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Charles Edward Pearce Record Book of the St. Louis National Guard, 1872-1902 (bulk 1872-1878)

1 volume; 7 folders; 1 oversize item

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REPOSITORY

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DONOR INFORMATION

Record book was donated by Charles Edward Pearce.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Edward Pearce was born May 29, 1842, in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. He served as an officer in Battery D, 16th New York Heavy Artillery, in the Civil War and came to St. Louis in 1866. He commanded the St. Louis National Guard in 1875 and organized the 1st Regiment, Missouri National Guard, in 1877. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1897 to 1901. He died January 30, 1902, in St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection consists of Charles Edward Pearce's record book of the St. Louis National Guard, 1872-1878, which includes petitions, printed *Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Louis National Guard* (1872 and 1874), correspondence, invitations, subscription lists, accounts, receipts, checks, muster rolls, and other items. The collection also includes seven folders of loose papers that were removed from the record book.

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Volume 1

1872-1878 Record book contains petitions, printed *Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Louis National Guard* (1872 and 1874), correspondence, invitations, subscription lists, accounts, receipts, checks, muster rolls, and other items (approximately 40 pages). Notable content includes (1) letter signed W.H. Cutter [William H. Cutter], St. Louis, to Henry Senter, president of the St. Louis National Guard, December 4, 1877, regarding uniform boxes. (2) Memorial sketch of Charles Edward Pearce printed by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Missouri, March 2, 1902, which includes a portrait photograph of Pearce.

Loose Papers Removed from the Charles Edward Pearce Record Book of the St. Louis National Guard

Folder 1

1877-1878 Correspondence, statements, receipts, and a telegram of Baker & McKenney, manufacturers of and dealers in military goods, 141 Grand Street, New York, with Charles E. Pearce, St. Louis. (13 documents)

Folder 2

1877-1878 Correspondence and receipts of Thos. Tremearne [Thomas Tremearne] of Francis Tomes & Co., importers of cutlery, guns, pistols, sporting and military goods, druggists' sundries, and fancy goods, 6 Maiden Lane, New York, to Charles E. Pearce, St. Louis. (7 documents)

Folder 3

1877-1878 Correspondence and receipts of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, importers and wholesale dealers in military and Masonic goods, guns, pistols, and cutlery, jewelry and fancy goods, 17 and 19 Maiden Lane and 20 and 22 John Street, New York, to Charles E. Pearce, St. Louis. (12 documents)

Folder 4

1877-1878 Correspondence of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, New York, with Charles E. Pearce, St. Louis. (10 documents)

Folder 5

1877-1878 Correspondence and receipts of Boylan & Co., manufacturers of military clothing, 135 Grand Street, New York, to Charles E. Pearce, St. Louis. (23 documents)

Folder 6

1877 Nov 30 Letter signed [Dwight] Tredway, Greeley, Burnham & Co., wholesale grocers, 406 and 408 North 2nd St., St. Louis, to Col. Pearce. Regarding a sword.

Folder 7

1876 Feb 7 Handwritten preamble, constitution, and by-laws of the St. Louis National Guard, written by Charles E. Pearce. (23 pages)

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1879 Mar 4 Certificate of incorporation of the St. Louis National Guard, Company A.