

# BROOKVILLE CAMP 14672, MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA RECORDS, 1910-1934

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 volume
COLLECTION DATES:	1910-1934
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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Modern Woodmen of America (WMA) is a fraternal benefit life insurance company which was founded in 1883. In 1994 its headquarters were in Rock Island, Illinois, and it had 650,000 members, centered mainly in the Western States.

The Brookville Camp #14672 of WMA seems to have been founded in 1910. Attendance at its meetings, in a hall rented from the Masonic lodge, varied between five and twenty members. Meetings at first were held weekly, but from 1922 to 1934 minutes show only an annual meeting to elect officers.

The Brookville Camp had some features like a lodge. Members bore the title of Neighbor, and the officers were called Consul, Escort, Advisor, Watchman, and Banker. Degrees in Woodcraft were awarded by vote. Voting was by white and black pebbles.

The insurance function of the camp was carried out by a monthly assessment on each member. Through the years this assessment rose from twenty-five cents to several dollars.

Sources: *Encyclopaedia Americana*  
*Encyclopaedia of Associations*, 26th edition, p. 1997

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one coverless bound volume, containing organization records from 1910 to 1934. Pages 5-51 have meeting minutes 1910-1934. On pages 53-57 are accounts for the years 1927-1932, and on pages 103-116 are records of assessments for the benefit fund, along with records of each member's policy and payments.

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