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General Charles Devens Circle 30 Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract: The General Charles Devens Circle 30 Collection is comprised of 8 volumes of records kept by the Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic between 1916 and 1957. The bulk of the subject material is comprised of meeting transcriptions.

Finding Aids: Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Biographical Information

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was originally established to promote loyalty and patriotism for the Union, as well as to aid Veterans and their dependents through participation in community service. It is the oldest hereditary organization in the United States. Today the objectives remain the same, with the inclusion of ancestry preservation, fundraising, and holiday observances. The General Charles Devens Circle 30 branch of the organization was based in Worcester, Massachusetts. In the city directory, the first mention of the Circle 30 division can be found in 1917, with no indication of what year the organization stopped meeting.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 8 journal volumes kept by the General Charles Devens Circle 30 division of the Ladies of the G.A.R. The material includes financial statements, detailed meeting records, and lists of active members, and ranges between 1916 and 1957. The records provide information and insight regarding the various funds that the group raised, the elections of the group's officers, the price of membership, and so on. Some examples include the Flag Fund, the Floral Fund, the penny collection, and the cost of visiting committees.

Series Description

Series 1: Membership Fees and Funds. Treasurer journals that include information on membership dues, the balance in each fundraising committee, and the group's expenses and receipts, ca. 1916-1921. (2 items)

Series 2: Meeting Minutes. Ledgers containing notes from each meeting of the General Charles Devens Circle 30. Includes new committees, elections, bills, and attendance, ca. 1930-1957. (5 items)

Series 3: Membership Roll Call. A list of the officers and members of the General Charles Devens Circle 30 division by year, ca. 1932-1946. (1 item)

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Series 1, Membership Fees and Funds

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1	b.v	2013.66.1.1	Treasurer book kept by the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1916-1917. 1 item
1	b.v.	2013.66.1.2	Treasurer book kept by the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1919-1921. 1 item

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Series 2, Meeting Minutes

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1	b.v.	2013.66.2.1	Ledger containing meeting notes of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1930-1935. 1 item.
1	b.v.	2013.66.2.2	Ledger containing meeting notes of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1938-1939. 1 item.
1	b.v.	2013.66.2.3	Ledger containing meeting notes of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1942-1945. 1 item.
1	b.v.	2013.66.2.4	Ledger containing meeting notes of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1946-1950. 1 item.
2	b.v.	2013.66.2.5	Ledger containing meeting notes of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1950-1957. 1 item.

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Series 3, Membership Roll Call

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2	b.v.	2013.66.3.1	A list of the officers and members of the General Charles Devens Circle 30, ca. 1932-1946. 1 item.