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INTRODUCTION

Letters, clippings, souvenirs, and other papers relating to Clarence Martin, a veteran of the Kansas 20th Infantry Volunteers who served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, 1898-1899.

DONOR INFORMATION

This collection was donated by Barry Betts to the Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University on April 16, 2012, accession 12-10.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Letters in this collection indicate that Clarence Martin lived at various times in Lawrence, Kansas, Fort Scott, Kansas, and Pueblo, Colorado. Clippings and other documents indicate Martin was a member of Company H of the Kansas 20th Infantry Volunteers. By December 6, 1898 all battalions of the 20th Kansas traveled by the transport *Indiana* to Manila, Philippine Islands. The Spanish-American war ended February 10, 1899, but the Filipino-American war began on that day with the 20th Kansas on the front lines. By October 10, 1899, the 20th was back in the United States and on October 28, 1899, they were mustered out of service. There was a "Welcome Home" event for Company H of the 20th Kansas in Dodge City, KS on November 1, 1899. One letter indicates that Martin worked as a machinist at the University of Kansas in 1902, but other biographical information was not located.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Clarence Martin Papers include two letters from E. W. Martin, a brother, to Clarence Martin; a letter of recommendation for Clarence Martin from Lucien Blake; calling cards for Bert W. Kuhn and Rosa May Griffith; two commemorative flags with 48 stars; J. B. Gibson's "A Welcome Home," poem, dedicated to the 20th Kansas Volunteers; a "Welcome Home" ribbon from Dodge City, Kansas; a 20th Kansas reunion information request; five newspaper clippings about the 20th Kansas; a Filipino certificate in Spanish; and three pieces of military-issued silverware. The dated items range from 1899 to 1903 and then from 1953 to 1957.

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