



Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Beloit, Wisconsin

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NATIONAL HISTORY

Olive Howard, Harriet Knapp, Eva Merwin, and Bertha Martin organized on May 30, 1885 and held the first meeting on June 3, 1885 at the home of Eva Merwin, 419 First Street, SE Massillon, Ohio. Incorporated as the "National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans of the United States of America" on December 12, 1885, in Massillon, Ohio. Signers of the Original Articles of Incorporation: Minnie F. King, Bertha Martin, Olice Howard, Eva Merwin and Amy Merrill. They were endorsed by The Grand Army of the Republic at the 34th Annual Encampment held in Chicago, Illinois, 1900. The name was changed to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 35th National Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1925. The name changed again to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 at the 54th National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa 1944. The Federal Charter was granted by Public Law 99-172 on December 9, 1985.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

There is very little information in this collection about the local organization in Beloit. The information available details hand written names of members from January 7, 1966. A note indicates that at the November 21, 1882 GAR charter meeting, Beloit veterans honored the name of Lt. Col. L H.D Crane when they chose a name for the new Post. Crane enlisted on May 30, 1861 in the 3rd Wisconsin Infantry Company. He was killed in action at the Battle of Cedar Mountain on August 9, 1862. The rest of the collection consists of booklets from the National Organization and the Wisconsin Department.

DESCRIPTION

1 - 9 individual items, no dates, includes notes, tent officers names, list of names and addresses with the month and date, newspaper photocopy and a list of members at the installation of officers at Grinnell Hall, January 7, 1966

2 - 1 Correspondence, from President Flossie Harvey, Wisconsin Dept of Veterans, to Mrs Pearl Fawcett, September 24, 1970

1 Correspondence, from Fiedler, Garrigan and Grimm, Attorneys at Law, to Dept of Union Veterans, May 18, 1932. Concerning a patriotic parade to counter the communist party activities in Beloit.

3 - 4 booklets, "Your Father and Your Heritage", "Did Your Father, Grandfather or Great Grandfather" help to save the flag in the civil war of 1861-1865

4 - 1 booklet, "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1943-1944, National Roster Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic

5 - 2 booklets, "A Story of the Early History of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Organized Memorial Day, May 30, 1885

6 - 1 booklet - "Our Fathers Wore Blue", National Roster of Union Soldiers by State and Tent number. Contains names, rank, unit, state and tent number, No date of publication. 7 - 2 booklets - National Chief of State, Circular Letters, January 2, 1936 and April 26, 1936 8 - 24 booklets - General Orders from Wisconsin Department , 1934-1978 9 - 1 Paper blue tissue cap/white insignia; 2- sashes (conductor, senior aide in black lettering) 10 - 1 Receipt book (brown), 1955-1958

11 - 5 Journals of the National Convention of Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War; 37th Grand Rapids Michigan, September 1927; 45th National Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 1935; 64th National Convention, Portland, Oregon, September 1954; 65th National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 1956; 67th National Convention, Buffalo, New York, 1957

CONTAINER LIST

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATES	SUBJECT
25	1		Misc. Local Information
25	2		Correspondence with the Dept. of Veterans
25	3		Booklet: "Did your Father/Grandfather Help..."

25	4	1843-1944	Booklet: National Roster
25	5	1861-1865	Booklet: "A Story of the Early History"
25	6	1969	Booklet: "Our Father's Wore Blue"
25	7	1934, 1944	Circular Letters - National Chief of Staff
25	8	1933-1978	General Orders from Wisconsin Dept.
25	9		Blue Paper Tissue Cap, Red Sashes (conductor, senior aide)
25	10	1955-1958	Receipt Book
25	11		Journals - National Convention (37th, 45th, 64th, 65th, 67th)