

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. and Auxiliary Scrapbooks, 1916-1981

Collection Dates: 1916-1981

Extent and Forms of Material: 1.3 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Creator: Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. and Auxiliary

Abstract: Five scrapbooks of materials relating to the Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. and Auxiliary's activities.

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Collection Number: AC0119

Processing Note: Processed by Robert Harding in 1986.

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History: Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. (MBV) was a civilian association founded by Clairice A. G. Closson of Independence, Missouri in 1929. Closson was one of the participants in the Mexican border initiative of mid 1916. The association consisted of men who patrolled the Mexican-American border between May 9, 1916 and April, 1917. Their presence on the border came about as a response to President Woodrow Wilson's call on

the National Guard and the Army in mid 1916 to guard the border which had been repeatedly invaded by Francisco (Pancho) Villa, a Mexican revolutionary leader who carried out his incursions against residents of southern Texas. The MBV was formed by ex-Mexican-American border veterans to seek recognition and veteran benefits to which they were entitled as U.S. government ex-servicemen of a foreign war.

Scope and Content: The scrapbooks contain a random arrangement of MBV annual reports; convention minutes; samples of the MBV newsletter, *The Bugler*; photographs of various officers and members of the association and their spouses; brochures of the association's conventions; brief historical sketches of the association; some biographical sketches of the founders of the association; newspaper clippings from unidentified newspapers; limited correspondence among national, state or regional MBV officials and other miscellaneous correspondence.

System of arrangement: The collection consists of one series, **Scrapbooks, 1916-1981**.

Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the Museum in 1986, along with some artifacts, by the Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. through Howard Hubbard and Fabian E. Johnson; transferred from the Division of Community Life to the Archives Center in 1986.

Access Points:

Subject/Names:

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-
Villa, Pancho
Closson, Clairice A.G.

Subject/Topical:

Boundary disputes
Mexican-American Border Region
Mexico – Boundaries – United States
Military Pensions
Veterans – United States

Geographic:

Mexico
Texas

CONTAINER LISTING

Box	Folder	
1	1	<i>The Bugler</i> , newsletters of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary, 1960s-1970s
	2	Newspapers, <i>The Minnesota Border Patrol</i> , Vol. I, no. 6, Camp Llano Grande, Texas, Sept. 16, 1916; <i>The Minnesota Border Patrol</i> , Vol. I, no. 7, Sept. 23, 1916; <i>The Border Patrol</i> , Vol. I, No. 11, Sept. 8, 1916
1	3	Three photographs of Pancho Villa and his men, reproductions
	Loose	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary," 1929-1960
	Loose	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary," 1961-1980
	Loose	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary," 1980-
	Loose	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary", newspaper clippings and miscellaneous
	Loose	Scrapbook: "Pancho Villa raid", Columbus, New Mexico

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