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1905-1941

Language

English

Abstract

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Southern Cross of Honor Records, 1905-1941, consist of one half manuscript box and one oversize folder of the records and applications of Shenandoah Valley residents who received the Southern Cross of Honor and the Cross of Military Service from the United Daughters of the Confederacy from 1905-1941.

Creator

United Daughters of the Confederacy

source

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

Extent

.25 cubic feet in 1 box and 1 folder

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

This collection was placed on deposit by contract with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Southern Cross of Honor award, which later became known as the Cross of Military Service, originated on October 13, 1862 as an act of the Confederate Congress to recognize the courage, valor and good conduct of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Confederate Army. Due to wartime shortages, however, the medals were unable to be made. The recipients' names were then recorded in an Honor Roll for future reference.

Mrs. Alexander S. Erwin first designed the cross that was used by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) in July 1898. It featured a cross with a Confederate battle flag on the face surrounded by a laurel wreath and the inscription "The Southern Cross of Honor." On the reverse side the motto of the Confederate States, "Deo Vindice" (God our Vindicator), 1861-1865, appears alongside the inscription "From the U.D.C. to the U.C.V." The Southern Cross of Honor and the Cross of Military Service are the two most prestigious honors awarded by the UDC.

Scope and Content

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Southern Cross of Honor Records, 1905-1941, consist of one half

manuscript box arranged in five folders and one oversize folder containing records and applications of Shenandoah Valley residents who received the Southern Cross of Honor and the Cross of Military Service. The folders are arranged topically, with applications arranged alphabetically by name. The first four folders contain applications for the Southern Cross of Honor, which were approved by S.B. Gibbons Camp No. 438, and are signed by veterans, descendants or widows of Confederate veterans. Folder five contains applications for the Cross of Military Service, approved by Turner Ashby Chapter No. 162, and are signed by World War I veterans who are descendants of Confederate veterans. The final oversize folder contains Southern Cross of Honor Recipient records.

Related Material

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Turner Ashby Chapter Records, 1896-1991, SC 0121, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Keywords

Confederate States of America -- History -- Societies, etc.
Confederate States of America -- History, Military
Southern Cross of Honor
Cross of Military Service
United States -- Armed Forces -- Biography
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Application forms
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society
Paul family
United Daughters of the Confederacy. Turner Ashby Chapter, No. 162 (Harrisonburg, Va.)
Confederate States of America. Army -- Biography

Alternate Format

The collection is also available on microfilm in Special Collections at James Madison University, MF 1486.

Bibliography

The Southern Cross of Honor: General Information. Southern Historical Society. Southern Historical Society Papers, volume 29. Richmond: Southern Historical Society, 1901.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically, then alphabetically by the names of the veterans in each folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Southern Cross of Honor Applications: A-F

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/972

Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000886551] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Southern Cross of Honor Applications: G-L

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/973

Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000886551] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Southern Cross of Honor Applications: M-R

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/974

Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000886551] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Southern Cross of Honor Applications: S-Z

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/975

Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000886551] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Cross of Military Service Applications

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/976

Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000886551] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Recipients of the Southern Cross of Honor

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Unit Date 1905-1941

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Microfilm reel 1486

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Microform MR 1486 (box)