Provenance

Unknown. An undated note at the beginning of the Daughters of Union Veterans Cash Book, 1932-1938, says it was found during restoration work in the Castle Hall building; the other DUV records may have come with it.

Scope and Content

This collection contains records from the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. The collection ranges from bound volumes of minutes and cash books to folders of loose papers including reports and correspondence.


Series

I. Rich Mountain Post No. 42
   A. Minute Book, 1 vol. 1903-1913
   B. Miscellaneous
   C. Library

II. Rich Mountain Relief Corps No. 125
    A. Minute Books, 10 vols., 1905-1956
    C. Membership Rolls
       1. Roll of Members, 1 vol.
    D. Applications and Transfers
    E. Reports
    F. Correspondence
    G. Receipts (includes receipts from local businesses)
    H. National Publications (includes Services of the Woman’s Relief Corps (1888), History, Origin and Author of “The Pledge of Allegiance” (1949), and Andersonville Prison Park (1940))
    I. Miscellaneous (includes notes, several lists of officers and committee members, Department of Indiana Roster 1966, a certificate from the Red Cross for service after the 1965 Palm Sunday Tornado, and newspaper clippings)

III. Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Lew Wallace Tent No. 36
Background

Founded in Decatur, Illinois, in 1866, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization for Union veterans of the American Civil War (1861-1865). In addition to providing camaraderie for its members, the GAR engaged in social services (it founded soldiers’ homes and advocated for pension legislation) and political activism. The organization dissolved in 1956 upon the death of Albert Woolson, its last member. The GAR designated several organizations as official allied orders, including the Women’s Relief Corps (WRC), founded in 1883, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUV), founded in 1885.

Lebanon’s Rich Mountain Post No. 42 was organized January 18, 1882. The post was named for the Battle of Rich Mountain, July 11, 1861, in which the 10th Indiana Infantry, composed of many Boone County soldiers, participated. The Cason-Neal Block fire of February 6, 1903, destroyed the records of Rich Mountain Post No. 42 as well as those of the Women’s Relief Corps. The Post 42 minute book for 1903-1913 opens with a history of the post up to that time, including lists of members.

Mrs. Lew Wallace Tent No. 36 was organized in Lebanon in 1932.

Sources
“An Early Morning Fire Causes over $125,000 Loss.” Lebanon Reporter, February 6, 1903.


Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Photographs-Civil War; Vertical Files: Clubs; U.S. Civil War--Boone Co.; U.S. Civil War--Boone Co. II.

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