HISTORICAL NOTE
The United Spanish War Veterans were organized in 1904 as a national association for the veterans of the Spanish-American War of 1898 and the Philippine Insurrection. Organized much along the line of the earlier Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), the organization had as subordinate divisions, departments, and sub-departments, and individual camps. In addition, annual state and national encampments were held. The United Spanish War Veterans also had an auxiliary which was an outgrowth of women's organizations in support of Spanish-American War veterans dating from 1898.

The Nebraska Department of the United Spanish War Veterans was organized circa 1907. In 1921 the legislature began appropriations for the relief of the veterans and their widows; these funds were expended under the supervision of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The United Spanish War Veterans as a national organization was active until 1992 when the last member, Nathan E. Cook, died at the age of 106 at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
This record group is arranged in eleven series for the Nebraska Department:

This collection related to the operations and affairs of the Nebraska Department of the United Spanish War Veterans, 1907-1962. The bulk of the records were transferred to the State Archives in 1968 & 1978, and the organization ceased to exist in Nebraska by 1976. The bulk of the material consists of the departmental correspondence administrative, fiscal records, and records of the women’s auxiliary. Of interest are files related to the alleged misconduct of Samuel Shove in 1929 in regards to pension matters and there are various diaries and letters relating to the service of the 1st Nebraska Regiment in the Philippines. In addition, the records includes files on the veterans relief fund, ritual books, and encampment records.
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Alphabetical Correspondence, A thru HI, 1960-1967

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4) Invoices, Requisitions, and Receipts, no dates
5) Internal Revenue Forms, 1950-1954
6) Social Security and Payroll Data, 1951-1956
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9) Financial Statements, no dates

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16) Muster Rolls and Wyuka Cemetery Burials, 1910-1950
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18) Reports of Camp Adjutant, 1946-1948
19) By-Laws and Camp Roster of Members, July 1, 1928

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2) Columbus Camp, #4, Columbus, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
3) George L. Geddes Camp #5, Alliance, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
4) Charles E. Norris Camp #6, Grand Island, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
5) Fremont Camp #7, Fremont, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
6) Claude H. Ough Camp #9, Geneva, Nebr., 1 folder
7) Harry E. Brown Camp #11, North Platte, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
8) Otoe Camp #12, Nebraska City, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
9) Walter Poor Camp, #13, York, Nebr., Total of 2 folders
10) Theodore Roosevelt Camp #14, York, Nebr., Total of 4 folders
11) Victor Vifquain Camp #15, Hastings, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
12) Burt Camp #16, Tekamah, Nebr., Total of 1 folder
13) Ernest H. Briggs Camp #17, Ord, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
   (1 folder, Journal And Muster Rolls for Camp #17)
14) Kearney Camp #18, Kearney, Nebr.,
   --1 volume, Muster Roll, 1947-1955
   --Vol. 1 and Vol. 2, Minute Books of Kearney Camp #18, Kearney, Nebr., 1936-1955
15) Broken Bow, Camp #19, Broken Bow, Nebr., Total of 2 folders
16) Red Willow Camp #20, McCook, Nebr., Total of 3 folders
17) Wm. Mapes Camp #21, Total of 1 folder
18) Pine Camp #22, Ainsworth, Nebr., Total of 2 folders
19) Anderson-Pounds Camp #23, Walthill, Nebr., 1930-1933, Total of 1 folder
20) Gothenburg Camp #24, Gothenburg, Nebr., Total of 1 folder
21) Captain Allensworth Camp #25, Proposed Camp, Omaha, Nebr., 1927, Total of 1 folder
22) Consolidated Inspection Reports of Camps, 1930-1942
23) Roster of the Twelve Camps, 1957-1958 (1 vol.)
24) Roster of the Twelve Campus, 1957-1960 (1 vol.)
SERIES EIGHT       PRINTED MATTER

Box 21
Folders
1) General Orders, National Headquarters, 1912-1913
2) Picnic of 1898; Lest They Forget, published ca. 1940 (2 copies)
3) Brief Resume of the Spanish-American War, An Address by Col. E. G. Thomas,
   Dept. of Utah, Ca. 1946-1947
4) Delegate Certificate, Blank, no date
5) U. S. Flag, Displays and Rites of Ceremony (Misc. publications)
6) Spanish War Review, Nov. 1912 thru Feb. 1914
7) Chinese or Japanese Publications, Unidentified

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7) Misc. Newspaper Clippings
8) Newspapers published in English, Published in Philippine Islands, 1898-1899
9) Misc. Sheet Music
10) Rosters of the Survivors Association of the Third Nebraska Volunteer Infantry,
    1898-1899 (organized on June 17, 1930 for reunions) (2 Folders)
   Years: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941,
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12) Aux. #16, 1940-1944
13) State Headquarters, General Correspondence, 1939-1954
14) State Headquarters, Semi-Annual Reports, 1939-1948
15) General Orders, 1942-1952
16) General Orders, National Headquarters, 1941-1943
17) National Headquarters, General Correspondence, 1942-1944
18) Miscellany
20) Correspondence, Auxiliary, 1957-1959
21) By-Laws of National Auxiliary, 1940
23) Ritual Pamphlets, 1930-1932
24) By-Laws of Aux., Department of Nebraska, 1928
25) Conventions, Dept. of Nebraska., 1932 &1952
26) Misc., Encampment Programs of Auxiliary
27) Auxiliary, Department of Nebr., General Orders, June 1949-May 1969

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Vol. 5, Meeting Record Meeting Minutes Book, Lee Forby Aux. #1, 1957-1975
SERIES TEN   HISTORICAL DATA
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1) Record of Killed and Wounded; Diary kept by Charles Huff, 1898
2) Daily Movement Journal, Camp Diary, Unidentified, ca. 1898
3) Diary of Horace L. Folkner of Saline County, 1898 (Died at Manila on Sept. 26, 1898)
4) Soldier’s Handbook (Belonged to Charles S. Busey)
5) Misc. Printed Matter, 1898 (From “The Soldiers Letter”)
6) History of Co. B. (Typescript)

SERIES ELEVEN   MISCELLANY

Box 26
Folders
1) Soldiers & Sailors, Official Rosters, various Nebraska Counties
2) Misc. Maps, includes Battle of Manila Bay
3) Ephemera
4) Hospital Record, Jan thru Feb. 1899 (Donated by William D. Grant to U. S. Spanish American War Veterans)

SERIES ELEVEN MISCELLANY CONT.  (SCRAPBOOKS, OVERSIZE)

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Scrapbook of George L. Geddes, Auxiliary #6, Alliance, Nebr., 1926-1927 (includes photos of the office for the Department of Nebraska)

Scrapbook No. 2
Scrapbook of Lee Forby, Auxiliary #1, Omaha, Nebr., 1937-1938
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SERVICE RECORD AND MARRIAGE RECORD OF VETERANS
(Arranged Alphabetically by Last Name)

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Box 5
NI thru SMH

Box 6
P

Box 7
Q

Box 8
SU thru Z

SERIES 13 MEMBERSHIP RECORDS (INDEX CARDS)
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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
CAMP NUMBER, CAMP/CHAPTER NAME, CAMP LOCATION AND DATES

Camp #1 Lee Forby, Omaha, Nebr.
Camp #2 William Lewis, Lincoln, Nebr.
Camp #3 Guy Dodge, Fairbury, Nebr. Surrendered, Dec. 6, 1949
Camp #4 Columbus, Columbus, Nebr.
Camp #5 George L. Geddes, Alliance, Nebr.
Camp #6 Charles E. Norris, Grand Island, Nebr. Mustered Jan. 1, 1919
Camp #7 Fremont, Fremont, Nebr.
Camp #8 Bruce E. Macey, Beatrice, Nebr.
Camp #9 Claude H. Ough, Geneva, Nebr.
Camp #10 Fred D. Grant, Norfolk, Nebr.
Camp #11 Harry E. Brown, North Platte, Nebr.
Camp #12 Otoe, Nebraska City, Nebr. Surrendered Sept. 4, 1917
Camp #13 Walter Poor, York, Nebr.
Camp #14 Theodore Roosevelt, Scottsbluff, Nebr.
Camp #15 Victor Vifquain, Hastings, Nebr.
Camp #16 Burt, Tekamah, Nebr. Mustered May 14, 1930
Camp #17 Ernest H. Briggs, Ord, Nebr. Surrendered Jan. 12, 1950
Camp #18 Kearney, Kearney, Nebr. Mustered Oct. 19, 1924; Surrendered July 1, 1957
Camp #19 Guy Livingston, Broken Bow, Nebr. Mustered Feb. 28, 1925; Surrendered March 2, 1945
Camp #20 Red Willow, McCook, Nebr. Mustered June 10, 1925
Camp #21 William S. Mapes, Chadron, Nebr. Mustered May 28, 1926
Camp #22 Pine, Ainsworth, Nebr. Mustered March 7, 1929; Surrendered Nov. 22, 1938
Camp #23 Anderson-Pounds, Walthill, Nebr. Mustered April 12, 1930; Surrendered Nov. 9, 1936
Camp #24 Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Nebr. Mustered July 22, 1930; Surrendered May 29, 1940
Camp #25 Camp Captain Allenworth, Omaha, Nebr. (Proposed Camp)