

Springfield History Category

Memorial Hall Time Capsule

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Introduction

The collection consists of items that were placed in the time capsule during the laying of the cornerstone of Memorial Hall on March 24th 1915. The building stood for ninety six years though it had not been used since the late 1980's. It is now getting a new life as its façade is being used as part of the new ice skating rink being built in downtown Springfield. The time capsule was discovered on 4/1/2011 in a pile of scrap during the demolition of the building. It was damaged by a backhoe and the demolition of the building. The company doing the demolition had no idea the time capsule existed and this led to the damage. The time capsule itself, as well as several of the documents inside, were severely damaged and are now unreadable. Some highlights of the capsule are magazines and newspapers from the month and date of the laying of the cornerstone, a roster of Clark County veterans of the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic medals, and medals from the Spanish American War. Also included is information on the street car system, the Springfield City Charter, and a large amount of information on the fraternal organizations present in the city at the time.

Series I: Archival Material

Series II: Books

Series III: Oversize Items

Series IV: Objects

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Scope and Content

The collection contains documents and objects that were placed in the time capsule at the laying of the cornerstone for Memorial Hall.

Series I contains newspapers, magazines, letters, fraternal charters and constitutions, advertisements, and information on local businesses and the city itself.

Series II contains books that were placed into the time capsule including the history of Ohio and city directories.

Series III contains oversize documents including a map of the wards and precincts of Springfield at the time of the laying of the cornerstone, as well as, the roster of the soldiers from Clark County who served in the Civil War.

Series IV contains various objects including fraternal pins, war medals, coins placed in the time capsule, an American flag, and the lead tube the roster of the Civil War Veterans was wrapped in.

Box and Folder Listing

Series I: Archival Material

File	Description
1	List of items in time capsule
2	Envelope for list of items in time capsule
3	Memorial Hall Cornerstone program
4	GAR Plaque Order
5	Listing of Memorial Hall Trustees
6	Address by General Keifer
7	Speech at Dedication of Memorial Hall
8	Historical Address Warren Keifer
9	Photo of Construction of Memorial Hall
10	Memorial Building 11/2/14
11	Program from laying of Cornerstone
12	Letter outlining use of marker and bronze plate/ slip giving price of marker and plate
13	Letter from Governor stating why not able to attend
14	Letter from News League stating they cannot attend
15	Military History of Ohio
16	DAR record of Revolutionary Soldiers
17	Roster Commandery in Chief Sons of Veterans USA
18	Commission of Soldiers Claims

- 19 Company F Ohio Volunteers
- 20 Letter from Headquarters of Ohio GAR
- 21 Official reports of J Warren Keifer
- 22 The roll of the Company the 2nd GVD
- 23 Mitchell Post no. 45 Roster
- 24 Roster Mitchell Relief Corps
- 25 Mitchell Post 45 Roster of Officers
- 26 Roster of Powell Post GAR
- 27 Envelope for Springfield Commercial Club/ Brown Publication not
readable faded
- 28 Monthly Bulletin Champion City Council 23
- 29 List and Officers of Lodge KOC
- 30 Charter Members St Andrews Lodge
- 31 Fraternal Card
- 32 Masonic Directory 1915
- 33 Rotary Club Managers Edition
- 34 Lagonda Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution
- 35 Newspaper Clippings about City Council No. 23
- 36 Konstitution des Bayer ischen Unterstuetzungs-Dereins
- 37 KOP by-laws- Red Star Lodge
- 38 Champion City Council- Order of United Commercial Travelers of
America
- 39 Roster of Springfield Commercial Club
- 40 Manila Envelope Knights of Columbus
- 41 KOC Charter Constitution Laws
- 42 KOC Roster
- 43 Springfield Pythian Directory
- 44 IOOF Roster
- 45 Letter from Yolo Tribe
- 46 Present Officers at BPOE No 51
- 47 The Charter of the City of Springfield
- 48 Some Facts about Springfield
- 49 City Commission Roster
- 50 City Charter
- 51 Street Railway Franchise
- 52 Bar Docket 1915
- 53 District Maps of Ohio 1914
- 54 Partial vote count of State Elections
- 55 Safety for Savings
- 56 Citizens National bank passbook and checks/ Merchants and Mechanics
Advertisement
- 57 Advertisement on Wax Paper
- 58 Springfield Convention Advertisement
- 59 Letter from Colston, Goldsmith, & Hondell Attorneys at Law
- 60 Letterhead: The A. Bentley and Sons Co
- 61 Part of advertisement for Bronze Plaque

- 62 Torn Travelers Checks
- 63 Beer advertisement and letter from bar owner
- 64 Advertisement- Springfield Commercial Club
- 65 Proceedings of First Annual Convention of City Manager Association
- 66 Business Card for George W Netts
- 67 Newspaper- The Sun 3/25/15
- 68 News Clippings of items in time capsule
- 69 Newspaper- Springfield Daily News 3/24/15
- 70 Newspaper- The Sun
- 71 Magazine- Woman's Home Companion
- 72 Magazine- Farm and Fireside
- 73 Newspaper- The Sentinel
- 74 Magazine- April American Magazine
- 75 Brown Newsprint Faded
- 76 Ripped Letter
- 77 Torn Letter
- 78 Portion of Envelope

Series II: Books

Directory of Springfield 1915

History of the Police Department

Codified Ordinances Springfield Ohio 1907

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio 1914

History Clark County Ohio Illustrated 1881

Centennial of Springfield Ohio 1901

The Election Laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States of America

Rotary Notebook

Series III: Oversized Items

Maps of Springfield Ohio Wards and Precincts

Roster of Clark County soldiers who served in Civil War

West Side Civic League roster and story of building of Memorial Hall

Series IV: Objects

Card with Medals
Grey and green cloth that Civil War Roster was wrapped in
American Flag
Lead tube
Fraternal Pins
Ribbon
Card and 3 pins from Masons and Shrines
Card with 4 pins (1) Masons, (2) KoP, (3)Masons, (4)GAR
GAR Medal
Shield
Spanish American War medal
Abraham Lincoln Medal
Card with three Pins
2 Bronze Pins
Name Plate for Marker of time capsule
Ribbon
Ribbon
Medal
1899 Nickel
1914 Buffalo Nickel
1915 buffalo Nickel
1906 Nickel
1914 Penny
1914 Penny
1914 Penny
1914 Penny
1914 Penny
1902 Penny
1906 Penny
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