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43 folders and oversize

INTRODUCTION

This is a collection of artifacts, photographs, books and letters primarily from the Spanish-American War collected by James E. McFarland who served with the 20th Infantry Kansas United States Volunteers. The extensive number of artifacts in this collection includes a footlocker, uniforms, bayonets, stereoscope cards that show different scenes from the Philippines and Japan, and numerous other souvenirs.

DONOR INFORMATION

The James E. McFarland Collection was donated to Pittsburg State University by Mark McFarland of Girard, Kansas, in June 2008.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James E. McFarland was born in Cherokee, Kansas, on December 2, 1881 and died on December 1, 1941, after an illness of several years. McFarland grew up in Girard, Kansas, after his parents moved there in 1883. James McFarland served with Company D of the 20th Infantry Kansas United States Volunteers during the Philippine phase of the Spanish-American War. He earned the rank of Corporal before he was discharged. McFarland later served with the United States Marshal Service in the Oklahoma Indian Territories where he was wounded at least two different times in the line of duty. According to his obituary in the Girard Press, McFarland was a member of the Girard Coal Company and the U. S. Coal Company, retiring from the coal business in 1924. He was an active promoter of the Farlington Lake project, taking an active interest until his health failed. McFarland was married to Margaret, who died in 1950, and had one son, James E. McFarland, Jr.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The James E. McFarland Collection is arranged in four series; **Military, Photographs, Personal** and **Artifacts**.

The **Military Series** provides the most in depth information about McFarland and the Spanish-American War in this collection. This series includes an oversize map of the military operations in Luzon up to May 1, 1899. Also included are rosters. The first roster lists names of all Kansas troops in the Spanish-American War and the second lists the members of the 20th Infantry Kansas United States Volunteers. There are also two oversize posters relating to Company D of the 20th Infantry. The first poster provides the names and ranks of the men serving in Company D. The second poster lists the major battles and actions of Company D and the names of the casualties. Publications in the military series include Our Boys in the Philippines and The Philippine Magazine. The first title contains 43 pages of photographs taken by the official photographer of the 20th Kansas Regiment during the War. This book was copyrighted in 1899. The issue of the monthly magazine printed in Manila contains photographs and articles about the War, including a sketch of Colonel Frederick Funston, commander of the 20th Kansas Regiment. The magazine is missing the front cover and is, thus, undated; however, internal evidence suggests a date of April 1899. Other publications in this series include Fusil Mauser, published in Manilla in 1899, being a book written in the Spanish language on the

handling and care of the Mauser Rifle. Also included is a New Testament that was distributed to the American soldiers by the First Baptist, Young Peoples and Christian Endeavor society of San Francisco. Other materials in this series include McFarland's military correspondence, business card, discharge papers, and a notebook listing punishments and fines for infractions of military discipline.

The **Photograph Series** contains both military and personal photos that were found in McFarland's footlocker. The military photograph shows McFarland with a platoon from Company D of the 20th Regiment Kansas Infantry U.S.V. Also included are photographs of McFarland and McFarland's parents. Letters written by his mother are on the back of these two photographs. Other photographs in the series are of Filipino and Japanese women.

The **Personal Series** contains four letters written by friends in Girard to James E. McFarland while he was in military service. These letters tell of daily life in the Girard area during the time. Other materials in this series are two newspaper articles about McFarland's work with the U.S. Marshal Service after the Spanish-American War. McFarland's service as a Marshal was in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. The two articles describe his being shot in the line of duty, but the articles are undated and otherwise unidentified.

The **Artifact Series** contains all of the oversize military articles and collected souvenirs. Included are McFarland's uniforms and equipment from the Spanish-American War – a M1887 Enlisted Sky Blue Greatcoat with cape, M1884 Khaki Blouse, M1884 Khaki Blouse with Corporal chevrons, M1898 Blue Field Service Blouse, M1887 Trouser Blue, Ammo Case with Sling, belt, and a green wool blanket. Also included is the wood footlocker that was used by James E. McFarland during his time in the service of the 20th with his name stenciled on the top. There is a mess kit of undetermined age and origin and also included are bayonets; a French bayonet marked 1877 Mre D' Armes de St. Etinno, and a M1855/ 63 Socket Bayonet that was issued to the United States troops. Other items are a 1918 Jewel scabbard and shell casings and bullets from different size cartridges including 45-70, 10 gauge and pistol shells. There are loose uniform buttons, a lapel pin with the image of Colonel Frederick Funston, and McFarland's rank and service stripes. Also included is a stereoscope with 34 stereoscope cards depicting different scenes of the Spanish-American war in the Philippines, and the Japanese Buda. Carved artifacts include an ivory hand, several wooden pieces, a carved piece of bone, and an opium pipe. A pair of leather and bamboo sandals, a knapsack made of burlap, other personal items, and a clevis of undetermined origin and age completes this series.

FOLDER LIST

Military Series

- f. 1 Map of Operations in Luzon up to May 1, 1899
- f. 2 Kansas Troops in the U.S. Volunteer Service in the Spanish-American Wars, 1898-1899, roster
- f. 3 Roster of the 20th Regiment, Kansas Infantry, U.S.V.
- f. 4 Poster of Company D, 20th Regiment Kansas Infantry United States Volunteers, pre-conflict

- f. 5 Poster of Company D, 20th Regiment Kansas Infantry United States Volunteers, post-conflict
- f. 6 Our Boys in the Philippines
- f. 7 The Philippine Magazine
- f. 8 Fusil Mauser
- f. 9 Business card of James E. McFarland
- f. 10 Rank promotion of McFarland to Corporal
- f. 11 Notebook of punishments
- f. 12 Diary kept by McFarland with numbers written inside
- f. 13 New Testament Bible
- f. 14 Hospital discharge papers of James E. McFarland
- f. 15 Military discharge papers of James E. McFarland

Photograph Series

- f. 16 Platoon photo of Company D, 20th Kansas infantry U.S.V.
- f. 17 E. 1 Photo of James E. McFarland taken in Manila
E. 2 Two photographs of members of the Company D, 20th Infantry Kansas U.S.V. taken in Manila
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- f. 18 Photo of James E. McFarland's mother and Father with letter on the back. Photo of James E. McFarland with letter on the back
- f. 19 E. 1 Three photos of a Filipino woman taken in Manila, P.I.
E. 2 Two photos of a Japanese woman in a kimono

Personal Series

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E. 2 Letter from Emma with an envelope
E. 3 Letter from Emma
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- f. 21 E. 1 Newspaper article about McFarland being shot In the Oklahoma Indian Territory. Undated clipping from the Girard Press, n.d.
E. 2 Newspaper article about McFarland being shot In the Oklahoma Indian Territory, taken from an unknown source.

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- f. 27 Colonel Frederick Funston pin
- f. 28 Shell casings and bullets
- f. 29 Miscellaneous personal items; pocket knives, razor, U.S. badge, screw and nail

- f. 30 Quirolo Stereoscope and 34 Underwood stereoscope cards
- f. 31 Engraved copper tray, lid of a metal box, cigarette paper box
- f. 32 Sandals, leather with bamboo
- f. 33 Silk scarves, white with flags, and pink with flowers
- f. 34 Sea shells, origin unknown
- f. 35 Slippers, ivory hand, bamboo mat and paint brush
- f. 36 Carved wooden boat
- f. 37 Carved bone piece
- f. 38 Opium pipe; brass bowl, bamboo stem,
- f. 39 Playing cards
- f. 40 Miscellaneous wooden pieces; pipe bowl, nut shape and lathed shaped piece with metal trim
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