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**HENRY C. CRON
COLLECTION, CA. 1896–1934**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 photograph box, 2 5x7 stereograph boxes, 1 OVB photograph folder, 1 half-size manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: c. 1896–1934

PROVENANCE: Gary Ballard, Noblesville, Indiana, 2015

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Henry F Goedecke, Philippine-American War diary, SC 2764

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Spanish-American War began with American support of the Cuban struggle against colonial Spain. Tensions between the United States and Spain were further incensed on 15 February 1898, when the U.S. battleship *Maine* mysteriously exploded in the Havana harbor. By 25 April 1898, war had erupted. The first battles of the war were fought in early May. A ceasefire was negotiated and signed by 12 August 1898, and the Treaty of Paris officially ended the conflict in December 1898. As described by then-Secretary of State John Hays, this short, decisive struggle was a "splendid little war."

As part of the Treaty of Paris, the Spanish colony of the Philippines was ceded to the United States. However, Filipino nationalists led by Emilio Aguinaldo disliked the idea of trading one colonial ruler for another. Fighting broke out between the United States and the Philippines days after the treaty was signed, signaling the start of the Philippine-American War. This conflict lasted from 1899–1902. The Philippine-American War went through two stages: traditional warfare and Filipino guerrilla warfare. Brutal fighting tactics as well as food shortages and waves of cholera and malaria dramatically increased casualties. By 1902, much of the resistance had disappeared, and Theodore Roosevelt declared general amnesty.

Henry C. Cron, an Indianapolis native, served in the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry with Company K during the Spanish-American War. Cron was born on 12 November 1877 to Adam and Sophie Cron. On 21 December 1910, he married Marie Harweik. After the Spanish-American War, Cron served during the Philippine-American War in the 30th Infantry in Company C. He was also registered for the draft in both World War I and World War II. Henry C. Cron passed away on 6 August 1965.

Sources:

"The Spanish American War, 1898," Office of the Historian, United States Department of State.

"The Philippine-American War, 1899–1902," Office of the Historian, United States Department of State.

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection has been divided into five distinct series, which are described below.

Series 1: United States: This section contains seven photographs of places within the United States. Places depicted include Camp Onward in Savannah, Georgia; Raton, New Mexico; and the Cimarron Canon in New Mexico. Of these seven photographs, two are of Georgia (Camp Onward, 1898), and the other five are of New Mexico (c. 1905). A larger matted 11" x 13.5" image of Georgia is among the seven photographs.

Series 2: Cuba: This series is filled with photos taken in Cuba. There are three photos of Morro Castle (c. 1898–1899), four photos of the US Maine wreckage and grave (c. 1898–1899), two photos of the Indiana Monument (c. 1899), and fourteen photos of buildings, soldiers, and monuments around Havana (c. 1898–1899). There are also twelve undated photographs from unknown locations in Cuba that depict mass graves, personal funerals, the funeral of General Garcia, Cuban's poor conditions, buildings, and soldiers.

Series 3: Unknown Locations: This section (c. 1896–1934) is divided into photographs of military camps and soldiers and photographs of buildings, landscapes, and civilians, all in unknown locations. There are thirty-one photos of military camps and soldiers and forty-two photographs of buildings, landscapes, and civilians.

Series 4: Stereographs: Within this series are forty-five stereograph photos ranging from 1896 to 1900. These photos show scenes from the Philippines, depicting both Filipino and US soldiers; Filipino soldiers; prisoners of war; camps; and United States soldiers from the 12th Infantry, 26th regulars, and 12th regulars. Additionally, there are stereograph images of hospitals, students, General Lawton's grave, battle wreckages, a bone pile in Cuba, the President's Palace in Hawaii, the "dying fields" in China, and a garden scene in Japan.

Series 5: Military Documents: This collection contains booklets related to Henry C. Cron's military service. Included are a pocket-sized booklet called "America's Army and its Part in the Great War;" a bound volume, "A History of the 30th Infantry, U.S. Volunteers in the Philippine Insurrection 1899–1901;" and three rosters. The rosters include the pocket-sized "Roster of the Thirtieth Infantry: U.S. Vols 1900" and "Department of Indiana: United Spanish War Veterans," and booklet "Major Harold C. Megrew Camp No.1."

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New Mexico, c. 1905

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Camp Onward, Georgia, 1898

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Camp Onward, Georgia, 1898

OVB Photographs,
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Series 2: Cuba

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USS *Maine* wreckage and grave, c. 1898–1899

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Indiana Monument, c. 1899

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Morro Castle, c. 1898–1899

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Havana, Cuba, c. 1898–1899

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Unknown locations in Cuba, no date

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Series 3: Unknown Locations

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Camps and soldiers, c. 1896–1934

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Camps and soldiers, c. 1896–1934

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Box 1, Folder 10

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Series 5: Military Documents

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30th Infantry in Philippine Insurrection history, 1934

Manuscripts,
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Military Rosters: Major Harold C. Megrew Camp No. 1, 1928

Manuscripts,
Box 1, Folder 3

Military Rosters: Roster of the Thirtieth Infantry, 1900; Dept. of the United States War Veterans, 1916

Manuscripts,
Box 1, Folder 4

