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**Spanish-American War Collection**  
**Collection Number: 1698 WFCHS**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated in May 2024.

**EXTENT:** .21 linear feet

**DATE:** 1898 – 1935

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains the charter of the Colonel James C. Baker Camp, United Spanish War Veterans as well as autographs cards famous veterans, and news articles on local veterans.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The United Spanish War Veterans was organized in 1904 from three smaller veterans groups. The organization consisted of veterans from Spanish-American War (1898-9), Philippine-American War (1899-1902), and the Chinese Relief Expedition (1900-1). It existed until 1992 when the last veteran, Nathan C. Cook passed away. Colonel James C. Baker (1851-1917), for whom the Winchester, VA camp is named, was the commander of the Second Virginia Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American War. He was a Shenandoah County lawyer who also practiced in Winchester and Frederick County. The camp, which was organized on January 11, 1935, had members from Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** *The Winchester Evening Star*, November 27, 1934, pg. 2

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Autograph Cards with biographical information

Autographs – Corbin, Henry Clark, Evans, Robley Dunliston, Funston, Frederick, Liscum, Emerson, H., Noyes, Charles R., Shafter, William R.

Biographical Information: Corbin, Henry Clark, 2 pages, printed  
Evans, Robley Dunliston, 9 leaves, printed  
Funston, Frederick, 5 leaves, printed  
Liscum, Emerson R., 5 leaves, printed  
9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment, 8 leaves, printed

Noyes, Charles R., 2 leaves, printed  
Shafter, William Rufus, 3 leaves, printed

Charter of the James C. Baker Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, January 11, 1935, 1 item, printed  
**Physical Location: Map Case 1, Drawer 11**

News Articles – Local Veterans