

The Union League Legacy Foundation

About the Collections

Over the past 150 years, The Union League of Philadelphia amassed important collections of art, archives, manuscripts, books, pamphlets and objects related to both the Union League and the Civil War—the reason for the League’s founding. Today, the Legacy Foundation is the steward of the Union League’s collections, as well as those of other institutions, including The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia and The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The collections are largely Civil War based, but also provide great insight into the social history of Philadelphia since 1862. The collections are available for research, exhibits, lending, and more. One of the biggest assets of the collections is for genealogical research.

The collections are accessible for research by appointment. Much of the archival, manuscript and art collection is available through an online database. See below for further detail.

Art and Archives Collection:

The archival, manuscript and art collections include a wide array of archival records, unpublished manuscript material and various works of art. The archives and manuscripts collections contain archival records of various organizations, as well as diaries, letters, first-hand accounts, photographs, maps, scrapbooks and many more unpublished materials. The Union League’s art collection includes many important paintings, bronzes and other works related to the Civil War and other periods of American history.

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Library Collection:

The research library collection includes over 10,000 volumes of books, pamphlets, periodicals and other published material related to The Union League of Philadelphia and the Civil War. Catalog is not currently online.

Questions? Interested in research?

Contact the collections team, archives@unionleague.org for research all questions and inquiries.