

MS-11, Woman's Relief Corps No. 195 Records

Collection Number: MS-11

Title: Woman's Relief Corps No. 195 Records

Dates: 1902-1941

Creator: Woman's Relief Corps (U.S.). Kyle Corps No.195 (Auglaize County, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

The records contain the organization's minute books, membership lists, financial records, and officer's registers. Corps 195 served Auglaize County.

Quantity/Physical Description: .8 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition: Leonard Pyles, Veterans Services Officer for Auglaize County, transferred the collection to Wright State University in accordance with a pre-arranged dispersal schedule. The collection was accessioned in September 1975.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms11.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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Arrangement: Arranged by record type, and chronologically thereunder.

Historical Note:

Kyle Corps 195 of the Woman's Relief Corps was organized in 1882 and in July 1883 was voted the official woman's auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Reactivated on August 23, 1902, the group met weekly in the G.A.R. Hall in the Auglaize County courthouse, Wapakoneta, Ohio. The corps held annual conventions in conjunction with the G.A.R. encampments.

The membership was open to all loyal women and they supported the G.A.R. in its campaign to imbue the American public with patriotism. One of the societies' projects was to aid in the movement to place American flags in all the schools and to institute the daily salute to the flag in each classroom.

In 1896 the membership of the Corps was 140,305. By 1968 the membership was 54,000. The headquarter of the society is in Springfield, Illinois and though their original aim was to aid and memorialize the G.A.R. and perpetuate the memory of its dead, they still work to assist veterans of all wars of the United States.

Scope and Content Note

The Woman's Relief Corps, no. 195 collection consists mostly of items related to the organization's required record keeping. The five minute books contain information about officers, committees, illnesses and deaths, and new members. In addition to a weekly treasurer's report, the minutes list the number of members present and absent at each meeting.

The two ledgers contain a member index with some dates of death for deceased members. The rear contains the chapter's account records, listing credits and debits with specific information and is intended to be used in conjunction with the ledgers. An officer's register lists all offices held from 1912-1941. It also contains a summary of meeting attendance. There is also one file of miscellaneous loose material.

Subject Terms:

Places

Auglaize County (Ohio) – History

United States – History—Civil War, 1861-1865 – Veterans – Societies, etc.

Subjects (General)

Women -- Ohio -- Societies and clubs

Patriotic societies -- Ohio

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Minute Book	Aug. 23, 1902- Mar. 28, 1908
	2	Minute Book	April 11, 1908- July 25, 1914
	3	Minute Book	Aug. 14, 1914- Mar. 24, 1917
	4	Minute Book	Apr. 14, 1917- Jul. 18, 1925
	5	Minute Book – contains a tribute to the Woman’s Relief Corps written and read by Commander Wentz	Aug. 1, 1925- Dec. 1930
	6	Officer’s Register	1912-1941
2	1	Ledger	Jan. 1, 1909- Dec. 22, 1917
	2	Ledger	Dec. 22, 1917- Nov. 23, 1933
	3	Cash Book	Jan. 26, 1918- Jan. 11, 1934
	4	Miscellaneous items: vouchers and receipts; general orders; copies of the American Creed and Salute to the Flag; dues notification forms; treasurer’s reports.	n.d.