



## **United Spanish War Veterans National Auxiliary**

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### **FINDING AID**

#### **NATIONAL HISTORY**

"Soon after the Spanish-American War ended, in early 1899, discharged veterans formed fraternal societies to keep in touch with their former comrades. These included the Spanish War Veterans. At the start of the 20th century, these groups began to merge. In 1904, the three largest groups joined to form the United Spanish War Veterans". This organization was dedicated to preserving the memory of their sacrifices, and to promote patriotism. The patriotic concerns of the United Spanish War Veterans are reflected by references to "Americanism" in their records.

#### **LOCAL HISTORY**

The United Spanish War Veterans were represented by the Morris Camp No. 7, in Beloit, Wisconsin. An annual Wisconsin encampment was held every year, including camping out, formal dinners, entertainment, and memorial events. The United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Wisconsin, held their 33rd year encampment in Baraboo No. 40, Wisconsin, June 23-25, 1932. There is a Spanish American War Memorial in Oakwood Cemetery, Beloit, Wisconsin.

#### **SCOPE OF COLLECTION**

This is a small collection consisting of three items: Campfire songs from the 33rd Annual Department Encampment of Wisconsin, United Spanish War Veterans from Baraboo, Wisconsin, June 23-25, 1932; and National Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, Voluntary Registration form, "What Can I do to Help My Country?"; and an unidentified ledger of Financial Records (that may or may not belong in the United Spanish War Veterans Collection). It is included in this collection because it contains information concerning the Morris Camp No. 7 Fund.

**DESCRIPTION**

Detailed of items in the collection:

1 - 6 copies of the National Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veteran Voluntary Registration, "What Can I do to Help my Country?".

2 - 1 copy of Campfire Songs, 33rd Annual Department of Wisconsin Encampment, Baraboo, Wisconsin, June 23-25, 1932.

**CONTAINER LIST**

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 22	1	Campfire Songs	Lyrics
Box 22	2	What Can I do for My Country?	Voluntary Registration Form
Box 22	3	Unidentified ledger	Financial Information: Morris Camp