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**NATHANIEL ISLER CAMP 87, U.S.W.V.
COLLECTION, 1929–1963**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size manuscript box, 1 artifact

COLLECTION DATES: 1929–1963

PROVENANCE: Donated by Stephanie Shelksohn

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: United Spanish War Veterans, *Proceedings of the stated convention of the 52nd national encampment*, E 714.3. U6; United Spanish War Veterans, *Official roster of the regular camp meetings and their officers of the United Spanish War Veterans*, E 714.3. U579

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The United Spanish War Veterans (U.S.W.V.) was an organization consisting of veterans from three different wars: the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War, and the Chinese Relief Expedition. The organization was formed in 1904 when the three largest veteran organizations for the Spanish-American War merged together. In 1908, veteran organizations for soldiers serving in the Philippines also merged with the larger organization.

The purpose of the group was to provide camaraderie amongst the veterans, advocate for veteran concerns, and maintain the graves of fallen soldiers. Each participating state was considered its own department with individual local level branches known as camps. The Nathaniel Isler Camp was created to represent members from the Jeffersonville, Indiana, area. It was named after a local soldier who had died during the one of the wars. The veteran organization disbanded when the last surviving member passed in 1992.

The Spanish-American War took place between April 1898 and February 1899. The Philippine-American War took place between February 1899 and July 1902. The Chinese Relief Expedition occurred between 1900 and 1901, when United States troops were sent to put down the Boxer Rebellion that occurred in China between 1899 and 1901. The expedition troops were included with Spanish and Philippine war veterans on federal pension bills.

Sources:

"United Spanish War Veterans." Wikipedia. Accessed November 27, 2018.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Spanish_War_Veterans

"Veterans of Spanish War Reorganize Nathaniel Isler Camp and Elect Officers, Has Bright Future." National Democrat (Jeffersonville, IN), September 25, 1914.
<http://newspaperarchive.com>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials relating to the United Spanish War Veterans organization. Folder 1 contains receipts, national encampment programs, greeting cards and credential cards, roster sheets, and blank muster rolls relating to Nathaniel Isler Camp 87. Many of the receipts and papers are addressed to member William Rinke and range in date from 1938 to 1959. Folder 2 contains a petition for Nathaniel Isler Camp 87 regarding pensions for disabled soldiers and widows. The resolution is dated 1931 and contains the signatures, town, and state of participating petitioners.

The collection also contains two bound volumes for Nathaniel Isler Camp 87. The first is a member roster and is dated from 1929 until 1963. It contains the name, address, occupation, enlistment dates, birth dates, signatures, and dates of joining Camp 87 for each member. The second contains meeting minutes recorded by the camp adjutant John F. Boyce. It is dated from 1944 to 1955 and contains information about officers, meeting activities, convention plans, and attendance.

In addition to documents, the collection contains two United Spanish War Veteran medal ribbons.

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Nathaniel Isler Camp 87 roster, 1929–1963

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United Spanish War Veterans medal ribbons

CONTAINER

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