

Wabash County, Memorial Hall collection S2019

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Wabash County, Soldiers Memorial collection
Date	1899/11/02
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Mixed materials [Folder]	S2019

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Administrative History

Memorial Hall began as an idea of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) members of the James Emmett Post, who wanted a monument or building to commemorate those who had given their lives for their country and began a movement towards that end in 1886. Alvah Taylor was appointed chairman of the petition drive, to gather signature of votes requesting that \$25,000 authorized by State law for memorials, be appropriated by Wabash County Commissioners. Various other fund drives, some through charging for displays of relics and antiquities were held. Memorial Hall was envisaged as a military building to be used for patriotic meetings, services, societies and events for all ex-service people. The deed to the W.S. Stitt property was secured for \$10,000 and signed on November 29, 1895. The architect for Memorial Hall was J.C. Gault. It was built by W.B. McMullen, Huntington, Indiana and finished May 1, 1899. The Bedford sandstone building was dedicated by members of Emmett Post #6 on November 2, 1899. In 1900, the Wabash Public Library moved into the Hall, where it operated until the Carnegie Library opened in 1903. Memorial Hall currently houses the Wabash County Historical Museum.

"Memorial Hall, Wabash, Indiana". Wabash Carnegie Public Library history. Retrieved 2014/08/20. <http://www.wabash.lib.in.us/about-the-library/library-history/history.php>

Robertson, Linda, ed. (1976). Wabash County History Bicentennial Edition 1976. Marceline, MO: Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc. (p. 68). Print.

"Wabash, Indiana". Encyclopaedia Britannica. Retrieved 2014/08/20. <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/633673/Wabash>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a fabric ribbon from Memorial to Soldiers in Wabash County, Indiana on 1899/11/02 regarding dedication.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2014/08/21 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2014/08/21 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Wabash County (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Dedication programs
- Ribbons