

Records of Williams Post No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic

RG-078

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library
Creator	Grand Army of the Republic. Williams Post No. 78. (Muncie, Ind.).
Title	Records of Williams Post No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic
Call number	RG-078
Date [inclusive]	1884-1930
Extent	3.5 cubic feet ((12 volumes in 7 boxes))
Language	English
Abstract	G.A.R. members instituted Williams Post No. 78 in 1884 in Muncie, Indiana. The Post continued to meet through 1930. The Records of Williams Post No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, 1884-1930, consist of administrative, financial, and membership records.

Biography/History

G.A.R. members instituted Williams Post No. 78 in 1884 in Muncie, Indiana. The Post continued to meet through 1930; the last meeting minutes are recorded in December 1930.

Scope and Contents

The records of Williams Post No. 78 consist of twelve bound volumes that date from 1884 to 1930. The records are organized into three series: Administrative Records, Financial Records, and Membership Records. It is not known how G.A.R. Civil War Museum and Library acquired the records or if additional records survived or existed.

Series I: Administrative Records - This series consists of minutes of the Post's meetings from 1884 to 1930. The minutes are in six bound volumes arranged chronologically. Numerous items are tipped in to the minute books, including newspaper articles and correspondence. The minute book dating from December 1924 to December 1930 contains finances and ledgers dating from 1924 to 1929 and some information on financial accounts dating from 1910 to the 1920s.

Series II: Financial Records - This series consists of five volumes of financial records including dues books, receipts, and disbursements and a cashbook. The Post used most of the volumes for a variety of financial purposes. The first volume is an 1891 to 1900 dues, receipt, and disbursement book. The second volume is an 1894 to 1901 receipt and disbursement book. The third volume is a dues book that records membership dues for the year 1900. The fourth volume contains a member's roster and records of dues payments for the years 1901 to 1917. This volume also has some finances and ledger information recorded. The cashbook dates January 1911 to May 1917.

Series III: Membership Records - This series consists of one descriptive book with entries from 1884 to approximately 1907. The entries contain detailed information on Post members, including: member's name, age, birthplace, residence, occupation, details on the entry into service and final discharge (which includes date, rank, company, and regiment), length of service, cause of discharge, the details of his G.A.R. membership, and remarks (which include death notices or membership ending through leaving or transferring). The descriptive book is a rich source of the social and demographic history of members of the Post. The Book also includes the Post's constitution, bylaws, and a Muster Roll from 1884 to 1907.

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. Dept. of Indiana.
- Grand Army of the Republic.

Geographic Name(s)

- Muncie (Ind.)

Subject(s)

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

- Veterans

Administrative records

Collection Inventory

Administrative records.

	Box
Minutes, 1884-1930. 6 Items.	1-4

Financial records.

	Box
Dues, receipts, and disbursements book, 1891-1900. 1 Items.	5
Receipts/disbursements, 1894 June-1901 January. 1 Items.	5
Dues book and member numbers, 1900. 1 Items.	5
Roster and dues, 1901-1917. 1 Items.	6
Cash book, 1911 January-1917 May. 1 Items.	6

Membership records.

	Box
Descriptive book/muster roll, 1884-1907. 1 Items.	7