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Finding Aid for

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Records.

Collection # 025

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Abstract

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Manuscripts include an unpublished history of the Mrs. Byron R. Pierce Tent #17, which was a local Grand Rapids, Michigan chapter of the national DUV organization. The Tent was formed in 1919 and performed various duties to honor Civil War veterans. The Tent raised and dispersed funds appropriate to Civil War commemorations and frequently held social events at veterans' homes. In addition to the history of the club, the manuscripts contain minutes and financial records.

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Related Material

See Coll. 242

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
1	Publ. & Yearbooks	Slim
2	Metal building plaque Daughters of Union Veterans	Heavy Print Box

NOTE: This collection was formerly 1 folder, boxed in the same box with collections # 022 & 024. On Nov. 19, 2002, the holdings expanded, and the collection was moved to a box of it's own.

History

In June 1919, while returning from the Michigan Department Convention, the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Estella Moore, appointed Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow to secure a new Tent (local chapter) in Grand Rapids before the National Convention in September 1919. On August 26, 1919, 30 people met at the home of Grace VanWinkle and the Tent was organized with 26 charter members and 2 obligated members. The selected name was Mrs. Byron R. Pierce Tent #17. At the time, General Pierce was the oldest living commanding officer of the Civil War and still active in a government position in Grand Rapids. The Tent raised and dispersed funds appropriate to Civil War commemorations and frequently held social events at veterans homes.

Scope and Content

The collection contains only one series, the Manuscript series. The manuscript is primarily a history of the Tent but also includes the minutes and financial records of the 1919 and 1920 club years. Complete membership lists and other pertinent information also appears.

Contents

Box	Folder	Description
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1	1	Manuscript, 1919-1920.
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Yearbooks.

1	2	Formerly MKG369.D27 11/19/2002 [1913], [1914], 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 00.[2463].1-7
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	3	1921	00.[2463].8
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	4	1923, 1924, 1925, 1926	00.[2463].9-12
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	5	1928, 1929, 1930	00.[2463].13-15
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	6	1932, 1934	00.[2463].16-17
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Images

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3 OVERSIZED b/w housed in Coll. 224.

1. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, June 7-9, 1950 / photo by Chas. I. Harshberger. Harshberger stamp on verso. [Panoramic view of women in evening dress, exterior view]
2. (&3) 6th District, W.R.C. Convention, Oct. 1, 1941, Grand Rapids, Mich. / photo by Chas. I. Harshberger. His stamp on verso. (2 copies) [Panoramic view of women in street dress, outside "Maccabees" building] Womens Relief Corp.

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Metal Commemorative Plaque

"Dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic during its Sixty-first National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Erected by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, September 14, 1927."

2003.077 Possibly for a fountain in Campau Square

See list of activities GR Herald 9/14/1927
10/15/2003 [Possible future transfer]