

Sons of Veterans U.S.A., Camp 89 Records

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The records of the Earnshaw Camp 89, Sons of Veterans U.S.A. cover the years 1890-1910. The collection includes one minute book and a folder of miscellaneous loose material.

The collection was accessioned in September 1975. The records in this collection may be used for research purposes in the Wright State University Archives. This collection contains no restricted material.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: ½
Approximate number of items: 25

Organization History

The Chaplain William Earnshaw Camp 89, Sons of Veterans U.S.A. (S.V.) served Dayton, Ohio. The post was named in honor of Reverend Earnshaw, first chaplain of the Soldiers Home in Dayton.

The Sons of Veterans was an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The first "camp" appeared at Philadelphia in 1878 but a national organization was not formed until 1881. Camp 89 was affiliated with G.A.R. Post 23 which had been organized September 29, 1880. Earnshaw Camp's aims were parallel to those of the G.A.R., but membership descended from father to son. One of the organization's required activities involved regular military drill practices which were held at the Old Guard Hall in Dayton. The Earnshaw Camp was a drum corps.

Scope and Content

The records of Dayton's Earnshaw Camp 89, Sons of Veterans U.S.A. consist of one minute book and a folder of miscellaneous loose material. The volume of minutes covers meetings during 1890-1899 and includes quartermaster's reports and resolutions of respect for deceased members. The folder of miscellaneous loose material includes quarterly reports, various receipt forms, and a listing of suspended members.

Container Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Miscellaneous loose material: Invitation to Memorial Day services; quarterly report, resolution regarding membership requirements; receipts forms; blank transcript forms.	1898, 1897, 1910
	2	Minute Book; resolution of respect for Arthur B. Neigent; report on charity circus; quartermaster and treasurer's reports.	Oct. 1890-Jan. 1899