

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Edward C. Butler Collection**

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**Collection Information**

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | One box  |
| COLLECTION DATES:     | 1897-1952  |
| PROVENANCE:           | Gift   |
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| OTHER FINDING AIDS:   | None   |
| LOCATION:             | Archives.  |

**Historical Sketch**

Edward C Butler was born on January 1, 1867, the son of Preston and Elizabeth Cavanaugh Butler, and died on December 29, 1952 at the age of 85. He served thirty-four years in the army and practiced dentistry for twenty years. Butler retired from the Army in 1918 and attended Northwestern University and received his doctor of medicine degree. He saw action in the Spanish American War, race riots in Springfield, the big railway strike, the stock yards riot in Chicago, and several mine strikes in Southern Illinois.

Butler married Lillian Cauliflower who preceded him in death. He then married Ella Mae Brewer who also preceded him in death. In 1952 Ed Butler was survived by his son, Edward C.

Butler Jr., and his two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy E. Lee and Mrs. George Ostrom, and four grandchildren.

## **Folder Inventory**

### **Folder 1: Biographical Material**

1. Obituary, *Pantagraph*, December 30, 1952, p. 3.
2. "A Military Marriage," *Sunday Eye*, no date (original clipping and photocopy).
3. List of Entries, Running Race (horses?), McLean County Fair, Saybrook, August 22-25, 1899. See "Butler's Baby" (original and photocopy).
4. Champaign County Agricultural Board Fair, Entries for races (horses?), August 29-31 and September 1, 1899. See 24 Pace Elgin Boy.
5. Bloomington-Normal City Directories listings (hand written)

### **Folder 2: Miscellaneous**

1. Newspaper clipping, source and date unknown, information on brothers William P. and Edward C. Butler.
2. Picture card, risqué image of girl on bicycle, reverse shows glued advertisement for Quinine Capsules, B.N. Beedon, druggist, Battle Creek, Michigan.
3. Card with ribbon, "Ed and May [Butler?], Compliments of Charley."
4. Miniature pocket calendar and envelope, 1898, Colgate & Co.
5. Poem, one stanza, handwritten, signed "May you both live long and be happy, Is [?] the wishes of your Aunt Margaret M. Kendell."
6. Penis enlargement advertisement brochure, Prof. D.J. Smith, Cleveland, OH (3 copies).
7. The Chicago Pan-Path, December 28, 1901 (National Medical University Journal), 4 pgs.
8. Poem, "Remember the Maine," 1 sheet, composed by W.T. Layman, Shelbyville, IL.
9. Handwritten receipt, July 19, 1898, received of Captain Butler, \$10.00, Mrs. Thos. Saul.
10. Cards, Capt. E. C. Butler, Commanding Troop G, First Illinois Cavalry.

### **Folder 3: Newspaper Articles, Dated**

Articles mostly regarding the labor unrest at Pana, 1898; obituary of W.J. Butler, possibly E. C. Butler's grandmother. Approximately 35 clippings

### **Folder 4: Newspaper Articles, Undated**

Articles mostly regarding Pana unrest; "Mustered Out," C. C. Hassler poem. Approximately 45 clippings

### **Folder 5: Newspaper Articles, Miscellany**

Articles mostly regarding Pana unrest, several articles per page.