

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1039.AM: Grayson, William Walter, 1876-1941

Papers: 1898-1908

Nebraska: Soldier

Size: 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in England on April 9, 1876, William Walter Grayson immigrated to Nebraska with his parents, William and Sarah Grayson. Grayson worked as a hostler before enlisting in the U.S. Army on May 10, 1898. He served with the 1st Nebraska Infantry, Co. D, and was credited with firing the first shot of the Philippine American War on February 4, 1899. He was honorably discharged on August 23, 1899.

Settling in San Francisco, California, after the war, Grayson married Clara F. Peters on October 15, 1899. He officially received his U.S. Citizenship on December 6, 1900. William and Clara adopted a daughter, Clara Marguerite, in 1909. Grayson worked as a house painter until poor health forced him to retire in 1920. William W. Grayson died at the San Francisco Veterans Administration Hospital on March 20, 1941. He is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of one folder of miscellaneous papers mostly relating to William W. Grayson's military service. The collection includes a date book, correspondence, military papers, newspaper clippings, and certificates. The papers date from 1898-1908 and include his marriage certificate and certificate of citizenship.

Note: See the photo component [RG1039.PH] for fifteen images relating to William Grayson's military service and various family photos. The Nebraska History Museum collections also hold various medals and ribbons from William W. Grayson's military service.

DESCRIPTION

Misc. correspondence, certificates, newspaper clippings, etc., 1898-1908

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Subject headings:

Grayson, Clara F. (Peters), 1878-

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Herpolsheimer, Martin L., 1868-

Military service

Philippine American War, 1899-1902

Soldiers -- Nebraska

United States. Army. Nebraska Infantry Regiment, 1st. Company D