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Warren D. Crandall (-1919) Research Collection, 1863-1922 (bulk 1887-1909)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

During the Civil War, Warren Crandall served in the Mississippi Marine Brigade as 1st lieutenant on the ram *Lioness*. The Mississippi River Ram Fleet was formed by Charles Ellet in March 1862 and was succeeded by the Mississippi Marine Brigade. The Marine Brigade was recruited largely from other army organizations, under the authority of the War Department. The men were mustered out of service in December 1864. Following the war, Crandall practiced law in St. Louis and Brookfield, Missouri, and was editor of the *Brookfield Gazette*. He died June 30, 1919, in St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection contains correspondence and reminiscences of veterans of the Mississippi River Ram Fleet and the Mississippi Marine Brigade to Warren D. Crandall, and also material gathered by Crandall for his book, *History of the Ram Fleet and Mississippi Marine Brigade*, published in 1907. The bulk of the correspondence contains responses from veterans of the Mississippi Marine Brigade to invitations from Crandall to attend reunions of the brigade. Occasionally the correspondence contains reminiscences or other accounts of war service; these instances are noted in this inventory. The collection also contains biographical sketch forms filled out by veterans.

The collection is arranged in the following three series: Reminiscences and Correspondence Series, Biographical Sketch Forms Series, and Miscellaneous Series.

The **Reminiscences and Correspondence Series** contains reminiscences and correspondence of veterans to Warren Crandall. These items are filed alphabetically by the veteran's name.

The **Biographical Sketch Forms Series** contains 115 forms filled out by veterans for the biographical appendix to Crandall's *History of the Ram Fleet and Mississippi Marine Brigade*. These forms contain the veteran's name, address, birthplace, birth date, and service information (filed alphabetically). A listing of the names of the veterans who filled out these forms appears at the end of this inventory.

The **Miscellaneous Series** contains correspondence, notes, receipts, accounts, and other papers relating to Crandall and the Mississippi River Ram Fleet and the Mississippi Marine Brigade.

Reminiscences and Correspondence Series

- Folder 1** **Alcorn, Joseph**, 1899-1906 (9 items)
- Folder 2** **Barnes, Chancey W.**, 1887 July 17 and Aug 18 (2 items)
Letter dated July 17, 1887, contains an account of the siege of Vicksburg.
- Folder 3** **Beach, William H.**, 1887-1903 (9 items)
- Folder 4** **Beam, Henry C.**, 1887-1906 (15 items)
- Folder 5** **Betts, Robert H.**, 1887-1907 (4 items)
- Folder 6** **Biggs, J.B.**, July 20, 1887 (1 item)
- Folder 7** **Brown, Peter**, October 4, 1894 (1 item)
- Folder 8** **Brownson, G.B.**, June 26, 1887 (1 item)
- Folder 9** **Corpe, Theron F.**, 1887-1906 (16 items)
- Folder 10** **Couden, Henry N.**, 1903 Jan 24 and Aug 10 (2 items)
Letter dated January 24, 1903, contains an account of his activity during a skirmish at Austin, Mississippi.
- Folder 11** **Crandall, J.R.**, 1903 Aug 18 (3 items)
Contains two reminiscences with accounts of skirmishes near Rodney, Mississippi.
- Folder 12** **Dean, John**, 1887 June 28 (1 item)
- Folder 13** **DeCoster, Francisco V.**, 1903 July 22 (2 items)
Contains undated reminiscence of a skirmish at Austin, Mississippi, on May 24, 1863.
- Folder 14** **Doss, Sylvester**, October 8, 1894 (1 item)
Contains brief description of the destruction of the U.S. Ram *Lancaster*.
- Folder 15** **Fitch, John K.**, 1887-1895 (3 items)
- Folder 16** **Forse, David**, 1895 Jan 27 (1 item)
Contains brief account of the first mission of the U.S. Ram *Lioness* with list of crew.
- Folder 17** **Fulkerson, Josiah Marion**, 1887-1904 (17 items)

- Folder 18** **Gregg, Perry**, Sept 1, 1902 (1 item)
Contains several verses of a poem by Gregg describing the destruction of ships near Memphis.
- Folder 19** **Harbour, J.H.S.**, 1889-1899 (6 items)
- Folder 20** **Harper, James P.**, 1887-1888 (2 items)
- Folder 21** **Haughey, F.M.**, 1887-1907 (8 items)
- Folder 22** **Hicks, William H.**, 1887-1890 (8 items)
- Folder 23** **Hubbell, Orson**, 1904 July 28 and Sept 27 (2 items)
- Folder 24** **Hultz, Zedick**, June 3, 1887 (1 item)
- Folder 25** **Kemble, George W.**, 1889-1903 (3 items)
- Folder 26** **Knight, Robert**, March 13, 1891 (1 item)
Letter written by Louis K. Gillson regarding information for claim of Robert Knight's widow.
- Folder 27** **Larson, George**, 1889-1896 (4 items)
- Folder 28** **Lasier, S.D.**, 1889 Aug 24 (1 item)
- Folder 29** **Launer, Charles**, 1894 Sept 23 (1 item)
- Folder 30** **Lofton, Isaac**, 1889 (2 items)
- Folder 31** **McClain, James D.**, 1889-1909 (14 items)
Includes ten letters of McClain's wife, Mary, describing her husband's failing mental health and problem getting a pension.
- Folder 32** **McCormick, H.F.**, 1887-1889 (4 items)
- Folder 33** **McMahan, R.W.**, 1888-1891 (2 items)
- Folder 34** **Metz, J.H.**, 1891 July 12 (1 item)
- Folder 35** **Murphy, R.S.**, 1887 June 14 (1 item)
List of officers and members of the Mississippi Marine Brigade.
- Folder 36** **Neville, Ira E.**, no date (1 item)
- Folder 37** **Overton, George W.**, 1887-1899 (9 items)

- Folder 38** **Peters, Thomas**, 1887 July 4 (1 item)
- Folder 39** **Phelps, Marcus E.**, 1887-1906 (20 items)
- Folder 40** **Pinnick, William**, 1895-1899 (4 items)
- Folder 41** **Purdy, James K.** (attorney for the brigade), 1889 Mar 24 and Aug 20 (2 items)
Letter dated August 20, 1889, provides account of Purdy's meeting with Abraham Lincoln to obtain discharge for the brigade.
- Folder 42** **Reed, Joseph A.**, 1887 June 27 (1 item)
Letter signed G.W. Marlate provides information on Reed's location.
- Folder 43** **Salter, Henry V.**, 1887-1895 (3 items)
Includes one letter signed Miss L.M. Salter.
- Folder 44** **Sanford, L.B.**, 1887 Aug 29 (2 items)
Includes newspaper clipping of Sanford's recollections of the ram fleet.
- Folder 45** **Sickal, Peter A.**, 1887-1906 (8 items)
- Folder 46** **Steelman, M.A.**, 1887 July 22 (1 item)
- Folder 47** **Stiles, John H.**, 1895 Nov 22 (1 item)
- Folder 48** **Tatman, J.W.**, 1887-1896 (4 items)
Includes one letter from Tatman's wife informing Crandall of the death of her husband.
- Folder 49** **Taylor, David**, 1895 Apr 10 (1 item)
- Folder 50** **Terwilliger, Charles F.**, 1887-1906 (16 items)
- Folder 51** **Tripp, David**, 1887 July 11 (1 item)
- Folder 52** **Unknown author**, 1897 Aug 19 (4 items)
Contains reminiscence of building artillery battery across from Vicksburg during the siege in June 1863.
- Folder 53** **Vaughan, W.R.**, 1887 July 13 (1 item)
- Folder 54** **Walker, John**, 1918 Sept 30 (1 item)
- Folder 55** **Warren, W.F.**, 1887-1906 (22 items)
- Folder 56** **Wilson, Henry**, 1887 June 27 (1 item)

Folder 57 **Wyble, W.F.**, 1904 Nov 1 (1 item)
Includes list of crew on U.S. ram *Lioness*

Biographical Sketch Forms Series

Folder 58 Biographical sketch forms, A-F (A list of veterans who filled out these forms appears at the end of this inventory.)

Folder 59 Biographical sketch forms, H-O (A list of veterans who filled out these forms appears at the end of this inventory.)

Folder 60 Biographical sketch forms, P-Z (A list of veterans who filled out these forms appears at the end of this inventory.)

Miscellaneous Series

Folder 61 Correspondence of Warren D. Crandall with James K. Perriman, James W. Whittlesey, and J. H. Stevens, officers of the Society of Survivors, Mississippi River Ram Fleet and Marine Brigade, 1909-1917 (9 items).

Folder 62 Warren D. Crandall's notes copied from published sources, no date (11 items).

Folder 63 Warren D. Crandall's receipts and accounts, 1902-1908 (34 items).

Folder 64 Lists of members and correspondence regarding lists, 1891-1905, no date (4 items).

Folder 65 Contemporary copy of handbill to recruit convalescent soldiers to join the Mississippi Marine Brigade, September 11, 1864 (1 item).

Circular letter of Clark Wright, Cincinnati, Ohio, to the enlisted members of the late Mississippi Marine Brigade informing the brigade of its discharge from service, December 21, 1864 (1 item).

Mrs. Logan's tribute to General Ellet, transcribed from the *Washington Post* (1895) (1 item)

Two printed cards noting the Civil War record of Grand Army of the Republic member James W. Whittlesey, 1919 & 1922 (2 items)

Folder 66 Photocopies of newspaper clippings regarding the Mississippi Marine Brigade, including an obituary of Leander Adams and a list of boats in the Mississippi Squadron, 1863-1905 (8 pages).

Folder 67 Clippings from the "Ram Fleet Recorder and Mississippi Marine Brigade Historian," 1891-1895 (4 items).

List of veterans who filled out biographical sketch forms (filed in folders 58-60)

Adams, James Christopher

Adams, John Q.

Adams, Stephen G.

Albright, William O.

Badgley, Theodore M.

Bailey, George Warren

Ballard, Robert E.

Barnes, John C.

Beach, James A.

Beach, William H.

Bishop, R.H.

Brooks, James C.

Buffington, Samuel

Byerly, Alexander C.

Case, Gideon S.

Cleal, Simeon

Corpe, Theron F.

Couden, Henry Noble

Cunninghom, Thomas

Decker, Adam

DeCoster, Franceseo V.

Doss, Sylvester

Dotson, W.H.

Elliott, Napoleon B.

Eubanks, Daniel

Ewing, Samuel J.

Fawcett, Asa

Felton, William H.

Fisher, Samuel

Fowler, Theron H.

Fulkerson, Josiah M.

Haigh, Lewis D.

Hallowell, Charles H.

Hamilton, John

Herren, Andrew P.

Hewes, John S.S.

Hogan, Hall W.

Hogle, Daniel P.

Isaacs, Charles C.

Jacobs, Theodore

Jordan, William

Josting, Gerard Henry

Keeler, Bronson C.

Kemble, G.W.

Kirkham, Edw.

Krebs, Frank
LaMoreux, Monmoth
Larson, Gunner
Libbing, Henry H.
Lincoln, Ed N.
Linfor, John
Lister, John W.
Luby, Maurice
McClain, James D.
McMickle, Union
McNew, Stepen A.
McQuiston, Thomas
Mallory, Festus Clark
Mason, Dwight Bisco
Moon, Edwin
Moore, William
Morrin, Thos. D.
Morris, Walter
Murphy, Robert S.
Newell, I.D.
Norton, Charles
Owens, John A.H.
Peffer[?], Dudley H.
Peters, Wm. S.
Phelps, Marcus E.
Pierce, Almon J.
Roberts, George
Robertson, John S.
Root, Marcus
Rossall, Lawrence
Rouse, William H.
Salmon, John V.
Sanders, William K.
Sanford, Lewis B.
Schoch, Conrad
Scrivens, Dickerson
Sickal, James
Sickal, Peter A.
Smith, Henry G.
Snyder, James W.
Spencer, David E.

Spilman, John Jasper
Stevens, John H.
Stewart, Silas
Taylor, David S.
Taylor, Francis A.
Terwilliger, Charles F.
Vaughn, T.J.
Vaughan, Josiah W.
Vogler, Tobias
Walker, John E.
Wapler, Otto
Warren, William
Wathan, George
Watkins, William
Welch, Richard
Wirt, Henry J.F.
Wiseman, Levi
Wood, Gibson A.
Worcester, Julius J.
Wayman, John
Weible, William F.
Whitney, John F.
Zimmerman, John