

Thomas F. Burpee Post #71 Collection

Overview of the Collection

Creator: Thomas F. Burpee Post #71

Dates: 1860-67, 1884-1916, 1923-25, 1931, 1934, 1937, undated

Abstract: The Collection contains materials held by the Thomas F. Burpee Post #71 of the Grand Army of the Republic. Included in the Collection are primarily member records, meeting notes, correspondence, Post officer reports, and duties during Decoration Day.

Quantity: Eight boxes.

Accession: 1929.001

Language: The records are in English.

Biographical Note

The Thomas F. Burpee Post #71 was a Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) post established in Rockville, Connecticut on April 23, 1884. This Post was named after Colonel Thomas F. Burpee of the 21st Connecticut Infantry Regiment, a Rockville native who was mortally wounded in 1864. Membership to G.A.R. posts was only open to Civil War veterans who served honorably during the War. The Burpee Post was active from 1884 until 1934 when the last member passed away.

Scope and Content

The Collection is organized by holdings of membership and applicant records, administrative records, Post correspondence, documents related to Decoration Day and G.A.R. held events, and marketing materials sent to the Post regarding items a G.A.R. post would be interested in.

Series 1: Membership and Applicant Records, 1860-67, 1892-93, 1898, undated, these Records are of Burpee Post #71 members and applicants and contain all or some information primarily related to application dates, military enlistment and discharge dates (Regiments, the U.S. Signal Corps, Veterans Reserve Corps, or the U.S. Navy are listed), battles the veterans participated in, if they were wounded, hospitals they were confined in, and if they were taken prisoner at any time. These are first organized alphabetically by State, Regiments in ascending order, and each veteran alphabetically by last name. The Series then ends with records from the Signal Corps, Veterans Reserve Corps, and U.S. Navy of which are organized alphabetically by last name.

Series 2: Administrative Records, 1884-1912, 1915, 1923-25, undated, this Series contains records of G.A.R. bylaws and rituals, meeting notes, resolutions, officer reports, accounting documents, court martial paperwork on two Post members, and an insurance policy from 1888. Records arranged by topic and chronologically.

Series 3: Burpee Post Correspondence and Written Documents, 1884-93, 1900-16, 1924, 1934, undated, contains records of correspondence from members and outside organizations, a report written on Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Orphans, and poems. This is arranged chronologically by decade and year if year is given.

Series 4: Decoration Day and Events, 1889, 1897-98, 1906, 1912, 1931, undated, documents cover various aspects of Decoration Day and the involvement of the Burpee Post. Materials include programmes, addresses given, expenses, music sheets, etc. Also contained here are flyers for Civil War related lectures and tickets to G.A.R. fairs. Items are arranged by topic and by year if given.

Series 5: Marketing for Grave Markers and Flags, 1909-12, 1937, undated, contained here are catalogs sent to the Post by companies specializing in grave markers, flags, and other items for G.A.R. Posts. Series organized by year.

Arrangement

Series 1: Membership and Applicant Records, 1860-67, 1892-93, 1898, undated

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Series 3: Burpee Post Correspondence and Written Documents, 1884-93, 1900-16, 1924, 1934, undated

Series 4: Decoration Day and Events, 1889, 1897-98, 1906, 1912, 1931, undated

Series 5: Marketing for Grave Markers and Flags, 1909-12, 1937, undated

Restrictions on Access and Use

Please contact the Museum if you wish to view the Collection and review hours of operation. Food and drink are prohibited when using the Collection. Only one box at a time is available to be requested and if notes are to be taken, a pencil must be used unless it is an electronic device (computer, camera, etc.). Collection materials must be handled with care and will be reviewed with you prior to using the Collection. **Do not rearrange or repair the items.** If an item appears out of order or is in need of repair, please inform a member of the staff.

Related Material

Colonel Thomas F. Burpee Collection

Benjamin and John Hirst Letters

Burpee Woman's Relief Corps Post #11 Collection

Processing Information

Processed by the Archivist, Wayne Buckmir from 2020 to 2021.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862.

California--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Cold Harbor, Battle of, Va., 1864.

Connecticut--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Grand Army of the Republic--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

Grand Army of the Republic--Meetings.

Grand Army of the Republic--Poetry.

Grand Army of the Republic. Woman's Relief Corps
Illinois--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Massachusetts--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
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Places:

Antietam (Md.)
Petersburg (Va.)
Gettysburg (Pa.)

Persons:

Sedgwick, John, 1813-1864

Document Types:

Correspondence

Discharges

Financial Records

Muster Rolls

Military Records

Memorandums

Receipts (financial records)

Pensions (compensation)

Administrative Information

Provenance

The majority of the Collection was passed down from the Burpee Post to members of the Alden Skinner Camp #45, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1929. Other items were bought or donated by members of the Camp in years following.

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