United Spanish War Veterans

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Provenance

Unknown

Scope and Content

This collection contains records from the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Indiana, Eli Clampitt Camp No. 49.

Series

I. Financial
   A. Cash Book, 1 vol., 1927-1951
   B. Other (Deposit Book from Boone County State Bank (1941-1952) and check stubs (1936-1946)

II. Membership Roll Book

III. National and State Publications (includes General Orders, Statements ... of the United Spanish War Veterans Before the Committee on Pensions ... 1943, Legislative Bulletins, Reports ... to 46th National Encampment, Hotel Rates for the 54th National Encampment, 45th Encampment Department of Indiana program, and 1946 Roster of Department of Indiana District and Camp officers)

IV. Miscellaneous (contains camp stationery, Deposit book, checks from the Boone County State Bank (1952), blank requisition for supplies forms, a clipping from the Washington, DC, National Tribune (November 14, 1935), Information Regarding the Execution of Application for Pension or Compensation by a Widow or Child, a message addressed to Isaac Smith, Commander Eli Clampitt Camp No. 49 (1934?), mailing lists, and several pieces of correspondence sent to L. L. Spencer, Quartermaster)

Background

Established in 1904, the United Spanish War Veterans was an amalgamation of several Spanish-American War veterans organizations; it later opened its membership to veterans of the Philippine Insurrection and the China Relief Expedition. The organization dissolved after the death of its last member in 1992.

The Eli Clampitt Camp No. 49 was organized in 1914 by eighteen Spanish-American War veterans in Boone County. It was named in honor of Eli Clampitt, credited as the first Boone County man to enlist in the war. Clampitt enlisted in June 1898, a few months after the declaration of war against Spain, was assigned to the 3rd US Artillery, and sent
to the Philippines. The Treaty of Paris, signed December 10, 1898, ended the war with Spain and allowed the United States to purchase the Philippines. The US then became involved in the Philippine Insurrection (also known as the Philippine-American War), an uprising originally against the Spanish and later carried on against the United States. Clampitt was killed at the Battle of Manila in February 1899.

Sources


Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Vertical Files: Veterans--Boone Co. 2.

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