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KINGS COUNTY UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS COLLECTION
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Dates	1895-1975
Extent	6 standard boxes (3 cubic feet)
Creator	the Kings County United Spanish War Veterans organization
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HISTORICAL NOTE

Following the 1898 Spanish-American War, the Kings County United Spanish War Veterans was founded in 1904, with various posts [Chapters] for the Brooklyn soldiers that fought in the war. These camps were open to all military personnel who served during the Spanish-American War and had either been honorably discharged or continued to serve. In addition, non-military personnel who had served in the war were eligible to join.

According to its constitution, the United Spanish War Veterans was created “to unite...all persons who served honorably in the military or naval forces of the United States of America during the war with Spain..” It was also organized to honor the memory of former comrades, assist the families of fallen soldiers, educate people “to the necessity of making provisions for national defense..” and “to promote the best interest of those who participated in the war with Spain..”

In regards to the structure of the organization, according to the Proceedings of the Stated Convention of the 44th National Encampment [1942] Pg.6- Sec.17, “Local organizations shall be called Camps; state organizations, Departments; and the national organization, National Encampment.” And as per Pg.6- Sec.16, “Camps shall be numbered by states, and those now in actual existence and active operation shall be given numbers in order of their original formation as former camps or commands...”

“Sometimes we refer to the war with Spain as “a vest pocket war.” But the patriotic devotion and sacrifice of the boys who fought that war was not of the vast pocket type...they performed these services without fear and without reserves that in proportion to the need they stood ready to give all they had to their country.”— Proceedings of the New York United Spanish War Veterans Convention [1918] Pp. 183-184.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Kings County United Spanish War Veterans Collection contains documents largely pertaining to the organization’s William H. Hubbell Camp #4 and #12. Included are enrolled members applications, convention proceedings books, booklets and pamphlets. Letters, announcements, and miscellaneous items such as coupons and tickets can be found within this collection as well. Collection dates to period 1895-1975, consisting of 6 document sized boxes.

COLLECTION OUTLINE

Sub-Group I: Membership Applications

- Series 1: Applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 4
- Series 2: Applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 12
- Series 3: Applications to Miscellaneous Camps

Sub-Group II: Administrative Files

- Series 1: Bulletins, Orders, Reports & Proceedings
- Series 2: Ceremonies and Memorials
- Series 3: General Administrative Files
- Series 4: Miscellaneous

GROUP/SERIES STATEMENTS

Sub-Group I: Membership Applications

Within this sub-group, you will find 3 document sized boxes containing 3 series of membership applications from different camps. The majority of the applications are from camps 4 and 12, but the final series contains miscellaneous camps.

Series 1: Applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 4

Dates Inclusive: 1891-1975

Extent: 2 boxes (1 cubic foot)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series contains membership applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 4. Each application states when and where the applicant was born and where they currently reside. It also entails when they were enlisted, which wars they served in, duration of time served, if there was honorable discharge, their rank and a referral.

Series 2: Applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 12

Dates Inclusive: 1891-1975

Extent: 1 box (.5 cubic foot)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Similar to Series 1 of this subgroup, this series contains membership applications to Camp William H. Hubbell No. 12. Each application in this series also states when and where the applicant was born and where they currently reside. It also entails when they were enlisted, which wars they served in, duration of time served, if there was honorable discharge, their rank and a referral.

Series 3: Applications to Misc. Camps.

Dates Inclusive: 1891-1975

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series consists of Applications from Camps 2, 3, 19, 22 (2 applications), 34 (3 applications), 38 (4 applications), 44, 62, 63, 65, 66, and 80. Each application states when and where the applicant was born and where they currently reside. It also entails when they were enlisted, which wars they served in, duration of time served, if there was honorable discharge, their rank and a referral.

Sub-Group II: Administrative Files

This sub-group is made up of 4 series. These series consist of books and bulletins, collections from different ceremonies and memorials, letters, financial and government information, and random findings such as coupons, tickets, and a camp sign.

Series 1: Bulletins, Orders, Reports and Proceedings

Dates Inclusive: 1902-1952

Extent: 2 boxes (1 cubic foot)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

The first box in this series contains six books (two of which are Reports and four of which are Proceedings). The second half of this series is made up of files that went into print, such as General orders, special reports, special orders, circulars, house committee prints, and bulletins from 1923. The General orders are organized by the year of publication.

Series 2: Ceremonies and Memorials

Dates Inclusive: 1912-1973

Extent: 5 Folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series contains pamphlets, booklets, speeches, ballots, citations, speeches and order of exercises of memorial services as well as Memorial Day ceremonies. It also documents some of the annual Encampments from 1900-1945 in which dinners were held, members were honored, and ballots were used to vote on specific positions within the Kings County Spanish War Veterans organization. In addition, there are rule and ritual booklets that outline how certain ceremonies and memorials should be carried out and organized

Series 3: General Administrative Files

Dates Inclusive: 1908-1972

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

This series contains financial documentation, rulings, thank you letters, letters for pensions, and letters in support of honorable discharge both handwritten and typed. Also, drafted letters of petition to government officials on behalf of the kings county Spanish American war veterans can be found within this series

Series 4: Miscellaneous 2 folders

Dates Inclusive: 1891-1975

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Size

Coupons, tickets, invitations and items found within the pages of some of the ritual and bulletin books. And a sign from Camp no. 22.

Container Listing

Subgroup I: Membership Applications Series 1: William H Hubbell Camp No. 4

Box 1

Folder 1: Applications; Camp #4: A
Folder 2: Applications; Camp #4: B
Folder 3: Applications; Camp #4: C
Folder 4: Applications; Camp #4: D
Folder 5: Applications; Camp #4: E
Folder 6: Applications; Camp #4: F
Folder 7: Applications; Camp #4: G
Folder 8: Applications; Camp #4: H
Folder9: Applications; Camp #4: I
Folder 10: Applications; Camp #4: J
Folder 11: Applications; Camp #4: K
Folder 12: Applications; Camp #4: L
Folder 13: Applications; Camp #4: M-MC
Folder 14: Applications; Camp #4: MD-MZ
Folder 15: Applications; Camp #4: N

Box 2

Folders 1: Applications; Camp #4: O
Folder 2: Applications; Camp #4: P
Folder 3: Applications; Camp #4: Q
Folder 4: Applications; Camp #4: R
Folder 5: Applications; Camp #4: S
Folder 6: Applications; Camp #4: T
Folder 7: Applications; Camp #4: U
Folder 8: Applications; Camp #4: V
Folder 9: Applications; Camp #4: W
Folder 10: Applications; Camp #4: X-Y-Z
Folder 11: Applications; Camp #4: Duplicates

Subgroup I: Membership Applications Series 2: William H Hubbell Camp No. 12

Box 3-

Folder 1: Applications; Camp #12: A
Folder 2: Applications; Camp #12: B
Folder 3: Applications; Camp #12: C
Folder 4: Applications; Camp #12: D
Folder 5: Applications; Camp #12: E
Folder 6: Applications; Camp #12: F
Folder 7: Applications; Camp #12: G
Folder 8: Applications; Camp #12: H
Folder 9: Applications; Camp #12: I
Folder 10: Applications; Camp #12: J
Folder 11: Applications; Camp #12: K

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Subgroup I: Membership Applications
Series 2: William H Hubbell Camp No. 12

Folder 12: Applications; Camp #12: L
Folder 13: Applications; Camp #12: M
Folder 14: Applications; Camp #12: N
Folder 15: Applications; Camp #12: O
Folder 16: Applications; Camp #12: P
Folder 17: Applications; Camp #12: R
Folder 18: Applications; Camp #12: S
Folder 19: Applications; Camp #12: T
Folder 20: Applications; Camp #12: U
Folder 21: Applications; Camp #12: V
Folder 22: Applications; Camp #12: W-X-Y-Z
Folder 23: Applications; Camp #12: Duplicates

Subgroup I: Membership Applications
Series 3: Misc. Camps

Box 3

Folder 24- Applications; Misc. Camps: A-Z

Subgroup II: Administrative Files
Series 1: Bulletins, Orders, Reports and Proceeding

Box 4

Book 1: State of NY Proceedings of the USWV: 1911
Book 2: State of NY Proceedings of the USWV: 1914
Book 3: State of NY Proceedings of the USWV: 1918
Book 4: State of NY Proceedings of the USWV: 1937
Book 5: State of NY Report of the Adjutant General:1902
Book 6: State of NY Report of the Adjutant General:1905

Box 5

Folder 1: Circulars
Folder 2: General Orders; 1909 (Hartford, CT)
Folder 3: General Orders; 1910 (Boston, MA)
Folder 4: General Orders; 1910-1911 (Seattle, WA)
Folder 5: General Orders; 1911-1912 (New York, NY)
Folder 6: General Orders; 1912-1913 (Pittsburgh, PA)
Folder 7: General Orders; 1916-1917 (Troy, NY)
Folder 8: General Orders; 1917-1918 (Detroit, MI)
Folder 9: General Orders; 1918-1919 (New York, NY)
Folder 10: General Orders; 1919-1920 (New York, NY)
Folder 11: General Orders; 1920-1921 (Troy, NY)

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Subgroup II: Administrative Files
Series 1: Bulletins, Orders, Reports and Proceeding

Folder 12: General Orders; 1921-1922 (Buffalo, NY)
Folder 13: General Orders; 1922-1923 (New York, NY)
Folder 14: House Committee Prints
Folder 15: Special Report Booklet; Board of Trustees 1922 (envelope)
Folder 16: Special Orders

Subgroup II: Administrative Files
Series 2: Ceremonies and Memorials

Box 6

Folder 1: Annual Encampment
Folder 2: Annual Encampment Booklets
Folder 3: Ceremony Ritual Books/
Folder 4: Memorial Day Ceremonies
Folder 5: Other Ceremonies

Subgroup II: Administrative Files
Series 3: General Administrative Files

Box 6

Folder 6: Correspondence
Folder 7: Financial Statements
Folder 8: Rulings

Subgroup II: Administrative Files
Series 4: Miscellaneous

Box 6

Folder 9: Miscellaneous Items
Folder 7: Sign "Brooklyn Camp No.22-U.S.W.V.