

DeKalb History Center

Sons of Confederate Veterans Clement A. Evans Camp No. 1238

Introduction: The Evans Camp scrapbooks start with the charter of the group in 1959 and go through the 1970s. The scrapbooks contain the charter, an envelope with Clement Evans' autograph, correspondence and photographs. The scrapbooks were compiled by B.F. Wilkins.

Provenance: Permanent Loan from Bennie Wilkins (Accession #1980-L9)

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Size: 1 document box, 3 scrapbook boxes

Organizational Sketch of Evans Camp 1238: The General Clement A. Evans Camp 1238, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was organized in Decatur in May 1959. An organizational meeting was held at the Candler Hotel, under Clyde A. Boyington and John D. Barrett. At the meeting, David Ansley was named temporary commander, along with other officers. The membership committee was chosen and a membership drive organized. Once there were sufficient members, application was made to the national headquarters for a charter, which was granted and presented at a meeting held at the Agnes Lee Chapter House, UDC. There were 41 members on the camp roster at the time of organization.

Clement Evans was born in 1833 in Stewart County, Georgia and studied law in August. He was elected county court judge and state senator. Evans held the rank of Brigadier and in 1864 was promoted to the command of a division as acting major General. He entered the ministry after the Civil War. He died in 1911 and is buried near the grave of his wartime companion, General John B. Gordon.

Description: The Clement A. Evans Camp collection is made primarily scrapbooks kept by camp historian B.F. Wilkins. Some of the notebooks were deteriorating so the materials have been removed and safely filed, and the notebooks have been separated. There are three scrapbooks with newspaper clippings, photographs and programs, a folder with membership forms filled out by members, the charter for the camp from 1959 and the constitution for the group. There is also a wooden gavel made from timber taken from the Swanton House.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Sons of Confederate Veterans (Organization). Clement A. Evans Camp, No. 1238 (Decatur, Ga.)

Subject/Added Entries: Sons of Confederate Veterans (Organization)
Evans, General Clement A. (1833-1911)
Ansley, David H.
Wilkins, B. F.

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Charter	Aug 1959
	2	Minutes, constitution	Mar 1960-Feb 1973
	3	Miscellaneous documents	
	4	Muster roll	
	5	Reports from National Adjutant-in-Chief	Oct 1959-Jun 1961
	6	Reports from National Adjutant-in-Chief	Jul 1961-Jul 1964
	7	Removed to storage	
		Scrapbook	1962-1964
		Scrapbook	1964-1965
2		Scrapbook	1959-1962
3		Loose leaf notebooks, deteriorating Materials in Box 1	

Swanton House timber gavel stored in museum storage.