

E. H. CROCKER COLLECTION OF
WAR SERVICE RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS,
1914-38

Introduction

Edward H. Crocker (1867-?) was a Hartford resident who was evidently actively associated with the Hartford War Bureau during World War I. He seems to have been also on the staff of the Hartford Courant and a member of a Hartford draft board. This collection was apparently accumulated through his personal efforts, supported by George S. Godard, State Librarian.

Related records - some of them also collected by Mr. Crocker - are in RG 64, the Pictorial Archives (PG30 and PG34), and there are other World War I service records in RG 12, State Library (War Records Department).

List of records

1. Service records, 1914-18. Boxes 1-3

Included are "Military Service Record" forms, photographs, summary accounts by Crocker, newspaper clippings and related materials pertaining to Hartford residents (and a few prominent persons from other places - Pershing, Wilson, e.g.) who served in World War I. Two groups: those who died in service, and others. Each alphabetical by name. 1 foot, 1 inch.

2. Photographs of Hartford in war time, 1914-18. Box 3

Photographs, usually captioned, of scenes, events, and people. Filed alphabetically as follows:

 - Albino Guards
 - Armistice day
 - Colts Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co.
 - Connecticut River Patrol
 - Connecticut State Guard
 - French telephone girls
 - Hartford
 - Marrow Machine Co.
 - Noble and Westbrook
 - Pratt and Whitney Co.
 - State Armory group
 - State Library photographs
 - Trinity College
 - Underwood Typewriter Co.
 - Welcome Home Arch
 - World War committees and boards
 - "unmarked" (but many are identified)

3 inches.

(Box of photos filed in pictorial
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3. Service records of selected men, 1914-18. Box 4
Compiled records, forms, related correspondence concerning 24 men (not all from Connecticut). In binder with contents list. 1 inch.

4. Keystone photographs, c. 1917-21. Box 4
News photographs of various subjects, distributed by the Keystone View Co. Some are war-related; none seem to be of Hartford or Connecticut; most have captions. 1 inch.

5. Correspondence, 1921-38. Box 4
Mr. Crocker's correspondence concerning the collection of military service data, photographs and autographs, and State Library correspondence (some with Crocker) concerning this material. Unarranged. 3 inches.

6. Drafts, lists, working papers, c. 1918-24. Box 5
Mr. Crocker's papers pertaining to the accumulation of service records. Includes lists of Hartford service men, draft historical sketches, etc. Unarranged. 5 inches.

Fragile Material