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Summary:

Title: Soldiers Relief Record Book
Span Dates: 1888-1894
Creator: Unknown
Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)
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Accession Number: 1977/10.0203
Date Completed: August, 2019
Access to Collection: Open
Extent: 1 volume
Donor: Don McGraw

Search Terms:

Civil War veterans
Annotations
Marginalia
Children's drawings

Biographical Notes:

N/A

Scope and Content:

The record book is a printed form book entitled, “Barrett’s Form of Soldiers’ Relief Record, Being a Record of Resident Indigent Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, and Wives, Widows and Minor Children of Same, Entitled to Relief under an Act passed March 16th, 1887.” Twelve pages record payments to `resident indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and wives, widows and minor children of same. . .‘ The pages of the last half of the book have been torn out.

Beyond the book’s original life as a record of payments, two further additions were made by unknown individuals. One addition is a journal entry, possibly by “Fritz” detailing conversation he had. The language used indicates an individual with intent to convey accents or a lower level of education, with words such as “den” and “dat” used instead of “then” and “that”, as well as “ole” for “old”.

Another addition, made in 1937, was a series of crayon and pencil drawings of cartoon characters, police officers, and detectives made by a child at the beginning and end of the ledger. Additional marks in the same hand are cursive practice. The child’s name is potentially Joe Rector McIntyre.
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