

CROWDER-BOSE FAMILY PAPERS, 1859-1942

Collection #

M 671

OM 351

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 2 oversize folders

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1859-1942; bulk 1863-1865

PROVENANCE: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Bose, Westfield, IN, 12 February 1996

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 208 Robert H. Crowder; M 574 Senior Lawyers Project (re Unigov)

HISTORICAL SKETCH

This collection principally concerns two members of the Crowder-Bose family, which first lived in Sullivan, Indiana, and later moved to Indianapolis.

Robert H. Crowder (ca 1840-1910) was born in Sullivan, Indiana, the son of Dr. William H. Crowder and Hannah Cox. He began the practice of medicine in Graysville about 1860. When the Civil War broke out, he did not immediately join the service, but in 1863 he was elected captain of the Graysville Guards.

On 30 December 1863, Crowder was commissioned captain of Company G of the newly formed 11th Cavalry Regiment (126th Regiment). The regiment was organized during the spring of 1864 at Camp Carrington in Indianapolis. From May to October 1864 it was on guard duty at Scottsboro, Alabama, along the line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. In November and December it was engaged around Nashville, and then pursued Hood's forces to Gravelly Springs, Alabama. It remained there and at Eastport, Mississippi, until May 1865, when it was transferred first to St. Louis and then to Rolla, Missouri (to guard a stage line), and finally to Fort Riley, Kansas. Crowder was promoted to regimental assistant surgeon in January 1865, and to surgeon in May.

After being mustered out in September 1865, Crowder reentered Rush Medical College in Chicago, and then set up practice in Sullivan. In the early 1880s he was Sullivan County health officer, and in 1895 he headed a county association of physicians. He had two sons and two daughters.

Lewis Crowder Bose (b. 1917) was born in Indianapolis, graduated from Swarthmore College in 1939, and earned an LLB degree from Yale University in 1942. He practiced law in Indianapolis, and became senior partner of the firm of Bose McKinney and Evans, engaging in general civil practice. He was a member of several local and national bar associations, and headed the team of lawyers which in 1969 worked out the details of Unigov for Indianapolis and Marion County.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one manuscript box and two oversize folders, contains correspondence, papers, and Civil War army reports, dated 1859-1942. It is arranged chronologically, with the army reports listed alphabetically by category.

Folders 1-2 contain two papers, probably by Robert H. Crowder: one a club paper on Single vs Married Life; the other on Circulation of Blood.

Folders 3-17 contain army reports, mainly made out by Crowder, during his period of service in 1853-1865. Probably their main importance is to show the amount of paper work an army officer had to do. There are reports of deaths and of military discipline, and certificates about the loss of a large number of cavalry horses. The reports deal principally with Crowder's work as a company officer, but Folder 10 contains a receipt for medical supplies. (Crowder's letters home to his wife during this period are in M 208-- Robert H. Crowder.)

Folder 18 contains receipts for materials received by the Graysville Guards in 1863 and 1865.

In Folders 19-20 are papers from the Crowder family in 1905-1919, a preponderance having to do with Robert Crowder's death in 1910.

Folder 21 contains family letters 1935-1942, mainly to Lewis Crowder Bose at Yale Law School from his mother in

Indianapolis. One letter, written to Bose by his friend Bob three days after Pearl Harbor in 1941, typifies the kinds of choices which young men were making about military service as the United States got into the war.

FOLDER LISTING

FOLDER

- 1 Club paper 1859-- Single vs Married Life
 - 2 Paper n.d.-- Circulation of Blood
 - 3 Letter-- appointment of non-coms 1864
 - 4 Death reports of enlisted men
 - 5 Discipline
 - 6 Cavalry horses and equipment-- receipts
 - 7 Cavalry horses and equipment-- affidavits re losses
 - 8 Clothing, camping and garrison equipment-- receipts
 - 9 (OM 351) Cavalry horses and equipment-- receipts July 1864
 - 10 Medical supplies-- receipt
 - 11 Ordnance-- receipts
 - 12 (OM 351) Ordnance-- receipts
 - 13 Ordnance-- expenditures
 - 14 Quartermaster stores-- receipts
 - 15 (OM 351) Quartermaster stores-- returns Apr.- Aug. 1864 (Flat File: FF 11-e)
 - 16 Quartermaster stores-- returns Nov. 1864-Feb. 1865
 - 17 Quartermaster stores-- receipts for reports
 - 18 Graysville Guards 1863, 1865
 - 19 Crowder family-- 1905-1910
 - 20 Crowder family-- 1912-1919
 - 21 Bose family 1935-1942
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Crowder-Bose family papers, 1859-1942, (bulk 1863-1865)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Crowder, Robert H., ca. 1840-1910

Bose, Lewis C. (Lewis Crowder), 1917-

United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 11th (1864-1865)

Indiana. Legion. Graysville Guards

United States. Army--Surgeons

World War, 1939-1945--United States--Moral and ethical aspects

Law students--Connecticut--New Haven

Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), Attack on, 1941

Blood--Circulation

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Equipment and supplies

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Cavalry operations

Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Registers of dead

Sullivan (Ind.)--History--Sources

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