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➤ **Alvin Mansfield Woolson Scrapbook, 1916-1918** ◀

MSS-038

Size: 2.5 inches

Provenance: The scrapbook bears the inscription "Gift of Mrs. H. H. Brand." Woolson's daughter Maude Ellen married Herman H. Brand and lived in Toledo. Presumably she donated the scrapbook to the University of Toledo, but, if so, the date of her gift is not known.

Access: Open

Collection Summary: This small scrapbook contains circulars from the state and national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, programs of state and national "encampments," correspondence concerning these events, and newspaper clippings of stories about the encampments and Civil War veterans.

Subjects: [War, Soldiers, and Veterans](#)

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Introduction

This collection consists of a scrapbook and a few loose items relating to Grand Army of the Republic activities. It provides evidence of the organization's activity in Ohio during World War I. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Biography

- 1841, Oct. 2. Born in Huron, Erie County, Ohio.
- 1862-1865. Served in Company M, First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery, mustering out with rank of sergeant-major.
- 1865-1868. Employee of Union Pacific Railroad, Kansas City.
- 1868-1870. Storekeeper in Berlin Heights, Ohio.
1870. Married Frances D. Tillinghast.
- 1870-1875. Storekeeper in Wauseon, Ohio.
1875. Moved to Toledo.
- 1877-1882. A partner with A. B. Tillinghast in retail grocery business.
1882. Established Woolson Spice Company, wholesale coffee, tea, and spice dealers.
1897. Sold this business, the second largest of its kind in the country, to Hermann O. Havemeyer of New York City.
- 1916-1917. Member, Executive Committee of the National Commander-in-chief, Grand Army of the Republic. Memberships and offices also held in the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Star Spangled Banner Association.
- 1925, Oct. 7. Died in Toledo, Ohio.

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Scope and Content Note

This small collection is a scrapbook containing circulars from state and national "headquarters" of the Grand Army of the Republic, programs of state and national "encampments," correspondence concerning these events, and newspaper clippings of stories about the encampments and about Civil War veterans. The scrapbook is actually a 1915 Locomobile manual. Subjects include G.A.R. officers' elections; the McKinley Memorial in Niles, Ohio; and the 1917 Ohio encampment at Akron.

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Folder List

Folder	Description
	Scrapbook
1	Correspondence
2	Program and circular
3	Clippings

(This box is located in R-4)

*=oversize cabinet

^ =oversize area

**=locked cabinet

R-4=range four