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United Spanish War Veterans, Nebraska Department

Records: 1907-1975

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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 womens 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:

- 1) Departmental Correspondence, 1925-1967;
- 2) State and National Encampment Records, 1917-1967;
- 3) Administrative Records, 1925-1968 ;
- 4) Financial Records, 1925-1964; Records of William Lewis Camp #2, 1910-1960;
- 6) Records of Lee Forby Camp #1, 1907-1967;
- 7) Records of various camps, 1908-1960;
- 8) Printed Matter;
- 9) Correspondence and Reports of the USWV Women's Auxiliary, 1926-1975;
- 10) Historical Data;
- 11) Miscellany;
- 12) Instrument Forms of Membership Arranged in Alphabetical Order;
- 13) Membership Records, Index Cards, arranged in alphabetical order.

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.

SERIES ONE DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE 1925-1967

Box 1

Folders

- 1) 1925
- 2) 1926
- 3) 1927
- 4) 1928
- 5) 1929, 2 folders; one folder on Samuel Shove Pension Issue
- 6) 1930-1932
- 7) 1933
- 8) 1934-1936
- 9) 1937
- 10) 1938

Box 2

Folders

- 11) 1939-1941
- 12) 1942
- 13) 1943-1947
- 14) 1948
- 15) 1949
- 16) 1950
- 17) 1951
- 18) 1952
- 19) 1953
- 20) 1954
- 21) 1955-1956
- 22) 1957
- 23) 1958-1959

SERIES ONE DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE 1925-1967

Box 3

Alphabetical Correspondence, A thru HI, 1960-1967

Box 4

Alphabetical Correspondence, HO thru Z, 1960-1967

Box 5

Correspondence, Relief Fund and Pension Assistance,
Alphabetical, A thru Z, 1933-1955

Box 6

Supplemental Records (to Box 5)

Index Cards, Names of Veterans & Widows (Reasons for Relief or Pension Assistance)
1931-1944

SERIES TWO STATE AND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT RECORDS 1917-1967

Box 7

- Vol. 1 Register, State Encampments, 1917-1923
- Vol. 2 Register, State Encampments, 1925
- Vol. 3 Register, State Encampments, 1938
- Vol. 4 Register, National Encampments, 1933-1948
- Vol. 5 Register of Visitors, Nebraska State Fair, 1935-1939
- Vol. 6 Register of Visitors, Nebraska State Fair, 1940-1944

Box 8

- Vol. 7 Roll Call and Voting List, State Encampment, 1932
- Vol. 8 Report of Departmental Adjutant and Quartermaster, 1931
- Vol. 9 Credential List, State Encampment, 1932
- Vol. 10 Credential List, State Encampment, 1932-1933
- Vol. 11 Report of Departmental Adjutant and Quartermaster, 1932
- Vol. 12 Credential List, State Encampment, 1933
- Vol. 13 Credential List, State Encampment, 1934
- Vol. 14 Report of Departmental Adjutant, 1934
- Vol. 15 Credential List, State Encampment, 1934-1935
- Vol. 16 Credential List, State Encampment, 1935
- Vol. 17 Report of the Departmental Adjutant, 1935
- Vol. 18 Report of the Departmental Adjutant, 1936
- Vol. 19 Credential List, State Encampment, 1936
- Vol. 20 Credential List, State Encampment, 1937
- Vol. 21 Credential List, State Encampment, 1937
- Vol. 22 Proceedings, State Encampments, No. Platte, 1938
- Vol. 23 Credential and Poll Book, 1955
- Vol. 24 List of Delegates, 1957
- Vol. 25 List of Delegates, National Encampment, 1957

SERIES TWO STATE AND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT RECORDS 1917-1967

Box 9

Folders

Encampments (Arranged Chronologically)

--1919

--1925 thru 1967

SERIES THREE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS 1925-1960

Box 10

Folders, Death Lists, Various Years

--Loose Death Records, "Taps," 1929-1946

(arranged alphabetically A thru Z)

--Account Information

--Ritual information on burials

Box 11

Muster Rolls, 1957-1958

--Loose semi-annual Muster Rolls (in envelopes)

Box 12

Loose Records

--Installation Reports, 1926-1948

--Certificates of Election, Camp Delegates and State Encampments, 1934-1941

--Credentials and Delegate Lists, National Encampments, 1933-1938

--Memoranda, 1941 National Encampment in Omaha, Nebr.

SERIES FOUR FINANCIAL RECORDS 1925-1962

Box 13

Folders

- 1) Audit Reports, 1947-1962
- 2) Camp Dues Received, 1937-1948

Box 14

Folders

- 3) Bank Statements and Vouchers, 1929-1930
- 4) Invoices, Requisitions, and Receipts, no dates
- 5) Internal Revenue Forms, 1950-1954
- 6) Social Security and Payroll Data, 1951-1956
- 7) Equipment Inventories, G. A. R. and U. S. W. V.
- 8) Receipt and Disbursement Ledger, 1929-1947
- 9) Financial Statements, no dates

Box 15

Folders

- 10) Ballots, State Relief Commission, 1943
- 11) Per Capita Tax Reports, 1930-1956

Vol. 1 Voucher Register and Loose Cancelled Vouchers
U. S. W. V. Relief Fund, 1931-1933

Vol. 2 Account Ledger Relief Fund, 1921-1925

Box 16

- Vol. 3, Receipt and Disbursement Ledger Comps. , 1925-1933
- Vol. 4, Unidentified Check Register, no dates
- Vol. 5, Voucher Books, USWV, 1927-1929
- Vol. 6 Loose Voucher Stubs, 1938-1953

Oversize Volume

Account Ledger Book, 1962-1967

SERIES FIVE RECORDS OF WILLIAM LEWIS CAMP #2, LINCOLN, NEBR. (1910-1968)

Box 17

Folders

- 1) Correspondence, 1927
- 2) Correspondence, 1930
- 3) Correspondence, 1933
- 4) Correspondence, 1934-1936
- 5) Correspondence, 1937
- 6) Correspondence, 1938
- 7) Correspondence, 1939
- 8) Correspondence, 1940
- 9) Correspondence, 1941-1945
- 10) Correspondence, 1947
- 11) Correspondence, 1948
- 12) Correspondence, 1949
- 13) Correspondence, 1950-1951 and 1956
- 14) Correspondence, 1960
- 15) Correspondence, no date
- 16) Muster Rolls and Wyuka Cemetery Burials, 1910-1950
- 17) Misc. Lists, Rosters, and Reports
- 18) Reports of Camp Adjutant, 1946-1948
- 19) By-Laws and Camp Roster of Members, July 1, 1928

Box 17 Cont., Volumes

- Vol. 1, Minute Book, Wm. Lewis Camp, 1927-1932
Vol. 2, Minute Book, Wm. Lewis Camp, 1933-1941
Vol. 3, Minute Book, Wm. Lewis Camp, 1942-1950
Vol. 4, Official Roll Call, Jan. 1927 thru Jan. 1962

Box 18

Folders

- 1) By-laws and Minutes, Oct. 3, 1958 thru Sept. 29, 1966
- 2) Correspondence., Misc., 1925-1935
- 3) Correspondence, Misc., 1936-1940
- 4) Correspondence, Misc., 1962-1968
- 5) Inspection Reports and Muster Rolls of Members, 1930-1968

SERIES SIX RECORDS OF LEE FORBY CAMP #1, OMAHA, NEBR. (1907-1967)

Box 19

Folders

- 1) Correspondence, 1926-1962, (total of 4 folders)
- 2) Applications for Membership, 1908-1920
- 3) Applications for Membership, 1912-1923
- 4) Applications for Membership, 1908-1922
- 5) Applications for Membership, 1908-1925
- 6) Inspection Reports and Muster Rolls, 1930-1967

Box 19 Cont., Volumes

Vol. 1, Muster Book, 1907

Vol. 2, Muster Book, 1913-1915

Vol. 3, Bills Received and Paid, 1914-1915

Vol. 4, Minute Book, Lee Forby Camp, 1907-1913

Vol. 5, Minute Book, Lee Forby Camp, 1914-1917

Vol. 6, Minute Book, Lee Forby Camp, 1920-1922

Vol. 7, Minute Book, Lee Forby Camp, 1922-1926

SERIES SEVEN RECORDS OF VARIOUS CAMPS (1908-1960)

Box 20

Contents:

- 1) Guy Dodge Camp #3 , Fairbury, Nebr., 1908-1949, *Total of 3 folders*
- 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

Box 22

Folders

- 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,
1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952,
1953, 1954, & 1956

SERIES NINE USMV WOMEN'S AUXILIARY RECORDS (1926-1975)

Box 23

Correspondence and Reports

Folders

- 1) Aux. #1, 1940-1944
- 2) Aux. #2, 1941-1944
- 3) Aux. #3, 1940-1944
- 4) Aux. #4, 1940-1944
- 5) Aux. #5, 1940-1944
- 6) Aux. #6, 1940-1944
- 7) Aux. #7, 1940-1944
- 8) Aux. #8, 1940-1944
- 9) Aux. #10, 1939-1944
- 10) Aux. #12, 1940-1944
- 11) Aux. #15, 1941-1944
- 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
- 19) Second Nebraska Association, Misc. Correspondence/Report, 1951-1960
- 20) Correspondence, Auxiliary, 1957-1959
- 21) By-Laws of National Auxiliary, 1940
- 22) Constitution of National Auxiliary, 1928-1966
- 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
- 28) Auxiliary, Council Minutes, May 1957 thru Oct. 1970

Box 24

- Vol. 1, Minute Book, WSWV Auxiliary, 1926-1934
- Vol. 2, Minute Book, WSWV Auxiliary, 1934-1943
- Vol. 3, Minute Record Book, WSWV Auxiliary, 1949-1973
- Vol. 4, Account Journal, 1934-1945
- Vol. 5, Meeting Record Meeting Minutes Book, Lee Forby Aux. #1, 1957-1975

SERIES TEN HISTORICAL DATA

Box 25

Folders

- 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)

Scrapbook No. 1

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

SERIES 12 INSTRUMENT FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP:
SERVICE RECORD AND MARRIAGE RECORD OF VETERANS
(Arranged Alphabetically by Last Name)

Box 1
A thru CH

Box 2
CO thru GR

Box 3
GU thru KZ

Box 4
LA thru MY

Box 5
NI thru SMH

Box 6
P

Box 7
Q

Box 8
SU thru Z

SERIES 13 MEMBERSHIP RECORDS (INDEX CARDS)
6 Boxes (Index Cards) Arranged in Alphabetical Order

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)