Military Records at the South Dakota State Archives – Related Organizations

Collections

Ethel Dowdell Abild Papers, 1913-1988 (H92-095 through H92-097)

This collection consists of personal papers, manuscripts, and an audio recording of the Watertown American Legion Auxiliary Chorus. (Boxes 00491 B, 00493 A-B)

American Legion Auxiliary, Petit Salon No. 745 Records, 1971-2003 (H2003-025)

Consists of club records from the Petit Salon No. 745 (Eight and Forty) from 1971 through 2003. Includes meeting minutes, reports, scrapbooks, and correspondence. (Box 07049 B, FB 34)

American Legion Auxiliary, Petit Salon No. 745 Records, late 1990s (H2009-097)

This collection consists of records for the Hughes County Petit Salon No. 745 from the late 1990s. Includes lists of officers, chairmen, other state affiliates, and activities. (Box 03606 D)

American Legion Auxiliary, Rockham Unit Records, 1935-2009 (H2010-107)

This collection consists of various records of the American Legion Auxiliary Rockham Unit dating from 1935 to 2009. The majority of the collection is minutes and member lists of the Rockham Auxiliary. Other items in the collection include bylaws, cemetery lists, membership applications, lists of officers, cash receipts/disbursements, brochures/pamphlets, and Unit handbooks. (Boxes 05613 C, 05616 A-B)

American Legion Auxiliary of South Dakota Records, 1921-1997 (H80-006, H95-041, H98-067, H99-024, H2000-025)

The South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, a women's service organization, was created in 1921. This collection contains copies of the newsletters and publications, department histories, clippings, proceedings, yearbooks, and unit histories. The Gold Star Volume is a commemorative volume containing biographies and photographs honoring South Dakota's World War I dead. (Boxes 03716-03720, 05851-05856, 06033 A, 06888 C, 06939-06940 A, 06835, FB 381)

American Legion, St. Louis Caucus Booklet, 1919 (H75-579M)

A microfilmed copy of a booklet for the American Legion caucus held in St. Louis on May 8-10, 1919. The booklet contains the names of the advance committee, lists of delegates from each state, meeting minutes, names of various committees and members of those committees, and a list of the state officers. (MF 1848)

American Legion General Files, 1929-1930 (H75-053)

Consists of one folder of notes and correspondence from Lawrence K. Fox, the state historian for the South Dakota American Legion. (Box 03554 A)

American Legion Pierre Post #8, undated (H74-171)

This collection contains biographical sketches of legionnaires who served in World War I. (Box 03475 A)

American Legion Pierre Post #8, 2001 (H2001-060)

Consists of one edition of the Pierre Post #8 newsletter, "The Bugle," from March 2001. (Box 06991 B)

American Legion Post Application, 1933 (H75-229)

This collection consists of an application and petition for an American Legion post named Swift Horse-Clown Post at the Cheyenne River Agency. (Box 03544 A)

American Legion Records, 1920-1968 (H85-034)

This collection consists of State Convention Proceedings from 1920-1944; State programs, 1920-1964; and issues of the South Dakota Legionnaire and the National Legionnaire. (Boxes 03725-03726 A)

Lillis and John Anderson Collection, ca 1900s-1970s (H2014-078)

Collection includes a photograph of Lillis and other members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary with Governor Joe Foss in his office. (FB 649)

Norman E. Bierwagen Collection, ca 1920s-1970s (H2011-038)

This collection contains various materials relating to Norman Bierwagen including World War II and American Legion materials. American Legion materials include a membership certificate, lifetime membership card, two newsletters from the South Dakota American Legion Band from 1971, and a roster of band members. Also includes an image of the South Dakota American Legion Band from 1971. Bierwagen appears in the image holding a trumpet. (Box 03528 C, MD 73)

Robert Dollard Family Papers, 1861-1918 (H20-001)

Dollard was an army officer, attorney and politician. His papers contain records of his military career and his political career. Dollard served with Company B, 4th Massachusetts Volunteers, and there are letters, military papers, and muster rolls in the collection as well as information on his association with the Dakota Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Box 03649 A, FB 22, MD 63)

Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Dakota, John A. Rawlins Post #27, 1885-1914 (H77-021)

Contains a descriptive book for the John A. Rawlins Post in Plankinton, South Dakota. The book includes the names of members, their ages, birthplaces, residences, occupations, dates of entry into service, and dates of discharge, as well as the names of soldiers buried in Plankinton. (MF 1949)

Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Dakota, John B. Wyman Post #115, 1885 (H79-002)

This collection consists of one certificate for the John B. Wyman Post in Wessington, South Dakota. (MD 66)

Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Dakota Records, 1882-1941 (H74-014)

This collection contains national and state records which include journals, encampment books, individual post records, quartermaster record books and reports, adjutant reports, orders and circulars, department rosters, correspondence, muster rolls, membership information, clippings, programs, photographs, and post applications. Post information is included in this collection for the following towns: Alexandria, Bangor, Belle Fourche, Beresford, Cavour, Chamberlain, Dell Rapids, Esmond, Fort Randall, Geddes, Harrold, Hot Springs, Iroquois, Lennox, Madison, Miller, Oelrichs, Pierre, Plankinton, Salem, Selby, Sioux Falls, Springfield, Volga, Watertown, Wessington Springs, White Lake, and Yankton. (Boxes 03378 B - 03389, 03391; MD 66; FB 59-61 and 104)

Grand Army of the Republic, National Encampment Books, 1914-1949 (H98-106)

This collection consists of the journals of the National Encampment of the Grant Army of the Republic for the following years: 1914-1916, 1924-1931, 1940-1945, and 1949. (Box 06984 B)

Grand Army of the Republic, Photographs, ca 1900s (H2013-018)

This collection consists of three photographs relating to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of South Dakota chapter. Subjects include the South Dakota delegation at the 1906 G.A.R. National Encampment in Minneapolis; the G.A.R. encampment at Mitchell, South Dakota in 1912; and the Civil War monument in Milbank, South Dakota. (Box 04932 A)

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, General George A. Custer Circle #6, 1932-1935 (H77-003)

Records of the General George A. Custer Circle of Chamberlain, South Dakota. Includes correspondence, lists of members and officers, rituals, special programs, rules and regulations, order of meetings, and the proceedings of the 48th Annual National Convention. (Box 03569 A)

Lake Madison Veterans Association Ledger, 1887-1916 (H74-045)

This ledger contains the constitution, bylaws, and members present at the 1st through 27th annual encampments of the association. The ledger also contains meeting minutes for all of the encampments except for the 11th and 13th. Rosters of the Women's Relief Corps for the 26th and 27th encampments are also included. (FB 45)

Jerome Mangan Collection, ca 1870s-1910s (H2020-065)

This collection consists of various documents compiled during the life of Jerome Mangan, including two lists of Grand Army of the Republic members of the Stephen A. Hurlburt, Post 9 of Elk Point, South Dakota, from 1907 and 1909. (MD 334)

National World War II Glider Pilots Association Membership Records, 1999 (H2016-029)

This collection consists of one booklet of a membership roster for the National World War II Glider Pilots Association compiled in 1999. Eight members of the association form South Dakota are listed on page 31. (Box 06490 B)

Sons of Veterans, Pierre Camp Minutes, 1912-1916 (H88-046)

The Pierre Camp was organized in 1912 and was connected to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was composed of the sons of Union veterans and was eventually renamed Sully Camp. (Box 03752 A)

Sons of Veterans, South Dakota Division Records, 1898-1912 (H51-001)

This collection contains a register of charter members of the South Dakota Division from 1898 to 1902; an account book from 1890 to 1902; addresses/speeches from 1894, 1895, and 1897; circulars and general orders from 1887, 1889, and 1895; a guide to rituals and ceremonials of the Sons of Veterans from 1911; a list of Pierre Sons of Veterans from 1912; and a Horstmann Brothers and Company Manufacturers of Sons of Veterans supplies catalog. (Box 03300 A)

Leo Temmey Collection, ca 1910s-1960s (H2022-072)

This collection consists of items pertaining to the life of Leo Albert Temmey, including some South Dakota American Legion items. (Box 07517, 01926, FB 754)

United Spanish War Veterans, Aberdeen Post 17, 1914 (H99-049)

This collection contains a history of the United Spanish War Veterans from Post 17 in Aberdeen. This history includes the names of those who attended a reunion in 1914. (Box 06954 A)

United Spanish War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary Records, 1925-1972 (H87-054)

This collection includes state encampment booklets, national encampment books, copies of the bylaws and constitution, minutes, history of the department, rosters, correspondence, and orders. (Boxes 06781-06783 A)

United Spanish War Veterans, John W. Laughlin Auxiliary #9, 1931-1957 (H85-039)

This collection consists of a meeting minute book from 1931 to 1947; receipt books; convention proceedings of the National Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans from 1943; general orders from 1951 to 1956; and miscellaneous chapter correspondence and reports from 1955 to 1957. (Boxes 03618 B and 03619)

United Spanish War Veterans, Sidney E. Morrison Auxiliary #4, 1934-1946 (H74-059)

This collection consists of a minute book containing entries from February 7, 1934 through March 5, 1946, and a history of the Auxiliary. (Box 03450 B)

United Spanish War Veterans, State Convention of the National Encampment, 1924-1955 (H98-107)

Contains the proceedings of the State Convention of the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans from 1924-1955. Some years are missing. (Boxes 06990 A-B)

U.S.S. South Dakota Veterans Association, Reunion Materials, 1951-1953 (H96-003)

Consists of a poster broadcasting the 30th annual reunion of the U.S.S. South Dakota Veterans Association held at the Frye Hotel in Seattle, Washington, on April 7, 1951. Also includes a copy of the Harbor Post (Aberdeen, Washington) newspaper with an article about the 1953 annual reunion's activities. (Box 03997 A, MD 263)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, Hospital Book, 1939-1964 (H95-023)

Members and friends of the South Dakota Auxiliary signed their names in the book and paid one center per letter for the privilege. The project was started in 1939 and ended in 1964. The book contains about 15,000 names and raised about $1,800.00 for the men at the Battle Mountain Sanitarium, State Soldier's Home in Hot Springs, the Royal C. Johnson Hospital, the Fort Meade Hospital, and the veterans at the State Hospital in Yankton. (FB 148)

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"Daughters of the American Revolution, South Dakota Chapter"

"Grand Army of the Republic"

"Veterans"