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John T. Schoenborn Collection

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Donated by Rhodelma S. Bell
Title	The John T. Schoenborn Collection
Dates	1895- 1978
Quantity	3 linear feet
Collection Number	MS 217
Summary	Contains personal correspondence, biographical information, and military artifacts of John Schoenborn, from the Spanish-American War. There are also Women's Federation of Clubs artifacts of Rhoda Elma Schoenborn, photographs, personal writings, books, cigar boxes, postcards, newspaper clippings, military awards and convention pins.
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English
Biographical Note	John Taylor Schoenborn was born in 1883 and served in the United States Navy from 1901 - 1917. He was a member of the United Spanish War Veterans. He married Rhoda Elma Taylor in 1900. Rhoda Elma was also a member of the USWV Ladies' Auxiliary and of the Women's Federation of Clubs. John and Rhoda Elma had two children, Rhodelma born 1909 and John Taylor born in 1911. The Schoenborns were residents of Parsons, Kansas during the 1930s and 1940s. John Schoenborn worked for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad and passed away in Parsons in 1957.

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Content Description

This collection of primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

1. Personal
2. Service in the Asiatic Fleet, 1901 – 1917
3. United Spanish War Veterans
4. Women's Federation

Processing Note

Collection processed in September 2018.

Detailed Description of Collection

Box 1

Series 1: Personal

F. 1 Photographs

P. 1 John Schoenborn

P. 2 Elma Schoenborn

P. 3 Rhodelma Schoenborn

F. 2 Daily Expenditure journal of John Schoenborn, Red Racer journal belonging to Mrs. Schoenborn,

F. 3 Hand written recipes, *Tasty Dishes*

F. 4 *Baby Bible Stories, Catholic devotions, Bible History*

F. 5 *Ray's Elementary Arithmetic, New National Second Reader, McGuffey's Eclectic Spelling Book*

F. 6 *Seeing Boston; Historic Concord; Sightseeing Cruise around New York; Sightseeing the Manhattan Way*

F. 7 postcards from Florida, Egypt, Ceylon, Malta, Japan, Chicago, D.C., Jerusalem, Pennsylvania, Kansas

F. 8 Etching of child praying, Barcelo Schedule, 1906 train tickets, train meal ticket, miscellaneous passes and tickets, miscellaneous typed notes, business card, Pittsburg State Thanksgiving football ticket, list of items from Rhodelma Bell

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Box 2

Button with George McGill, Porcupine quills from Colombo Ceylon, small tusk in multiple pieces, turtle shell, lace bonnet, strands of blond and brown hair, one tooth, shark vertebrae from Manila Bay, Class of 1932 compact with mirror with Latin inscription Spes mea in Deo est (My hope is in God), fish scale from the Philippines, one hexagon washer, paperweight carved by Private Parks during the Civil War shaped like a photo album, 50 centime note from France 1916, one coin from Mexico 1915, two coins from the Netherlands, one coin from Portugal 1883, one coin from Germany 1855, one coin from Canada 1913, two coins from Spain 1870 and 1878, four coins from Britain 1866, 1896, 1905, 1916, three coins from Italy 1867, 1893, ten coins from France 1853, 1857, 1873, 1912, 1914, 1917, 1918.

Box 3

Blue and yellow tin box

Red Dot cigar box

King Edward the Seventh cigar box

Box 4

73 sea shells, 16 pieces of coral

Box 5

Series 2: Service in the Asiatic Fleet

F. 9 Photographs

P. 1 Prepared Parade Group Portrait, 1917

P. 2 Joe Slater, 1901

P. 3 Unknown Enlistee

P. 4 H.E Gerald and J.R. Roberts

P. 5 Almio Frento

P. 6 Photos of Japan, Early 1900's

P. 7 Photos of Japan, Early 1900's

P. 8 Views of Colombo

P. 9 Kandy Ceylon,

P. 9 Le Tour du Monde

P. 10 New Album of Malta Views (Oversize)

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F. 10 Letters from Hong Kong 1904, circa 1950,

F. 11 John Schoenborn's Diary of a Sailor on board the U.S.S Buffalo, 1901

F. 12 Speech to a journalism class; First printings aboard a U.S. Ship, *Christmas Eve 1903* U.S.S Rainbow, *July 4th 1904* U.S.S Rainbow, *Thanksgiving 1904* U.S.S. Wisconsin, *Southern Cross Vol. 1 No. 1, No. 3, No. 8*

F. 13 Stories from life in the Navy and Naval history, Catching Fish, Daughters of the Revolution, and Geography

Box 6

Bullet shells and bullets from Manila Bay and Jojo, bolt from the wreckage of the *Reina Christina* in the Battle of Manila Bay, sailors thimble, seven arrow heads, piece of smokestack from the wreckage of the *Askold* after the Battle of Port Arthur, 28mm Spanish artillery shell from Battle of Manila Bay

Box 3

F. 14 Jojo Bolo knife from the Philippines

F. 15 Felt sashes with Kansas painted, Texas felted sash with buckle

F. 16 Commanding officers pennant

F. 17 John Schoenborn's sailor sack

F. 18 Photo Album with pictures from the Philippines and Japan

Box 7

Vest

Dress Pants

Canvas Pants

Box 8

Maroon Kepi

White Sailor's Cap

Sailor's Cap

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Sailor's Beanie

Box 9

Metal Clip

Band Uniform

Band Canvas Shirt

Sweater

Box 10

Masonic Uniform

Dress Uniform

Fatigue Uniform

Box 11

Series 3: United Spanish War Veterans Pamphlets and Awards

F. 19 Munsey's Magazine *The American Navy*, 35th Annual Encampment 1942, Fort Sill Centennial 1969, *A Knot of Blue and Gray*, San Francisco Bay Map, 8th L. H. District Map, United States of America Map, Note card about Manila Bay, List of foreign flags

F. 20 United Spanish War Veterans 1940, United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary 1943 pamphlet, Spanish-American War Auxiliary 1950 Reunion Banquet, All States Dinner National Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans 1950, 52nd National Encampment United Spanish War Veterans 1950, *The Spanish-American War* by John Schoenborn, *The United States at War*

F. 21 United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, Department of Kansas, Annual Convention 1925-1941, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary Delegate, National Convention 1948-1950, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary Delegate, National Encampment 1929

F. 22 United Spanish War Veterans 29th and 37th Encampments delegate, United Spanish War Veterans 39th, 40th, 49th, 50th, 51st, and 52nd Encampments delegate, United Spanish War Veterans National Encampment 1911-1950, National Convention 1910

F. 23 United Spanish War Veterans Annual Encampment and Ladies' Auxiliary 1926-1947, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary Delegate of Annual Encampment 1922-1948, United Spanish War Veterans Annual Encampment and Ladies' Auxiliary Convention 1921 and 1940, United Spanish War Veterans Delegate

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F. 24 United Spanish War Veterans Delegate, National Encampment 1921-1933, United Spanish War Veterans 1922-1939 30 State Convention Auxiliary Encampment 1948, National Encampment Delegate 1926,

F. 25 Old Soldiers Reunion 1922-1933, What Did The Lizard Say? Ribbon, Ask Me pins, Department Greetings, Philippine Pacific War Veterans 1948, 20th Kansas Infantry U.S. Volunteers 1925, Navy and Marine Veterans 1946-1949, Special Reception Committee, United Spanish War Veterans (USWV) 1902, Denver, Colorado pin, Orphans of U.S.W.V., USWV Guest, Eighth Annual Re-Union U.S.W.V. 1911, Tampa Day 1925

F. 27 Places pins, Maurice Simmons, Jos. R. H. Jacoby, George Washington, John Lewis Smith, Krebs and Dodds, American Red Cross 1947, Railroad Ticket Agents 1922-1927

F. 28 U.S.W.V felt pennant flag

Box 12

Series 3: United Women's Federation Club

F. 29 Correspondence 1932 about Trees for Washington, *A Modern Thoreau*, *George Washington Bicentennial 1732-1932*, Tree Markers pamphlet, *For the Long Years to Come*, *Tree Planting Army*, *All Honor to George Washington*, Poster to plant trees for George Washington's Bicentennial, *Common Sense for Uncle Sam to Take Care of His Forests says Roosevelt*, list of tree donors, tree plaques pamphlet, Nature Magazine subscription, *Washington Memorial Planting Record*, Tree Record of Mrs. Schoenborn

F. 30 "Sixty Years in Brentano's with the Head of the House" *Kansas City Times* October 12, 1937, "The Polomeme Potters"

F. 31 Whittier Chautauqua Club 1978-1985, Women's Society of Christian Service of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church 1947, Funston Auxiliary no. 5 1947, Whittier Chautauqua Club 1920-1924, 1975-1978

Parson's Federation of Women's Clubs Yearbooks 1924-1956