

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Catherine Duffin Tent Number 7
Minutes, Membership information, circa 1926 – 1965
1 archive box = 0.4 linear foot

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History

The national organization was established and incorporated in Ohio in 1885. The name changed to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 35th National Convention and again in 1944 to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

All daughters, granddaughters and all great granddaughters [etc.] of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service during the Rebellion of 1861-1865, and those who died or were killed while serving in the armed services of the Union between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and who have attained the age of eight years, are eligible for membership.

Local groups, called Tents, are named for Army Nurses who served in the Civil War or any loyal woman of the Civil War era whose patriotic deeds during the years 1861-1865 were recorded.

The group honors Veterans through service projects which are of benefit to the public at the local, state and national level. National Headquarters is in Springfield, IL.

Some information from: <http://www.duvcw.org/2history.html>

Currently there is no information on exactly when the local "tent" began. However, most likely it was between 1915 and 1925.

Catherine Duffin, the woman for whom the local tent was named, was the widow of Samuel Duffin, lieutenant and member of the 16th Iowa Infantry, Companies F and K. During the siege of Vicksburg he was given a gold medal for "the bravest and best" soldier of the Seventeenth army corps. He was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain, GA and died of his wounds in 1864. He is buried at the Marietta National Cemetery in Cobb, GA.

His widow, Catherine, remained in Davenport, Scott County, IA with her mother and children, becoming a dressmaker. In 1892 she was married a second time to Joseph H. Belken/Belkin in Scott County, IA. She died in November of 1901 at about 67 years of age and is buried at Oakdale Cemetery in Davenport. There is a memorial marker honoring Samuel in the same lot.

Scope & Content Note

The items in this collection date from the late 1920's through December 1964 and measure 0.4 linear feet. They are arranged in 3 series: minute books, membership applications, and membership descriptions.

Minute Books

2 bound volumes in good condition
Handwritten entries – ink; minutes of meetings
 January 1944 through March 1953
 April 1953 through December 1964

Applications for Membership

2 binders dating from 1930's – 1960's
Applications removed from binders
Includes lineage information

Description of Members of Catherine Duffin Tent No. 7 City of Davenport

1 volume with index
Notations indicate "inspected" 1926, 1932, 1935, 1939