

DeKalb History Center

Decatur Home Guards

Scope and content: The Decatur Home Guards collection includes correspondence, a ledger, rosters and various receipts. The records cover 1917-1919.

Provenance: Gift of Fletcher Pearson, 1950, ACC# 1978.9.

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Size: 6 folders.

Brief Organizational Sketch of the Decatur Home Guards: The first regular roll call for the Decatur Home Guards was on August 3, 1917 at 20 Sycamore Street in the Decatur Board of Trade. The Guards were mustered in as a unit of the State Guard of Georgia by Acting Adjutant General Arthur McCollum. This meant equipment could be procured from the state; until state aid was given, the organization had been largely self-supporting. The last regular meeting was on October 24, 1919

Description: The collection has a ledger book into which has been pasted correspondence and meeting minutes; there are also financial records. The book was kept by Fletcher Pearson, company clerk; who donated the collection. Captain George M. Napier was commanding officer. There is correspondence having to do with resignations and with events, such as a barbeque with the Agnes Lee Chapter of the U.D.C. in Decatur. Documents included indicated that meetings were held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. There is also a Home Guard Manual covering guard duty, marching and arms.

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

Main Entry: Decatur Home Guards

Subject/Added Entries: Decatur (Ga.)
Pearson, Fletcher
Napier, Capt. George M.

Folder List

Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	Assorted documents	1917-1949
2	Cash book and ledger, also has letters Minutes, roster, accounts	1917-1919
3	Correspondence	
4	Home Guards manual	1917
5	Receipts	
6	Rosters	