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MILITARY COLLECTIONS

INTRODUCTION

Includes items donated from various persons as well as items whose donors are unknown. The materials were removed from flat file drawers, vertical and family files in the Library, and other storage areas. The attached inventory was compiled in 1981; since that time more items have been located or donated to TCHA and these items, though physically with the collection, have not been added to the listing.

The Military Collections include several documents pre-dating the Civil War period (see listing). The Civil War series includes letters, diaries, official documents, carte-de-visites, etc. Items re the Grand Army of the Republic include membership lists, minutes book, reunion booklets and programs, leaflets, etc.

There are several items re the Spanish-American War, including photographs (in Photo Archives, see WARS), official forms, booklet, and also a roster and minutes of a meeting of local volunteers, April 1898.

World War I items include letters, postcards, official documents, booklets, posters (stored in flat files), and also a scrapbook from the Selective Service Board of Tippecanoe County, 1918-19.

Few items of World War II vintage are included, with the exception of several posters, and war ration books and stamps, etc.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

3 12"x15" flat gray boxes

2 ½-size document boxes

1 scrapbook

Files in Photo Archives (WARS)

Files in flat files for poster and broadside storage

INVENTORY OF MILITARY COLLECTIONS

(Includes items from various donors. Materials were removed from flat file drawers and placed in acid-free boxes.)

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

FOLDER

1. PRE-CIVIL WAR

Revolutionary War items—see John Levering Family Collection.

Military Commission. William Skinner, Captain in the 15th Regiment of the Militia of the State of Indiana. 6 October 1820. ms. Jonathan Jennings.

Military Commission. William Skinner, Lieutenant Colonel in the 15th Regiment of the Militia of the State of Indiana. 27 April 1826. ms. J. Brown Ray.

Military Commission. William Skinner, Captain of Riflemen in the 62nd Regiment of the Militia of Indiana. 6 July 1832. ms. N. Noble.

(See also Sandford C. Cox Collection.)

Printed invitation to Grand Military Ball, Purdue's Hall, 5 July 1852.

(See also John Levering Family Collection. Commission as 2nd Lieutenant of 1st Troop of Tippecanoe County Cavalry, 1855.)

2. CIVIL WAR

Diaries.

Dan Royse, A.D.C. to Brig. Gen. Wagner, 2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 4th A.C., Dept. of the Cumb'd, Div. of the Miss., 1864. 1 vol., handwritten.

William Harrison Bryan, 1864-65. Pvt., Co. I, 4th Indiana Cavalry, (77th Ind. Vol.). 1 vol., handwritten. (Inserted in volume is an unaddressed note signed by Rutherford B. Hays, n.d.)

“Three Years of Army Life” by Alfred Gaddis, Late Major, Third Indiana Cavalry. Lafayette: Morning Journal Print, 1896. 70 pp., cover missing.

(See also Orth Collection.)

3. Letters.

W. B. Carroll to “Friend Mollie”; Battlefield of Shiloh, Tennessee, 17 April 1862.

Winfield S. Steel to “Mother.” 4 letters.

Camp Wood, Munfordville, Kentucky, 23 Feb 1862.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, 16 Sept 1863.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, 25 Sept 1863.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4 Nov 1863 “Dear Brother.”

E. H. Watkins to "Friend Will" (Capt. Tompson, Sugar Grove, Indiana) Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 11 April 1863.

Henry Woodrum(?) to "Sister"; Stewart Creek, Tennessee, 2 May 1862. (#3386)

Tip to Ruth, Bill and George; Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, 24 April 1862.

3a. Letters.

(?) to "Dear Cousin"; Bridgeport, Alabama, 11 June 1862. (#4691)

Thomas B. Williamson to (?) (n.l.); 29 October 1862. (#4691)

Robert P. Williams to "Cousin" (n.l.); 2 January 1865. (#4691)

Transcript of letter: James C. Walters to Evans Sherry, West Point, Indiana; Old Point Comfort, Virginia, 7 March 1864. (#4357) 2 sheets.

(The following series may be correspondence of James Rizer, Civil War soldier from Dayton, Indiana.)

3b. Letters.

(James Rizer?) to "Father"; Mumfordsville, Greensboro, Kentucky, 16 February 1862.

(James Rizer?) to "Father and Mother"; Mumfordsville, Kentucky, 22 February 1862. (#6585)

J. T. R. to Dear sister Sallie (n.l.); 3 March 1862. (#6585)

(James Rizer?) to "Parents, Brothers and Sisters"; Bolingreen, 3 March 1862. (#6585)

(The above 2 letters may have been sent in the same envelope.)

(James Rizer?) to "Sister" (n.l.); (n.d.) (#6585)

(?) to "Brother"; Dayton, Indiana, 15-17 January 1862. (#6585)

Anna R. Seawright to "Good Brother"; Dayton, Indiana, 18 January 1862. (#6585)

(?) to "James"; Dayton, Indiana, 23 February 1862. (#6585)

G. W. Blake to Dr. Seawright, Dayton, Indiana; Tullahoma, Tennessee, 12 August 1862.

Sandford C. Cox to William Rizer; Lafayette, 20 October 1863. (Re back pay for services in army of deceased son James.)

4. Military Commission. William B. Carroll. Lt. Col., 10th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Militia, 24 Aug 1862. ms. O. P. Morton.

Military Commission. William B. Carroll. Colonel, 10th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Militia, 18 Nov 1862. ms. O. P. Morton

5. Newspaper notices. "Lafayette Journal-Extra." (1) "Courier Extra." (2)

6. Military passes. (3)

7. Booklets.

"The Soldiers' Hymn Book." Published by the Boston Young Men's Christian Assn., (n.d.)

"Home on a Furlough: A Sketch from Real Life." Philadelphia: Bradley & Co., 1864. 16 pp. (Story accompanies steel engraving by the same title. Location of engraving:)

8. Certificate of Exemption on account of having furnished a substitute. John B. Ellis, Carroll County.

Discharge papers.

Fritz Everhard, Musician of the Band of the 32nd Regiment of Indiana Volunteers.

John Hart, Bugler of Captain Mason's Company of New York Cavalry Volunteers.

John Hart, Bugler of Captain Charles Hasting Company of New York Mounted Volunteers.

George A. Blessing, Privateer of Captain Daniel W. Robertson Company, "B," 26th Regiment of Indiana (?) Infantry Volunteers.

Henry J. Bailey, Private of George Cosper Co., "F," 74 Reg't., Ind. Vet. Vol. Telegraph attached.

(See also John Levering Family Collection.)

Pension Certificate. John G. Lytle, Private, Co. D., 150th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

9. CIVIL WAR/GAR

Membership List/Minutes. Elliott Post 160, Dayton, Indiana. Organized 23 April 1883. Minutes: 5 March 1898 to 20 May 1899.

Muster Roll. Company ? of the ? Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, organized at Lafayette, Indiana, (n.d.) Also lists of company members.

8a. CIVIL WAR

Discharge papers.

James Thompson, Private of Captain Sylvester C. Loveless' Company, (I), 116th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. 8 July 1863 to 2 March 1864, Lafayette.

Lewis Town, Private of Captain John C. Scott's Company, (H?), 72nd Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. 9 August 1862 to 6 July 1865, Indianapolis.

George R. Randles, Private of Captain John H. Ream's Company (H), 137th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. 1 February 1865 to 19 September 1865, Nashville, Tennessee.

William H. H. Goodwinn, Private of Captain Jacob H. Rush's Company (G), 10th Regt. of Indiana Infantry Volunteers. 18 September 1861 to 19 September 1864, Indianapolis.

Rubin Steeley, Private of Captain Sylvester C. Loveless' Company, (I), 116th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. 8 July 1863 to 2 March 1864, Lafayette.

John G. Lytle, Private of Captain Cary M. Lane Company, (D), 150th Regiment of Indiana Infantry. 2 March 1865 to 5 August 1865, Stevenson Station, Virginia. (#6896)

Surgeon's Certificate. Lewis R. Thompson, Corporal, Company 10th Batt. Indiana Volunteers. Received furlough in 1862 to go to Lafayette, Indiana.

10. Booklets/Annual Reunion Reports.

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the GAR and Rules of Order of the National Encampment, 1883.

First Annual Reunion of the Society of the 87th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Laporte, Indiana, 23-24 September 1869.

Third Reunion of the 20th Indiana Veteran Volunteers. Monticello, Indiana, 1 September 1888.

Sixth Annual Reunion of the 20th Indiana Veteran Volunteers. Argos, Indiana, 2-3 September 1891.

Roster: Harris Light Cavalry Association Reunion. Peekskill, New York, 18-19 October 1899.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S. Commandery of the State of Indiana, 1901.

44th Annual Reunion, Co. I, 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Frankfort, Indiana, 1929.

Postcard notices. Reunions of Co. H, 72nd Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, 1892-1914. (25 cards)

11. Miscellaneous

Thirteenth Annual Banquet of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee. Diagram of Banquet Hall and names of guests, 1879. (2 items)

Program. Lafayette Post, No. 3, GAR, 1881.

Play program. "The Patriot Sons of 1776," benefit of West Point Post, No. 39, GAR.

Invitation. Sandusky (Ohio) County Soldiers' Monumental Association, 1885.

Booklet. Constitution and rule book of the order of "Comrades of the Battlefield," 1891-92.

Booklet. Compliments of the Republican National Committee to the Members of the GAR, 26th National Encampment, 1892.

Invitation. 16th National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion of the U.S., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1900. Addressed to H. H. Oilar.

FLAT FILE: MILITARY (CIVIL WAR)

Report: Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the South for the year ending 30 June 1863 to Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington, DC. Original, handwritten. 15 pp.

Newspaper notice. (1)

Certificate of Honorable Service. (4) John Erle, Philip Lane, Albert W. Caldwell, Joseph Spitznagel.

Certificate of Membership: GAR. John M. Sullins.

Soldiers' Memorial. Company G, 20th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

BOX 2

FOLDER

1. SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Minutes of meeting. Armory Co. C, 4th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. La Fayette, 30 April 1898. 5 pp., handwritten.

Roster of local company. 28 April 1898. 3 pp., handwritten.

Letter. Leon O. Bailey to J. C. Andrew, 17 May 1898.

Description, physical record, and enlistment form for military volunteers. 4 items; one is completed.

Memorandum. Leon O. Bailey to J. C. Andrew, 8 June 1898.

2. Diary. Sgt. Fred S. Hencke, 1898.

Booklet. Infantry Drill Regulations, 1897.

Broadside. Battleship "Indiana." From State Fair, Indianapolis, 18-23 September 1899.

FLAT FILE: MILITARY

Soldier's Memorial. Company C, 160th Regt. Indiana Infantry, U.S. Volunteers.

Certificate. Silver Star for Gallantry in Action to Abraham U. Loeb, 9 July 1918, with statement of military service of same. 2 items.

MEXICAN BORDER WAR, 1916

See John Fevering Family Collection for photograph album and additional negatives documenting Battery C's service. (local)

3. WORLD WAR I

Song booklets.

"Songs of the Soldiers and Sailors": U.S., Washington: GPO, 1917.

"Army Song Book." Washington, 1918. (Illustrated by McCutcheon.)

Song verse. "More Truth Than Poetry." Battery "B" Song, 74th Artillery, C. A. C.

Postcard. Arnold L. Allen to Mrs. T. R. Allen, Chicago, Illinois, 1918.

Thrift card.

U.S. War-Savings Certificate.

4. Letter. John M. Balser to Vera Schaaf, Lafayette, Indiana, (n.d.).

Letter. John Balser to Vera Schaaf, (n.d.).

Postcard. John N. Balser to Vera Schaaf. (2)

Letter. Arthur R. Nalley to Ethel Davis, Oklahoma, 16 April 1918.

Postcards. (3)

Advertisement for Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

5. Broadside. (3) notices from Lafayette Recruiting Office.

Periodical. "The Mess Kit," Vol. 1, No. 1. Published for the soldiers of the A. E. F., France, June 1919.

Notice. Reduction of American Cemeteries, extract taken from the Sept. 27, 1919 number of the "Army and Navy Register."

FLAT FILE: MILITARY

Certificates. Chester E. Platt.

United States Marine Corps in memory of C. Platt for giving his life, 6 June 1918.

U.S. Army, Distinguished Service Cross citation. ms. John Pershing.

Distinguished Service Cross with letter.

War Service Certificate: U.S. Marine Corps.

French Memorial Diploma with description.

Copies (2) of citations of Marines in France with letter.

6. Certificate. Camp Training Certificate: Reserve Officers Training Corps. 1922.

7. WORLD WAR II

Letter and petition. Written in response to an item in the Lafayette "Journal & Courier."
Denis M. Head, Battery "C", 150th FA to "Journal & Courier," 2 November 1941. 3
sheets.

8. War Ration Books/Stamps.

FLAT FILE: MILITARY

War Saving Bond: Series E. (3 items)

See also John Levering Family Collection for WWII scrapbook with memorabilia,
clippings, correspondence.

(Additional collections which contain Military archival materials are listed below.)

PRE-CIVIL WAR

see also SANDFORD C. COX COLLECTION; JOHN LEVERING FAMILY
COLLECTION

CIVIL WAR

see also HARRIS-HAILE-COFFROTH COLLECTION; GODLOVE ORTH
COLLECTION (unprocessed 18 June 1981); JOHN LEVERING FAMILY
COLLECTION, O. P. C. EVANS COLLECTION

MEXICAN BORDER WAR

see JOHN LEVERING FAMILY COLLECTION; GEORGE D. BURKLE
COLLECTION

WORLD WAR I

see also GEORGE D. BURKLE COLLECTION; MARY C. KENNEDY COLLECTION
(unprocessed 25 June 1981)

WORLD WAR II

see also JOHN LEVERING FAMILY COLLECTION

GENERAL

see Genealogy Library

PEOPLE

Skinner, William
Royse, Dan
Bryan, William Harrison
Gaddis, Alfred
Carroll, W. B.
Steel, Winfield S.
Watkins, E. H.
Woodrum, Henry
Williams, Thomas B.
Williams, Robert P.
Walters, James C.
Sherry, Evans
Rizer, James
Seawright, Anna R.
Blake, G. W.
Seawright, Dr.
Rizer, William
Cox, Sandford C.
Carroll, William B.
Ellis, John B.
Bailey, Henry J.
Cospers, George
Everhard, Fritz
Hart, John
Blessing, George A.
Robertson, Daniel W.
Lytle, John G.
Thompson, James
Loveless, Sylvester C.
Town, Lewis
Scott, John C.
Randles, George R.
Ream, John H.
Goodwinn, William H. H.
Rush, Jacob H.
Steeley, Rubin
Lane, Cary M.
Thompson, Lewis R.
Oilar, H. H.
Erle, John
Lane, Philip
Caldwell, Albert W.
Spitznagel, Joseph

Sullins, John M.
Bailey, Leon O.
Andrew, J. C.
Hencke, Fred S.
Loeb, Abraham U.
Allen, Arnold L.
Allen, Mrs. T. R.
Balsler, John
Schaaf, Vera
Nalley, Arthur R.
Davis, Ethel
Platt, Chester E.
Head, Dennis M.

CLASSIFICATION

Wars
Military
Organizations/Veteran

SUBJECTS

Wars – Civil War
Wars – Spanish-American
Wars – World War I
Wars – World War II
Diary
Correspondence

SEARCH TERMS

Civil War
War, Spanish American
World War I
World War II
GAR
Indiana Militia
Indiana Cavalry
Indiana Volunteer Infantry