

City of Las Vegas Museum and Rough Rider Memorial Collection

Rough Rider Archive, 1898 –1986

Collection Summary

Accession numbers

66.27, with 61.1, 66.55 and 67.26

Span Dates

1898-1986

Bulk Dates

1899-1968

Collection Size

Papers 5 linear feet

Oversized .25 cubic feet

Newspapers 1.5 cubic feet

Repository

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Most of the material in this collection consists of portions of two accessions. Accession 61.1 contains objects, photos and archival material relating to the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment and Theodore Roosevelt. All materials in this accession were assembled into a private collection by Ozella Todhunter prior to the founding of the city museum. Ms. Todhunter collected the material from various persons connected to the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. The original owner of the article is preserved in the catalog record, when known. She transferred ownership of the entire collection to the City of Las Vegas in 1961 to be held by the city as a public memorial. Only documentary records of 61.1 are contained in this archive collection.

Ozella Todhunter donated Accession 66.27 to the museum. Unlike 61.1, only a portion of 66.27 contains items relating to the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. The documents in these two accessions, along with items from several accessions from other donors have been combined into the Rough Rider Archive because of the similarity of subject, ownership and content. For each item, distinct accession and original ownership information is maintained in the catalog record.

Acquisition Dates of Major Accessions

61.1	May 1, 1961
66.27	March 3, 1966
66.55	August 25, 1966
67.26	September 18, 1967

Access Restrictions

None

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Related Material

Objects and photographs of Accession 61.1, 66.27, 66.55, and 67.26 relating to the archive content is located throughout museum storage and exhibit halls. Direct relations to objects or photographs are indicated in the catalog entry.

Preferred Citation

Rough Rider Archive, City of Las Vegas

Museum and Rough Rider Memorial Collection, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of material from the Cuban Campaign of the Spanish-American War, related military service, Roosevelt Rough Rider Association material, Association reunion material and personal correspondence, letters and cards. Items housed under personal correspondence include the following:

- o several first person accounts of the military actions during the Cuban Campaign of 1898
- o pension correspondence and separation reports
- o correspondence to and from Rough Riders, spouses and children
- o Additional information ranges from current address, health and occupations; obituaries; and newspaper articles. Materials of the Roosevelt Rough Rider Association include the following:
 - o rosters for reunions
 - o annotated muster rolls indicating change of address and deaths
 - o programs
 - o newspaper articles

The archive contains more general information about the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment (not attributable to a particular person) and other campaigns and aspects of the Spanish-American War. There is material relating to the formation of the Rough Rider Museum (currently the City of Las Vegas Museum and Rough Rider Memorial Collection) and material relating to the formation of a national memorial. A series of the archive is dedicated to persons professing to have been a member of the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, but whose claims cannot be substantiated.

Biographical Note

Ozella Todhunter was born in Nebraska in 1902. In 1925, she moved to Las Vegas, NM. She married widower Edward H. Todhunter the same year. Edward had enlisted in 1898 in the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment under the name of William J. Love. From 1925 until her death in 1971, Ozella Todhunter resided in Las Vegas, NM.

After her marriage to Edward Todhunter, Ozella became interested in perpetuating the memory of the Rough Riders and their service in the Spanish-American War. Through her attendance at Roosevelt's Rough Rider Association Reunions, Ms. Todhunter began collecting materials, artifacts and other memorabilia from the conflict, as well as souvenirs from the reunions themselves. She became more involved in the planning and execution of the reunions during the 1950s, serving as assistant secretary to the association. Ms. Todhunter was instrumental in the founding of the city museum as the first and largest donor of material—the Rough Rider Memorial Collection, including material contained in this archive. Ozella became the first custodian (curator) after she transferred ownership of her collection to the City of Las Vegas, creating the municipally run Rough Rider Museum.

Organization

Rough Rider Archive is organized into nine series.

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Access Terms

Review of the finding aid will acquaint the researcher with the scope of the archive and offers some insight into the depth of the collection. Detailed search of this archive is best accomplished through the electronic catalog. Search terms are too numerous to list. They include all titles of folders. The following terms are some of the most common associated with this archive:

1. Cuba
2. Las Guasimas
3. El Caney
4. San Juan Hill
5. Santiago
6. *Address + name*
7. *Bio + name*
8. *Obit + name*
9. *Reunion + location*
10. Poem
11. Ship
12. Rough Riders
13. Roosevelt
14. *Troop + letter*
15. *Alias + name*
16. *Illness + name*
17. *Kinship + name*
18. Las Vegas
19. Buildings, by name, in Las Vegas
20. *Memoir + name*
21. New Mexico
22. Cities, towns and places in New Mexico
23. Todhunter, Ozella

Contents List

Series 100: Personal correspondence and information concerning members of the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. Series 100 is subdivided to individuals by folders, organized alphabetically by last name. Folders are not necessarily numbered sequentially. Items within folders are organized chronologically. All other series are organized chronologically.

Box	Folder	Description
1	100.1	Adair, John M.
15	100.1	Adair, John M. (oversized pre1950, 1973, 1980)
1	100.2	Adams, James
1	100.3	Adkins, Joseph R.
1	100.4	Alexander, Joseph B.
1	100.5	Alexis, George D.
1	100.6	Anderson, Arthur T.
1	100.192	Armijo, George W.
1	100.7	Armstrong, Charles M.
1	100.169	Armstrong, Edward C.
1	100.59	Arnold, Henry N.
1	100.37	Ash, Alvin C.
1	100.55	Babcock, Campbell E.
1	100.8	Ballard, Charles L.
13	100.8	Ballard, Charles L. (oversized 1950s)
1	100.9	Bardshar, Henry P.
1	100.60	Barnard, John C.
1	100.56	Barrowe, Hallett Alsop
1	100.165	Barthell, Peter K.
1	100.10	Bassage, Bert
1	100.11	Beard, Lyman F.
1	100.12	Bell, John H.
1	100.13	Bishop, Louis B.
1	100.14	Brito, Frank C.
15	100.14	Brito, Frank C. (oversized pre1950, 1973, 1980)
1	100.61	Brodie, Alexander Oswald
1	100.15	Brown, James T.
1	100.16	Brumley, William H. Jr.
1	100.17	Bull, Henry W.
1	100.18	Burdwell, Lee W.

1	100.19	Burks, Robert E.
1	100.21	Calrow, Gerald
1	100.191	Campbell, Douglas
1	100.20	Carlson, Carl
1	100.172	Cary, Oren E.
1	100.200	Cavanaugh, Thompson F.
1	100.183	Chapetal, Frank W.
1	100.22	Colbert, Benjamin H.
1	100.23	Conley, Edward C.
1	100.170	Cosby, Arthur F.
1	100.62	Cowdin, Elliot C.
1	100.178	Cox, Walter
1	100.24	Crimmins, Martin L.
13	100.24	Crimmins, Martin L. (oversized 1950s)
1	100.63	Cross, William E.
1	100.25	Culver, Ed
1	100.26	Cunningham, Solomon M.
1	100.27	Curry, George

Box	Folder	Contents
2	100.28	Davis, Henry C.
2	100.29	Dean, Dudley S.
2	100.30	Denny, Robert W.
2	100.64	Douglas, James B.
2	100.31	Easton, Stephen
2	100.32	Emerson, Edwin
2	100.33	Fairman, Charles E.
2	100.176	Faupel, Henry F.
2	100.34	Fennell, William A.
2	100.35	Fish, Hamilton, Jr.
2	100.36	Fitch, Roger S.
2	100.180	Fletcher, Henry
2	100.38	Folk, Theodore
2	100.39	Fortescue, Granville Roland
2	100.40	Foster, John
2	100.41	Freeman, William H.
2	100.193	Frenger, Numa C.

2	100.42	Fries, Frank D.
Box	Folder	Contents
3	100.67	Gavin, Anthony
3	100.65	Gerard, Sumner H.
3	100.43	Gibson, William C.
3	100.57	Gilmore, Maurice E.
3	100.44	Glessner, Otis E.
3	100.45	Goodrich, David M.
3	100.46	Green, John W.
15	100.46	Green, John W. (oversized pre1950, 1973, 1980)
3	100.66	Greenway, John C.
3	100.47	Griffith, Ezra E.
3	100.194	Hadden, David A.
3	100.48	Hall, John
3	100.54	Hall, Thomas W.
3	100.49	Hamner, George P.
14	100.49	Hamner, George P. (oversized 1960s)
3	100.50	Harness, Daniel D.
3	100.58	Haskell, Ernest
3	100.51	Heitman, Charles E.
3	100.52	Herrig, Frederick
3	100.53	Hersey, Henry B.
3	100.68	Higgins, Thaddeus
3	100.69	Hoffman, George B.
3	100.179	Hopping, Charles O.
3	100.70	Howell, William M.
3	100.71	Howell, William S.
3	100.72	Hughes, David L.
3	100.73	Hughes, Frank
3	100.173	Hunter, Paul W.
3	100.74	Isbell, Thomas J.
3	100.187	Ishlen, Shelby F.
3	100.75	James, William F.
3	100.76	Jenkins, Micah J.
3	100.77	Johnson, Anton E.
3	100.78	Kane, Woodbury

3	100.79	King, Harry B.
3	100.80	Kissam, William A.
3	100.81	Knapp, Edgar A.
3	100.82	Knoblauch, George W.

Box	Folder	Contents
4	100.83	Land, Oscar N.
4	100.84	Langdon, Jesse D.
4	100.85	Lavelle, Espanola (Nolan) Z.
4	100.86	Lawson, Frank H.
4	100.87	LeSturgeon, E. Guy
4	100.88	Lisk, Guy M.
4	100.198	Llewellen, William H.H.
4	100.89	Loughmiller, Edgar F.
4	100.90	Love, William J.
12	100.90	Love, William J. (oversized)
4	100.91	Lowitzki, Hyman S.
4	100.92	Luna, Maximiliano
4	100.181	Lynch, Charles S.
4	100.93	Madsen, Christian
4	100.189	Marine, Rufus Howard
4	100.184	Martin, Henry D.
4	100.94	Mason, David P.
4	100.95	Mattocks, William L.
4	100.96	Maytubby, Bud
4	100.97	McClintock, James H.
4	100.98	McCoy, John
4	100.99	McGarr, Charles E.
4	100.100	McGinty, William
4	100.101	McGuire, James E.
4	100.102	McKinney, Oliver
4	100.103	McMillen, Albert C.
4	100.104	McMurtry, George G.
4	100.105	Meagher, Henry
4	100.106	Merchant, James E.
4	100.171	Morrell, Robert W.
4	100.107	Morrison, Amaziah B.

4	100.108	Muller, Frederick (Fritz)
4	100.109	Mullen, John O.
4	100.110	Munn, Edward
4	100.111	Murray, George F.
4	100.201	Norton, Edward G.
4	100.190	O'Neill, William O.
4	100.112	Orme, Norman L.
4	100.113	Oskison, Richard L.
4	100.114	Pace, John B.
4	100.115	Patterson, Robert S.
4	100.116	Pemberton, Thomas W., Jr.
4	100.199	Perry, Arthur L.
4	100.117	Prentice, Royal A.
4	100.118	Price, Walter W.
4	100.119	Quaid, William

Box	Folder	Contents
5	100.164	Roland, Robert C.
5	100.120	Reed, Colton
5	100.121	Roberts, Frank S.
13	100.121	Roberts, Frank S. (oversized 1950s)
14	100.121	Roberts, Frank S. (oversized 1960s)
5	100.122	Roberts, Thomas A.
5	100.195	Robinson, Kenneth D.
5	100.123	Rogers, Albert
5	100.124	Roland, George A.
5	100.125	Roosevelt, Theodore
12	100.125	Roosevelt, Theodore (oversized)
13	100.125	Roosevelt, Theodore (oversized 1950s)
15	100.125	Roosevelt, Theodore (oversized pre1950, 1973, 1980)
5	100.197	Rotta, Anthony
5	100.175	Russell, Arthur L.
5	100.126	Scharnhorst, Carl J., Jr.
5	100.127	Schnepple, William C.
5	100.128	Scott, Clifton D.
5	100.129	Scroggins, Oscar

5	100.130	Sells, Henry
5	100.131	Sexsmith, William
5	100.132	Shanafelt, Dick
5	100.133	Shaw, John
5	100.134	Sherman, Horace E.
5	100.135	Simms, William M.
5	100.166	Skinner, Arthur V.
5	100.182	Snodderly, William L.
5	100.186	Sowers, Willis E.
5	100.136	Spencer, Edward J.
5	100.137	Spencer, Arthur P.
13	100.137	Spencer, Arthur P. (oversized 1950s)
5	100.138	Stecker, Ernest
5	100.139	Stewart, Luther
5	100.140	Stockbridge, Arthur H.
5	100.141	Stockton, Richard

Box	Folder	Contents
6	100.167	Thomas, Albert M.
6	100.142	Thomas, Theodore C.
6	100.143	Thompson, Alexander M.
6	100.188	Tod, Garfield A.
6	100.144	Tuttle, Arthur L.
6	100.196	Twyman, John L.
6	100.145	VansAgnew, Frank
6	100.146	Vinnedge, George E.
6	100.147	Wadsworth, Craig W.
6	100.162	Wager, Oscar G.
6	100.177	Waterbury, Eugene W.
6	100.185	Watrous, Charles E.
6	100.203	Webb, Adelbert D.
6	100.142	Webb, William W.
6	100.149	Weitzel, John F.
6	100.150	Weller, Samuel M.
6	100.151	Wetmore, Robert S.
13	100.151	Wetmore, Robert S. (oversized 1950s)
6	100.152	Wetmore, Starr W.

6	100.153	Whited, Lyman E.
6	100.174	Whitney, Forest
6	100.202	Wientge, Frederick W.
6	100.154	Wilcox, George B.
6	100.155	Wilkins, George W.
13	100.155	Wilkins, George W. (oversized 1950s)
6	100.156	Winter, John G.
6	100.157	Winter, Otto R.
6	100.158	Wood, Leonard
6	100.159	Woodson, Pickens E.
6	100.160	Worden, John L.
6	100.161	Wynkoop, Harman H.
6	100.168	Yost, James G.

Series 101: Roosevelt's Rough Riders Association Rosters

Box	Folder	Contents
10	101.1	Rosters

Series 102: Roosevelt's Rough Riders Association Reunions

Box	Folder	Contents
7	102.1	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1899
7	102.2	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1900
7	102.3	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1916
7	102.4	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1928
7	102.26	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1933
7	102.5	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1940
7	102.6	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1941
7	102.7	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1947
7	102.8	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1948
7	102.9	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1949
15	Series 102	Rough Riders Association Reunions (oversized pre1950, 1973,1980)
7	102.10	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1951
7	102.11	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1952
12	Series 102	Rough Riders Association Reunions (oversized)

Box	Folder	Contents
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8	102.12	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1953
8	102.13	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1954
8	102.14	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1955
8	102.25	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1956
8	102.15	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1957
8	102.16	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1958
8	102.17	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1959
13	Series 102	Rough Riders Association Reunions, (oversized 1950s)
8	102.18	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1960
8	102.19	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1961
8	102.20	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1962
8	102.21	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1964
8	102.22	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1965
8	102.23	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1967
14	Series 102	Rough Riders Association Reunions, (oversized 1960s)
8	102.24	Rough Riders Association Reunion, 1986

Series 103: Records of Roosevelt's Rough Riders Association

Box	Folder	Contents
9	103.1	Rough Riders Association, By-laws
9	103.2	Rough Riders Association, Minutes, Business meetings
9	103.3	Rough Riders Association, Election ballots, 1951
9	103.4	Rough Riders Association, General
9	103.5	Rough Riders Association, Stationery

Series 104: Spanish-American War, general information

Box	Folder	Contents
10	104.1	Spanish-American War, General
12	Series 104	Spanish-American War, General (oversized)
15	Series 104	Spanish-American War, General (oversized pre 1950, 1973, 1980)

Series 105: "The Rough Riders" movie, 1926

Box	Folder	Contents
11	105.1	Rough Riders Movie, 1926

12 Series 105 Rough Riders Movie, 1926 (oversized)

Series 106: Rough Rider Museum Correspondence

Box	Folder	Contents
11	106.1	Museum Correspondence
14	Series106	Museum Correspondence (oversized 1960s)

Series 107: Rough Rider Information, General

Box	Folder	Contents
11	107.1	Rough Riders, General
12	Series 107	Rough Riders, General (oversized)
15	Series107	Rough Riders, General, (oversized pre1950,1973, 1980)

Series 108: Imposters

Box	Folder	Contents
11	108.1	Imposters