

McLean County Museum of History

Veterans of World War 1 Barracks Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1918-1981
RESTRICTIONS:	
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

The Veterans of World War 1 organization was created in 1949, first in Ohio, and then, in 1954, in Illinois. In 1958, the 85th Congress of the United States chartered the Veterans of WWI.

This local chapter known as McLean County Barracks #1097 was organized 10 November 1957 and disbanded on 14 April 1981 as the members aged. Nationally, the last serviceman died in 2011, extinguishing the organization.

Scope

This collection contains constitution, bylaws, rituals, convention programs, membership lists, correspondence, and other items from local Barracks members.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Booklets

- 1.1 Manual For Veterans of World War 1, 1970. 2 copies.
- 1.2 Constitution and By-Laws, Sep 1967.
- 1.3 Official Ritual, Oct 1974.

- 1.4 28th Annual Convention Program, Sept 1980.
- 1.5 28th Annual Convention Resolutions and Financial Statement, Sept 1980.

Folder 2: Member lists

- 2.1 List of charter members.
- 2.2 1979 member list.
- 2.3 1981 member list

Folder 3: Membership cards

- 3.1 Twelve (12) membership cards, 1972 & 1973. Each hand marked "deceased."
- 3.2 Constitution and By-Laws, Sep 1967.

Folder 4: Membership notices

- 4.1 Pad of unused membership applications
- 4.2 Annual membership solicitation letters from membership committee, 1973-1981. 1973 letter includes handwritten notes from a member.

Folder 5: Member deaths

- 5.1 List of members deaths, showing date, age, burial location, from March 1873-March 1981.

Folder 6: Checking account

- 6.1 Unused slips for National Bank of Bloomington
- 6.2 Check stubs for 1976-77.

Folder 7: Correspondence

- 7.1 Letter from quartermaster of local barracks to American Legion Louis E Davis Post No. 56 regarding removal of sign at meeting place, 26 March 1960.
- 7.2 Letter from Louis E. Davis American Legion Post 56 to United Spanish War Veterans in Peoria advising of change in use of meeting space, 5 August 1960.
- 7.3 Letter from Veterans of World War 1 Department of Kansas to "Buddy Hoyt" in Kansas regarding details of converting pensions under new law, 12 January 1979.
- 7.4 Letter to national commander from local barracks commander and quartermaster explaining that membership voted to disband and disposition of assets, 15 April 1981.

Folder 8: Jake Sutter Clippings

- 8.1 Five newspaper clippings about this member.

Folder 9: WWI Newspapers for Soldiers

- 9.1 *Trench and Camp*, published by Houston Post weekly for YMCA. January 16, 1918.
- 9.2 *Trench and Camp*, published by Houston Post weekly for YMCA. February 27, 1918.
- 9.3 *Camp Logan(TX) Reveille*, March 15, 1918.

Folder 10: Cartoon Book

- 10.1 Unidentified cartoon book for WWI soldiers. Cover missing, some fragmented pieces.

Folder 11: Magazine

Articles on WWI from unidentified magazine.

Folder 12: Miscellaneous

- 12.1 Citation for meritorious service to the barracks as quartermaster or Dewey Bates, 1978.
- 12.2 Table of estimated income for 1978 based on cost of living adjustments, etc.
- 13.3 Copy of loans to other countries for 1946-74 by country, From Agency for International Development, US State Dept.
- 13.4 Notice of classification from Bloomington draft board, for Herbert L. Ploense, 1918.
- 13.5 Card with Sentinel's General Orders (1914) on posting of guard and relief.