

McLean County Museum of History

Spanish-American War Veterans

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Collection Information

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Brief History

In 1898, US President McKinley requested seven infantry regiments and one cavalry regiment from Illinois to fight what became known as the Spanish-American War. Bloomington sent “two troops of cavalry, one company of infantry, a company of colored infantry, and a number of men enlisted in various detached services.” (*Pantagraph*, 4 Sep 1939)

In later years, several different Spanish American War Veterans groups were organized in Bloomington at different times and lasting for different periods. Some of the groups also had women’s auxiliaries.

The organizations include:

- Soldiers of ‘98
- Worth Bagley Camp #180 of the national organization Spanish American War Veterans
- Geo. H. Ellis Camp No. 13 of the national organization Service Men of the Spanish War, later renamed the United Spanish War Veterans (USWV)
- Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 7 of the USWV
- Russell. B. Harrison Camp No. 22 of the USWV
- James G. Harbord Camp No. 88. of the USWV
- General Lawton Camp No. 7 of the USWV.

A highlight of the local veterans’ organizations history came in 1903 when the state encampment was held in Bloomington and then-US President Theodore Roosevelt spoke.

(*Source of info on local veterans organizations: See folder 6 plus Pantagraph 4 Sep 1939.*)

Scope

Includes rosters, newspaper articles, burial records, programs and proceedings from annual veterans’ encampment meetings, war history and chronology, as well as info on veteran Albert Schroeder.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Events and Influences Pamphlets

- 1.1 *Events and Influences of the Spanish-American War* compiled by Nicholas J. Budinger, June 17, 1948, Published by the Spanish-American War Memorial Commission (Illinois). 16 pp. 5 copies.

Folder 2: Proceedings Book

- 2.1 *Proceedings of the Stated Convention of the 40th National Encampment United Spanish War Veterans*, September 11 1938. 271pp.

Folder 3: Burial Record General Lawton Camp

- 3.1 *Burial Records of Spanish-American War Veterans in Mclean County* by Harry M. Waite, 1940. Note: Additional burial entries are included in this record through at least the early 1950s.

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings

- 4.1 Newspaper clippings about various local Spanish-American war veterans, 1952-1957.

Folder 5: Roster of Illinois Commandery Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War

- 5.1 *Roster of Illinois Commandery*, December 16, 1946. 5 pp.

Folder 6: Spanish-American Veterans Camps

- 6.1 Extracts from *Pantagraph* articles on origins of Camps. Aug 16 1900 -Jan 17 1907. 18 pp.
6.2 Excerpts from *Pantagraph* articles about veterans camp organization from 1900-01, undated. 1p typed on back of stationery for United Spanish War Veterans General Lawton Camp No. 7.
6.3 Excerpts from *Pantagraph* articles about the veterans camps from 1901 onward. 30 Sep 1939. 27 pp.

Folder 7: Schroeder, Albert

- 7.1 Photocopies of photos of Schroeder on Luzon plus excerpts from his military pension papers in May 25 1999 correspondence. 2 copies.

Folder 8: Spanish-American War Veterans at Evergreen Cemetery

- 8.1 The locations of 25 Spanish-American War veterans at Evergreen Cemetery, 2 pp.

Folder 9: Spanish-American War Roster and Veterans Camps

- 9.1 Spanish-American Revised Roster of Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 1943. 28 pp.
9.2 Resolution adopted at the 37th Annual Encampment of the Dept of Illinois of the United Spanish War Veterans concerning countering subversive political groups, 1940.
9.3 Program for United Spanish War Veterans National Encampment 1937.
9.4 Program for United Spanish War Veterans National Encampment 1946. 53pp.
9.5 Ritual book for National Assoc of Spanish-American War Veterans, 1 Aug 1901. 39 pp.

Folder 10: Spanish-American War- Bloomington Roster

- 10.1 A list of men who volunteered for the Spanish-American War, *Pantagraph* May 1, 1898.

Loose Book: Burial Record binder

Leather 3 ring binder with gold stamping for Burial Record for General Lawton Camp. Pages originally in the binder are now in folder 3.