

Records of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

RG-004

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library
Creator	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1. (Philadelphia, Pa.).
Title	Records of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Call number	RG-004
Date [inclusive]	1879-1953
Extent	8.25 cubic feet ((23 volumes in 10 boxes, plus 3.25 cubic feet unprocessed materials))
Language	English
Abstract	The Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established in 1879 in Philadelphia as a beneficial association for descendants of Civil War veterans. The Records of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1879-1953, consist of administrative, financial, and membership records.

Biography/History

Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established on April 24, 1879. The Camp began as the Cadet Core of Anna M. Ross Post No. 94. It adopted the use of Camp in its title on November 26, 1880. The Camp was originally part of the Sons of Veterans organization, but which was renamed Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War after a split occurred in the original

organization. The Camp had numerous different locations throughout North Philadelphia including: 1033 Girard Avenue, 1919 West Girard Avenue, 952 North 11th Street, 1303 W. Girard Avenue, and 208 East Girard Avenue.

Scope and Contents

Additional unprocessed records from Camp 1 may not yet be available to researchers.

In the Archives room, unprocessed shelves, are stored several minute books (circa 1930s-1945), loose financial papers (death benefits), bank statements, and a ledger (death benefits, 1940s). There is also a large box of completely unprocessed records.

In the Museum attic, under the southeast eaves, additional financial records and correspondence, 1920s-1950s, are stored.

Scope and Contents

The records of Anna M. Camp Post No. 1 consist of three series and one subgroup and span the years 1879 to the 1953. It is not known how G.A.R. Civil War Museum and Library acquired the records or if additional records survived or existed. The post's charter is stored in the Museum attic.

Series I: Administrative Records - This series consists of minutes of the Camp's meetings and a roll book of officers. The minutes span 1879 to 1953, with missing minutes for the years 1937 to 1941. The minutes are in bound volumes and numbered by the Camp in chronological order. The minutes book for April 7, 1911 to November 17, 1916 contains numerous ink drawings dedicated to members' passing and done by a C.H. (K?) Faust. The meeting minutes for April 24, 1879 to March 31, 1882 show the Camp's beginning as a cadet core and then its formation into an SUVCW Camp. The 1882 Camp Charter is in the GAR museum.

The roll book of officer's is an attendance book of Camp members that includes a list of early officers. It is one bound volume that dates from 1903 to 1942.

Series II: Financial Records - The financial records series consists of an account book, House Committee Account Books, and Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports books. The account book is one bound volume dating from November 1900 to March 1901. The House Committee Account book is one bound volume dating from 1917 to 1925. The Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports Book is one bound volume dating from July 12, 1946 to October 19, 1948.

Series III: Membership Records - The descriptive book is one bound volume dating from 1880 to 1939. It has an alphabetical index to the names listed in the volume. The SUVCW descriptive books contain information on Camp members' ages, birthplace, residence, occupations, and muster. The books also include information on Camp members' fathers' or grandfathers' Civil War service, such as the family member's name and military service details, including date of entry into service, unit served in, and particulars of discharge.

Subgroup I: Camp No. 1 Guards Series I: Administrative Records - The Minutes of the Camp No. 1 Guards date from July 28, 1898 to January 9, 1915 and consist of one bound volume. It is unknown if any minute books preceded this volume.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

This preliminary finding aid was created by staff of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) using data provided by the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Access Restrictions

Contact the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library for information about accessing collection.

Processing Information note

The records were rough sorted and placed in archival boxes by board members and volunteers of the GAR Civil War Museum & Library in 2008. In 2009-2010 they received preliminary processing by Archival Consultant Jack McCarthy and Intern Megan Atkinson, working on a project funded by grants from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and National Endowment for the Humanities. This finding aid is the result of that project. The grant funds allowed for only minimal processing and very little re-housing of the records; as noted above, the records require more thorough processing.

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Grand Army of the Republic.
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Subject(s)

- Fraternal organizations
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Veterans

Administrative records

Collection Inventory

Administrative records.

	Box
Minutes (missing 1937-1941), 1882 April 7-1953 October 23. 18 Items.	1-9
Roll Book of Officer's: Attendance Book, undated. 1 Items.	9

Financial records.

	Box
Account book, 1900 November-1901 March. 1 Items.	10
House Committee account book, 1917-1925. 1 Items.	10
Camp Treasurer's quarterly reports book, 1946 July 12-1948 October 19. 1 Items.	10

Camp No. 1 Guards: Administrative records: minutes of Camp No. 1 Guard.

	Box
Minutes of the Camp No. 1 Guards, 1898 July 28-1915 January 9. 1 Items.	10

Membership records.

	Box
Descriptive book, 1880-1939. 1 Items.	10