

MS-12: Grand Army of the Republic, Post 83 Records

Collection Number: MS-12

Title: Grand Army of the Republic, Post 83 Records

Dates: 1880-1911

Creator: Grand Army of the Republic. Kishler Post No. 83 (St. Marys, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

Includes two minute books covering meeting procedures for the years 1885-1904 and two account books which reveal the group's financial dealings from 1880-1911. The minute books also have information about memberships, committees, and deaths. Post 83 served Auglaize County, Ohio.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet (4 volumes)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092, library-archives@wright.edu

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Acquisition:

The collection was transferred to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Leonard Pyles, Veterans Services Officer for Auglaize County, in accordance with a pre-arranged dispersal schedule, in September 1975.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms12.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Revisions:

Finding aid revised according to DACS, and subject terms added by Amanda Marquart and Toni Vanden Bos, March 2015.

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Processed by:

Connie M. Porcher, May 1979.

Arrangement:

Collection is arranged by material type, then chronologically.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Kishler Post, No. 83 of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) served St. Mary's, Ohio. The post was named in honor of William Kishler of St. Mary's who died at Stoney River during the Civil War.

In accordance with the principles of the national organization founded in April 1866 at Springfield, Illinois, the local members were bound by oath to uphold the ideals of fraternity, charity and loyalty. The G.A.R. was primarily a military organization whose ritual and procedures adopted a military flavor.

The national organization's growth peaked in 1890 with 409,489 dues-paying members representing approximately 40% of the Union veterans. Kishler Post's membership rose to over 230 during the 1890's. The G.A.R. was influential in securing the Disability Pension Act of 1890 and was responsible for the institution and observance of Memorial Day.

The eighty-third and last national encampment was held in Indianapolis in 1949 and the last surviving member died in 1956.

Scope and Content Note:

The records of the St. Mary's Kishler Post, No. 83 of the Grand Army of the Republic consist of four bound volumes. Two are minute books covering meeting proceedings between 1885 and 1904. These volumes include information about officers, committees and deaths. In addition, a treasurer's report and account of receipts is included in each meeting's minutes.

Two roll and account books cover the group's financial history from 1880 to 1911. These volumes contain an account for each member in addition to information regarding their membership history.

Subject Terms**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Grand Army of the Republic. Kishler Post No. 83 (St. Marys, Ohio)--Archives
Grand Army of the Republic. Department of Ohio.

Places

St. Marys (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Veterans -- Ohio -- Auglaize County -- Societies, etc.

Material Types

Minute books

Account books

Collection Inventory

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Minute Book – memorial tribute to General U.S. Grant; committees and officers; financial report and receipts for each meeting; memoriams for Comrades Henry C. Gerver and S.B. Mott; list of members in arrears for dues; embezzlement charges and court-martial possibility against member.	1885 July 27 - 1897 Dec. 4
2	Minute Book – memoriams for Comrades Philip Yale and John Frey; printed memoriam on rear flyleaf for J.C. Noble; memoriam and biography for Christopher Sheaks.	1898 Jan. 8 - 1904 Jan. 23
3	Roll and Account Book – member list, individual account of dues payments, date of muster, and status (transferred, suspended, or deceased).	1880 Oct. - 1894 Dec.
4	Roll and Account Book – member list, individual account of dues payments, date of muster, and status (transferred, suspended, or deceased).	1895 Jan. - 1911 Jan.