Military Collection
State Archives of North Carolina

Warren County Compiled Individual Military Service Records (WWI 92)
[World War I]

Collection Number: WWI 92

Title: Warren County Compiled Individual Military Service Records

Dates: 1917-1920, undated

Creator: W. Brodie Jones; various individuals

Abstract

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Physical Description: 0.50 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository

State Archives of North Carolina, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4614

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing this collection.

Restrictions on Use: There are no restrictions on using this collection.
Preferred Citation

[Item name or title], [Box Number], [Folder Numbers], Warren County Compiled Individual Military Service Records, WWI 92, WWI Papers, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

Acquisition

This collection was acquired by the North Carolina Historical Commission (subsequently the State Archives of North Carolina) from 1918 to around 1920. W. Brodie Jones, the volunteer War Records Collector for Warren County, N.C., gathered these materials from various county individuals, and mailed or delivered the materials to the Historical Commission as a donation to the state’s war records collection project. Also, military veterans—responding to the Historical Commission’s call for soldier and sailor service information and photographs—mailed these materials directly to the North Carolina’s War Records Collector Robert B. House. After he received these materials from the various individuals, House had the donations in the Historical Commission’s accessions registers.

All of the materials in this collection were acquired or collected as part of the North Carolina Historical Commission’s ongoing World War historic materials collection project, which was authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 144 of the North Carolina Public Laws and Resolutions in 1919.

Related Material

Compiled Individual Military Service Records, WWI 14, WWI Papers, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

North Carolina County War Records, WWI 2, WWI Papers, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

Processing Information

The materials in this collection were originally organized in the former County War Records, WWI Papers, Military Collection, under the “Warren County” set of records. In the summer of 2015, that collection was reprocessed as the North Carolina County War Records (WWI 2), and the Warren County compiled service records were removed from the collection, as the amount of materials and singular grouping of records created from a common action led the Military Collection Archivist to make the decision to create a separate collection for the materials. W. Brodie Jones, the volunteer War Records Collector for Warren County, N.C., gathered these materials from various county veterans and individuals, and mailed or delivered the materials to the Historical Commission as a donation to the state’s war records collection project by 1920.

A separate collection of Compiled Individual Military Service Records was received by the North Carolina Historical Commission (present-day State Archives of North Carolina) in multiple accessions from 1918 to 1960 from service individuals and their families largely. The
collection was apparently loosely arranged by the Historical Commission into folders based on the names of the individuals represented by the materials. At that time, the Historical Commission chose not to integrate the Warren County set of compiled service records into the main compiled service records collection. During the 1920s, the Historical Commission worked on arranging the World War I Papers in groups of common themes or creators.

In 1964, Maurice S. Toler and John R. Woodard of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History prepared a finding aid for the “World War I Papers, 1903-1933,” which consisted of thirteen series of records. This was the first known formal organization of the World War I materials, and a basic finding aid for these papers completed to the box and item level was finalized on June 30, 1964.

The Warren County service records had been organized in folders in groups based on the alphabetical order of the individuals’ last names. In the original finding aid, a number of the individuals’ names were incorrect or misspelled. Multiple formats of materials were difficult to distinguish as belonging to one individual over another, if the handwriting was challenging to read. Some of the information on the service record forms is incomplete, when compared with the individuals’ WWI service cards held by the State Archives of North Carolina.

This collection was reprocessed in 2017 to improve the description of the collection, and better organize the materials for easier access by researchers. Added detailed description was provided at the item level for photographs. Items that covered a single service individual were re-foldered in individual folders, with the folders labeled by the individual’s name.

Paper clips and rusted metal fasteners were removed (where possible) from the items in the collection. Original materials were removed from bindings that were turning acidic, causing damage to the materials. Newspaper clippings and newspaper articles which were retained were photocopied as preservation copies, to protect other archival materials in a given folder from being further discolored by the acidity in the newspaper clippings.

The collection was organized into folders based on formats of the materials. All of the photographs have been numbered with a soft HB No. 2 pencil on the back, according to the collection number, the folder number, and an individual image number. For example, the number “WWI 92.B1.F1.1” should be interpreted as “WWI 92 collection, Box 1, Folder 1, Photograph 1.” The identification of these images has been created in the finding aid, but not written on the photographs themselves. Historical research was conducted to provide dates and descriptions of the images where none was written on or attached to the photographs. Names and service information was taken from the individuals’ North Carolina WWI service cards, or from their federal World War I draft registration cards. All of the descriptions correspond with available historical records. In many cases, the military service individuals had handwritten service histories with the photographs, which is where additional descriptive information was found for the images.

Processed by: Matthew M. Peek, November 2017.
**Arrangement:** The materials are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the individuals in folders.

**Historical Note**

The North Carolina Historical Commission (the precursor of the State Archives of North Carolina) recognized at the beginning of the United States’ involvement in World War I the importance for North Carolina to begin an effort of collecting materials which documented the role taken by North Carolina soldiers and civilians in the war. In cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Defense, a special history committee, called the “Historical Preservation” committee, was appointed by the Council of Defense. The Historical Preservation committee consisted of the North Carolina Historical Commission Secretary Robert Digges Wimberly (or R. D. W.) Connor, as chairman; Haywood Parker of Asheville, North Carolina; Ms. Adelaide Fries of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Paul W. Schenck of Greensboro, North Carolina; Edgecombe County-native George Gordon Battle, who was one of the leading lawyers in New York City at the outbreak of WWI; Ms. Lida T. Rodman; and J. G. deR. Hamilton of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Council of Defense Historical Preservation committee’s mission was to collect for permanent preservation the war records of the state of North Carolina. The term “war records” was given the widest possible interpretation, so as to include all materials that illustrate the state of mind of the citizens of North Carolina toward World War I; the effect of the war on social, educational, economic, agricultural, political, and religious conditions; and the personal achievements, sacrifices, and services of North Carolina individuals in the war. Efforts were made by the North Carolina Historical Commission to secure the cooperation of such organizations as the State and County Councils of Defense; the State and County Fuel Administrations; the State and County Food Administrations; the American Red Cross; and other organizations engaged in work connected with the World War I preparedness and support efforts of the United States.

The Historical Preservation committee and the North Carolina Historical Commission urged these institutions, organizations, and members of the public to preserve carefully their records, and ultimately deposit them with the North Carolina Historical Commission. Efforts were also made to secure assistance in this work through the appointment in each county of a county historian for war purposes. However, these efforts were not particularly successful, as resources and people were stressed throughout the war at the local level in North Carolina. Individuals willing to work as volunteer war record collectors were secured in sixty counties during the war. These individuals promised to aid in the historical preservation work of the committee, but only a few of them had been active throughout World War I.

Not much could be accomplished in terms of collecting war materials, however, due to a lack of funding and the lack of a law by the North Carolina State Legislature indicating a state-backed collection program. From 1917 to 1919, the State Legislature was not in session, and this scenario could not be remedied. However, in 1919 the State Legislature formally approved the North Carolina Historical Commission’s war records collection efforts with the passage of Chapter 144 of the North Carolina Public Laws and Resolutions (specifically Sections 3 and 4).
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Acting under authority of this law, the Historical Commission chose Robert B. House Collector of World War Records, and House entered upon his work on June 19, 1919. On taking up his duties, House found that the Historical Preservation committee of the State Council of Defense (through a system of volunteers collecting in various counties of the state), and Col. Fred A. Olds (North Carolina Historical Commission Hall of History Collector) had already collected a large amount of war materials. House tried to systemize the collection process and network of volunteer collectors around North Carolina. House and a part-time stenographer worked to copy information from original materials; label, classify, and identify original materials; and operate a continuous correspondence network with individuals throughout the state and with federal wartime government offices.

In the summer of 1918, the Historical Commission determined to compile a Roll of Honor of soldiers from the state for black and white North Carolina service individuals who died during service to their country. They created separate “Roll of Honor” forms to be sent to soldiers’ next of kin, that solicited information such as soldiers’ date and place of birth; parents information; education; and date, place, and circumstances of death. The “Roll of Honor” files included with the forms other documents, such as photographs, correspondence, and news clippings. This effort was largely led by the North Carolina Hall of History director, Fred A. Olds—prior to the establishment of the War Records Collector office. The Roll of Honor was never completed by the Historical Commission.

W. Brodie Jones, the volunteer War Records Collector for Warren County, N.C., was one of thirteen volunteer county records collectors who gathered the largest amount of wartime records for the Historical Commission. He utilized a blank service record form created by the Historical Commission, and edited it for use in Warren County under the name of “Your Service Record.” Jones sent the service record forms to Warren and Halifax Counties’ veterans and individuals to complete. Halifax County soldiers were included who had been serving in the Warren County unit of the North Carolina National Guard—Company H, 3rd Infantry—which was converted into Company H, 120th Infantry, 30th Division, under federal U.S. Army service during WWI. Jones mailed or delivered the materials to the Historical Commission as a donation to the state’s war records collection project by 1920. These forms included such information as home town; military unit(s); service period and awards; injuries; whether killed or not (and if killed, where); profession before and after military service; and family information.

Scope and Content

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Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Jones, W. Brodie

Places

Halifax County (N.C.)
Warren County (N.C.)
Warrenton (N.C.)

Corporate Names

North Carolina Historical Commission
North Carolina. State Department of Archives and History

Subject—Topical

World War, 1914-1918--Biography
World War, 1914-1918--Military personnel--United States
World War, 1914-1918--North Carolina
World War, 1914-1918--Social aspects--United States
World War, 1914-1918--United States--History

Material Types

Correspondence
Military records
Photographic postcards
Photographs
Postcards
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1/14  Stephen E. Burroughs  Undated
1/15  William A. Burwell  Undated
1/16  Robert A. Cheek  Undated
1/17  Dennis M. Coleman  Undated
1/18  J. Brown Coleman  Undated
1/19  Charles G. Cordle  Undated
1/20  Archibald D. Daniel  Undated
1/21  Garland B. Daniel  Undated

**WWI 92.B1.F21.1:** Studio portrait of Garland B. Daniel of Littleton, N.C., wearing his full U.S. Army uniform, during World War I. Daniel served stateside in the U.S. Army Infantry as a 2nd Lieutenant training reserve and student Army troops, primarily at Syracuse, N.Y. [believed to be at Syracuse University (undated) [Photograph by: Morrell-Hoole Studios, Rochester, N.Y.].

1/22  John B. Davis  Undated
1/23  Martin J. Davis  Undated
1/24  Richard B. Davis  Undated
1/25  Robert M. Davis  Undated
Edward H. Day
Undated


Robert P. Dowtin
Undated

William P. Dowtin
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Edward Drumgold
Undated

Clarence T. Dryden
Undated

Walter E. Egerton
Undated

John R. Ellis
Undated

**WWI 92.B1.F32.1:** Real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of John Russell Ellis of Macon, N.C., wearing his full U.S. Army uniform, sitting on a wood bench. Ellis served in World War I in the 76th Field Artillery and 329th Machine Gun Battalion (undated).

Rubie E. Evans
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Simon M. Gardner
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Walter M. Gardner
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1/44 Robert T. Hardy
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1/45 William B. Hardy
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1/46 Leonidas Y. Harris
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1/47 Bravard W. Harris Jr.
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1/48 Edward T. Harrison
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1/49 Lewis S. Harrison
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1/50 John H. Harrison Jr.
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1/51 King Hawkins
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1/52 Clifton T. Hayes
Undated
**WWI 92.B1.F53.1:** Cut-off real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of Howard Clyde Hayes of Norlina, N.C., wearing his U.S. Army uniform, standing with a hand-painted backdrop behind him. Hayes served during World War I in Washington State in the U.S. Army with a number of military lumber harvesting units in the Army’s Spruce Production Division to help supply the Allies with needed timber for wooden airplane production (undated).

2/1 Romie C. Heuay

**WWI 92.B2.F1.1:** Real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of Romie C. Heuay of Rosemary, N.C. [present-day Roanoke Rapids, N.C.], wearing his U.S. Army uniform, sitting in a chair with his arm resting on the top of the chair back. Heuay served in Company H, 3rd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard unit from Warren County, N.C., at the start of World War I. He served in the 120th Infantry, 30th Division, U.S. Army, during WWI (undated).

2/2 John F. Hilliard

2/3 Frank P. Hunter

2/4 John H. Hunter


2/5 Clyde N. Johnston

2/6 Bignall Speed Jones

2/7 Joseph Speed Jones

2/8 Edward G. Joyner

2/9 John H. Kerr

2/10 Maurice W. Kimball
William H. King


Willie P. King

**WWI 92.B2.F12.1:** Undated

Joseph J. Macon

Forrest G. Miles

Henry C. Montgomery

Charles G. Moore Jr.


Eric Norfleet

Wade H. Northington


Nathan M. Palmer

**WWI 92.B2.F20.1:** Studio portrait of Nathan M. Palmer of Warrenton, N.C., wearing his full U.S. Army uniform and his
dress hat, sitting in a chair. Palmer served during World War I in the following U.S. Army units: Company H, 3rd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard; G Company, 58th Infantry, 4th Division; and 153rd Depot Brigade (undated).

2/21 Thomas F. G. Parham Undated

2/22 Lewis M. Paschall [or Louis M. Paschall] Undated

WWI 92.B2.F22.1: Real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of Lewis M. Paschall [or Louis M. Paschall] of Nutbush Township in Warren County, N.C., wearing his U.S. Army uniform, sitting in a wicker chair. Paschall served in a number of Army units during World War I, with his final unit being Company I, 125th Infantry, 32nd Division (undated).

2/23 Arthur S. Pendleton Undated

WWI 92.B2.F23.1: Studio portrait of Lt. Col. Arthur S. Pendleton of Raleigh, N.C., who was originally from Warrenton, N.C. Pendleton served in World War I as a psychiatrist in the U.S. Army, including as the commanding officer of the Psychiatric Unit of an Army hospital center in Allerey, France. Later, he was the commanding officer of the Psychiatric Unit of an Army hospital center in Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, France. Finally, Pendleton took command of Base Hospital No. 79 in France (undated).

2/24 Marion E. Perkinson Undated

2/25 Richard E. Pennington Undated


2/26 William Love Perry Undated

2/27 William T. Pitchford Undated

2/28 William T. Polk Undated

2/29 Benjamin C. Powell Undated
2/30  John W. Powell  Undated
2/31  Leon L. Powell  Undated
2/32  Thomas E. Powell Jr.  Undated
2/33  Enos P. Pride  Undated
2/34  Arthur L. Pridgen  Undated
2/35  Ernest Richardson  Undated


2/36  Clement J. Rivers  Undated

**WWI 92.B2.F36.1**: Real-photo postcard of Clement J. Rivers of the town of Wise in Warren County, N.C., wearing his full U.S. Army uniform and campaign hat, standing outside on a railroad track with his rifle at his side at Camp Humphrey, Virginia [later Fort Belvoir]. Rivers served in the several U.S. Army units, including the 156th Depot Brigade and the 1st Forestry Replacement Battalion (undated)

2/37  Willie Turner Robertson  Undated
2/38  William D. Rodgers Jr.  Undated
2/39  James R. Rodwell  Undated
2/40  Homer W. Rose  Undated
2/41  William A. Ross  Undated
2/42  Herbert S. Ryder  Undated
WWI 92.B2.F43.1: Cut real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of Henry E. Sadler of Macon, N.C., wearing his U.S. Army uniform, standing with American flags and pennants in the background (including a Camp Sevier, S.C., pennant). Photograph taken while Sadler was stationed at Camp Sevier, S.C., during World War I, assigned to the Army School for Bakers and Cooks [1918].

2/44 Frank Serls Jr. Undated

2/45 George W. Shearin Jr. Undated

2/46 Vivian G. Shearin Undated

2/47 Clarence E. Skillman Undated


2/48 Harold R. Skillman Undated

2/49 Herman Somerville Undated


2/50 Lewis B. Stallings [or Louis B. Stallings] Undated

2/51 Alexander C. Walker Undated

2/52 George D. Webster Undated

WWI 92.B2.F52.1: Cut-down real-photo postcard of a studio portrait of George D. Webster of the town of Roanoke Rapids in Halifax County, N.C., wearing his U.S. Army uniform, standing with his hand on a small wooden pedestal table having a vase of flowers on it. Webster served in Company H, 3rd
Infantry, North Carolina National Guard unit from Warren County, N.C., at the start of World War I. He served in the 120th Infantry, 30th Division, U.S. Army, during WWI (undated) [Photograph by: Cute Studio, Greensboro, N.C.].

2/53 Hugh W. White Undated
2/54 Charles Sydenham Williams Undated
2/55 Stanley Williams Undated