

Wayne Miner Post No. 149 Collection (AC25)

Introduction

The Wayne Miner Post No. 149 Collection contains items related to the activities of Wayne Miner Post No. 149, a Kansas City, Missouri, based chartered post of the American Legion.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Wayne Miner Post No. 149
Title: Wayne Miner Post No. 149 Collection
Dates: 1921-ca. 1950s
Size: 0.54 linear feet, 2 boxes
Collection Number: AC25

Donor Information

Found in collection.

Citation Note

Wayne Miner Post No. 149 Collection (AC25), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.

Access Restrictions: Due to preservation concerns, researchers are asked to use the photocopies of the scrapbook found in folder 1.

Additional Forms Available: The scrapbook has been digitized and is available in the reading room.

Historical Sketch

Wayne Miner Post No. 149 was organized by African American World War I veterans in September 1919 and chartered by the national American Legion in August 1920. The post was named for U.S. Army Private Wayne Miner, believed to be one of the last American soldiers to die in World War I. The American Legion allowed each state to decide whether to accept African American members, and Missouri allowed Black veterans to form segregated posts.

Wayne Miner Post No. 149 has, since its founding, been an advocate for African American veterans in Kansas City, Missouri, and around the nation. The post actively worked to desegregate Veterans Administration hospitals and soldiers homes. Early in its

history, Post No. 149 established a ladies auxiliary and organized a drum and bugle corps.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes a scrapbook, a duplicate charter, and photographs. The scrapbook, covering the period of the 1930s through the 1950s, contains official post documents, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and ephemera. The contents are roughly in chronological order and primarily provide information about Wayne Miner Post No. 149 members and events. The scrapbook also includes some items relating to Argonne Post No. 217 in Kansas City, Kansas; state and national military veterans' issues; and state and national military events. The scrapbook is housed in Box 1. Loose materials removed from the scrapbook and photocopies of the scrapbook are housed in Box 2. A complete digital copy of the scrapbook is available for viewing in the reading room.

The collection also includes a duplicate charter issued to Wayne Miner Post No. 149 in 1947, duplicate photographs of the post members taken in 1921, and three undated photographs of the Wayne Miner Post No. 149 Drum and Bugle Corps.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Scrapbook, ca. 1930s-ca. 1950s
- f. 2 Loose materials removed from scrapbook, pp. 1-70, ca. 1930s-ca. 1950s
- f. 3 Loose materials removed from scrapbook, pp. 71-104, ca. 1930s-ca. 1950s
- f. 4 Scrapbook, pp. 1-60, ca. 1930s-ca. 1950s (photocopies)
- f. 5 Scrapbook, pp. 61-104, ca 1930s-ca. 1950s (photocopies)
- f. 6 Charter, 1947
- f. 7 Photographs, 1921, n.d.

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