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**UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
EVANSVILLE CHAPTER COLLECTION, 1860–1965**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 4 photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1860–1965; Bulk 1900–1950

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999.0302

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) was founded in 1894. By 1918, the organization reached 100,000 members. The objectives of the UDC were memorial, benevolent, historical, educational, and social. These objectives translated into keeping Confederate tradition alive, building monuments, publishing pro-South textbooks and providing forms of social welfare. Although it was not stated as such, it appeared that the UDC also sought vindication for Confederate ancestors.

To gain membership into the UDC, potential members had to provide historical proof that they were connected to a Confederate soldier. The women had to be at least 18 years old and be "widows, wives, mothers, sisters, nieces, grand nieces or lineal descendents of such men as served honorably in the Confederate Army, Navy, or Civil Service, or those men unfit for active duty who loyally gave aid to the Southern Cause. Also Southern women who can give proof of personal service or loyal aid to the Southern Cause during the war, and the lineal descendants and nieces of such women wherever living". Northern women were also allowed to be members "by adoption" if they married a Confederate Soldier after 1865; however, the honor could only be transmitted to children of a Confederate father, not to any other members of the Northern woman's family.

Chapter 368 of the UDC, titled the Fitzhugh Lee Chapter, was located in Evansville, Indiana.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Cox, Karen L. *Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2003.

Blight, David W. Review of *Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture*, by Karen L. Cox. *The Journal of American History* 91, no. 3 (Dec. 2003): 1045–1046.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the items in the collection are Evansville chapter membership applications, lists, and certificates. Folders are listed in chronological order.

The tintype folder contains one tintype of a man ca. 1860s and one tintype of a woman ca. 1860s. The two single portraits folder contains two single portraits of women ca. 1890s. The group photograph folder contains a photograph of two women ca. 1910s. The single photograph folder contains a photograph of a woman, ca. 1920s.

The bulletins and pamphlets folder includes a General Officers Club bulletin (1949), a Report of the President-General (1939), "Texas Under Six Flags" historical pamphlet (n.d.), *Wings: The Literary Guild Magazine* (1939), an informational pamphlet about *De Namin' Ob De Twins* by Mary Fairfax Childs (n.d.), "The Women of the South in War Times" historical pamphlet (n.d.), Ward-Belmont Thanksgiving Dinner menu (1927), "Let's Say 'The War between the States'" informational pamphlet (1954), *Washington & Lee University Bulletin* Special Edition: "The Lee Memorial Chapel" (1921), and *The United Daughters of the Confederacy Bulletin* V. 1 No. 1 (1938).

Annual Convention programs include the programs for 1924, 1928, 1930, and 1939.

The verses folder contains the "Conquered Banner" and "The Cause of the South." It also contains biographical information on Father Abram Jospeh [sic] Ryan, the author of the verses.

Newspaper articles are mostly about Confederate leaders such as Jefferson Davis.

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Group photograph, ca. 1910s.

Newspaper articles, 1918–65.

Single photograph, ca. 1920s.

Bulletins and pamphlets, 1921–54.

Annual convention programs, 1924–39.

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4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1149).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.