow, Mathilda, 1872-73
Molloy, Sarah, 1871-72
Moroney, Catharine, 1861-64, for 1858-59 at Camp Floyd, Utah Territory
Mullaney, Mary, 1865-67, 5th New York Artillery
Murphy, Mrs., 1871-72
Murphy, Catherine, 1863, Fort Union, NM, 7th U.S. Infantry
Myrick, Anna, 1879-80
Nickens, Elizabeth, 1886
Notmeyer, Nelie, 1872
O’Brien, Ann, 1888, for 1862-64, 5th New York Artillery
O’Connors, Alice, 1874

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O’Neil, Margaret, 1878-81
Ortlepp, Mary, 1869
O’Shea, Mary Jane, 1871-72
Ostermayer, Margaret, 1862, Newport Barracks, KY, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry, from 13th U.S.
Page, Julia, 1872-73. Private McCormick Lyon, a deserter, owed the government more at the date of desertion than he was owed by the U.S. Therefore, Mrs. Page was not paid, even though there was evidence of the debt.
Peterson, Mary Jane, 1871-72
Plunkett, Elizabeth, 1876-77
Porter, Grace, 1860, Camp Floyd, Utah Territory.
Potts, Leah C., 1863, Co. E, 4th Kentucky Infantry, Aug. 1861-June 1862, washerwoman/laundress and cook
Powers, Margaret, 1872-73
Proctor, Emily Jane, Nov. 1861-Apr. 1862, at Hospital near Benedict, Charles Co., MD
Pulsky, Anne, 1869-71
Quain, Ann, 1879
Raehl, Katharina, 1862-63, Newport Barracks, Kentucky, for men transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry
Ransom, Mary, 1884
Reed, Mary J., 1876-86, for 1861-63, hospital at mouth of Salt River, Kentucky, for 9th Michigan Infantry
Richards, Mrs., 1859, Fort Terwah, California
Ritzheimer, Susan, 1865-80, Crittenden Barracks, KY, 2nd U.S. Infantry. See also file of Mary Lamb.
Ross, S. A., 1888, for 1880
Sanderson, Mary H., 1879-80, for 1861-62, Co. E, 2nd Michigan Infantry
Saums, Lavina, 1889, for Co. K, 2nd Iowa – likely Civil War, but no details.
Schacht, Anna, 1874
Schmidt, Mary, 1870-72
Scott, Maria, 1874-78
Scullen, Isabella, 1862, 6th U.S. Cavalry
Sheldon, Augusta, 1871-72
Sloan, E., 1874-78
Smith, Margaret, 1871-72
Smith, Mary, 1870
Smith, Mary A., 1871-78
Smith, Sarah (8th U.S. Cavalry), 1876-77
Smith, Sarah (18th U.S. Infantry), 1872-73
Stafford, Elizabeth, 1865-78, for Co. I, 1st Washington Territory Infantry
Stone, Adelia, 1883-89, for 1863-65, for Co. F, 21st New York Infantry

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Straus, Gabriel, 1869 (man)

Swade, Mary, 1862-63, Newport Barracks, KY, for 1861, for man transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry

Thompson, Maggie, 1879-80

Toohey, Eliza, 1875

Vickers, Ellen, 1864-66, for a private in Major Benton’s Co. of Ordnance.

Ward, Julia Ann, 1865, Co. I, 2nd DC Infantry

Warner, Lizzie, 1873

Watson, Frances, 1888-89, for 1863-64, 13th West Virginia Infantry

Webb, Anita, 1881-82

Wilcurson, Louiser, 1890, for 1863-65, hospital at Yorktown, Virginia, for 4th U.S.C.T.

Wilkinson, Martha A., 1882, for 1863-64, for Co. F, 8th Kansas Infantry

Williams, Ellen, 1878-80

Wright, Eva, 1876-77, file no. 1

Wright, Eva, 1881, file no. 2

Wunder, Mary, 1862-63, 31st New York Infantry

Yagier, Fanny, 1862, for 1861, Newport Barracks, KY, for man transferred to Co. F, 8th U.S. Infantry