

## **MS-13 United Spanish War Veterans, Post 8 Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-13

**Title:** United Spanish War Veterans, Post 8 Records

**Dates:** 1904-1949

**Creator:** United Spanish War Veterans. Captain Mueller Auxilliary Post 8

**Summary/Abstract:** The organization's bylaws, officer's roster, ritual manual and ceremony book are also included in the collection, as are photographs, correspondence and a file of miscellaneous loose material.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 0.5 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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

**Processing Information:** Volume in Box 2 cleaned and boxed by Karis Raeburn. Finding aid reformatted, June, 2014

**Processed by:** Connie M. Porcher, May 1979

**Arrangement:** Arranged by record type.

**Historical Note:**

The United Spanish War Veterans (U.S.W.V.) Auxiliary Post 40 organized on May 9, 1904 but was active for only two years. The chapter was later reorganized with twenty-two new members who formed the Captain Mueller Auxiliary 8. The chapter was mustered in October 14, 1923 and was chartered January 26, 1924. The auxiliary drew members from Wapakoneta, St. Mary's, Spencerville, and Lima.

The chapter was named in honor of Captain Mueller who served as a surgeon in the Spanish American War. Mueller organized the first U.S.W.V. auxiliary in Wapakoneta in 1904 (Post 40) and was a department commander for Ohio.

The group met once a month at the G.A.R. Hall in the Auglaize County courthouse, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Membership was open to all women fourteen and over related to any person eligible for membership in the United Spanish War Veterans. The auxiliary was charged to "extend aid and sympathy to all soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Spanish War and their dependents." The members actively supported the work and social functions of the U.S.W.V.

**Scope and Content**

The records of the United Spanish War Veterans, Auxiliary 40 consist primarily of items related to the organization's required record keeping. The bulk of the collection covers a period from 1923-1949. In addition to accounting the meeting proceedings, the five minute books contain resolutions of respect for deceased members and yearly financial audits. The officer's roster and volume of bylaws list members and their addresses. Also included is a file of general correspondence, miscellaneous loose material relating to the organization and five photographs of encampments. Several U.S.W.V. ritual and ceremony books are also in the collection.

**Subject Terms:****Organizations/Corporate Names**

United Spanish War Veterans. Captain Mueller Auxilliary Post 8 -- Archives

**Subjects (General)**

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

**Material Types**

Minute books

Photographs

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Officer's roster – lists office, name, if present or absent from meetings	1923-1935
	2	Minute Book (U.S.W.V. Auxiliary 40)	1904 May 9- 1906 Sept 20
	3	Minute Book – flyleaf lists charter members	1923 Oct 14- 1928 Jan 25
	4	Minute Book - resolutions	1937Jun 25 - 1942 Jan 1
	5	Minute Book – flyleaf contains dept. officers and addresses; Resolutions	1942 Jan 1- 1949 Jan 1
	6	Bylaws – lists past presidents and 35 charter members; Deceased members; members and addresses	1923 Oct 14- 1947 Jan 31
	7	Correspondence	1945
	8	Photographs – soldiers and encampments	undated
	9	Miscellaneous loose material – booklets, bulletins, bylaws, etc.	undated
2		Minute Book	1928 Jan 27- 1937 Jun 25