

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Roanoke City-County Civil War Centennial Commission Papers**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

Title: Roanoke City-County Centennial Civil War Commission Papers

Physical Characteristics: 1 document storage case

Donated by: Unknown

Arrangement: Chronologically

Creator: John E. Moore, chairman, Roanoke City-County Civil War Centennial Commission

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Historical Note:

In 1959 Roanoke County and the City of Roanoke jointly established the City-County Civil War Centennial Commission to work with the Virginia Civil War Commission to coordinate plans for 100th Anniversary activities. John E. Moore took over the chairmanship of the commission in September of 1960.

Scope and Content:

Items in the collection document events sponsored of the commission, including a television program, a display of Currier & Ives prints, commemoration of the Battle of Hanging Rock, and the visit from a Civil War era steam locomotive, "The General." Information is also included on Moore's personal visit to the last living Confederate veteran, Col. Walker Williams and the establishment of the Salem Flying Artillery reenactment organization.

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Visit with Col. Walker Williams (1959) – Article, correspondence, related to visit John E. Moore made to the last surviving Confederate veteran.

Folder 2: Moore children with Confederate flag – Photograph

Folder 3: Resolutions, Correspondence – Resolutions to establish the commission. Correspondence sent and received by John E. Moore related to the activities of the commission.

Folder 4: "Centennial News Letter" – Issues from Jan. 1961 and Jan. 1962 published by the Virginia Civil War Commission

- Folder 5: Script: "Retrospect...Concerning the Civil War Centennial in Virginia"
– Script of a television program produced by WDBJ television and the Roanoke City-County Civil War Centennial Commission, broadcast in March 1961
- Folder 6: Articles and Regulations, Salem Flying Artillery (1962) – Written by John V. Brust, to establish this organization devoted to honoring Civil War Soldiers and educating the public about their service through reenactments. The board included a member of the Civil War Centennial Commission.
- Folder 7: Pamphlet: "The War 1861-1865 as Depicted in Prints by Currier & Ives" (1960)
- Folder 8: Civil War Locomotive "The General" Tour (1963) – As part of opening of Transportation Center and Railroad Museum in Wasena Park. Also includes program for museum dedication event.
- Folder 9: Pamphlet: "The Norfolk and Western and the Confederacy: Predecessors of N&W Rails in the Civil War" (1963) – Written by Ben Dulaney
- Folder 10: 100th Anniversary of Battle of Hanging Rock (1964) – Program, text of remarks presented at June 21, 1964 dedication and unveiling of monument commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the battle
- Folder 11: 100th Anniversary of Battle of Hanging Rock, photographs (1964) – ten photographs
- Folder 12: Newspapers clippings – Document commemorations of 100th Anniversary of Civil War