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The Fractioned Fallen:

Segregation in the World Wars

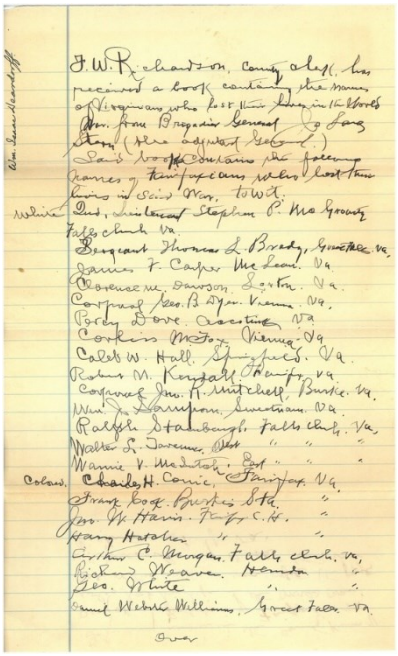


Figure 1. Notes regarding WWI Memorial

Hello! This month's Found in the Archives is brought to you by Christine, a former intern of the court and George Mason University student. Below Christine discusses one of the documents she utilized to assist the Historic Record Center in creating a new self-guided walking tour of the courthouse grounds.

Stops on the walking tour includes the memorials dedicated to Fairfax County's fallen soldiers. The correspondence shown below is from the Clerk of the Court F. W. Richardson's papers. It shows a list of the soldiers who died in World War I who are local to our area. In addition to their name, their hometown and rank are listed. The men are listed first by their race and then (for the most part) alphabetically (Fig. 1)

The World War I Memorial at the Court House shows all the names listed in this document, with a few additional not on the list (Fig. 2). It was gifted by the Daughters of the American Revolution after World War one in 1926. By cross referencing the names on the document and comparing it to the monument, we can see that the men are still grouped by race. White soldiers are listed on the top row and Black soldiers are listed on the bottom.



Figure 2: WWI Memorial.

This is a contrast to the World War II and Korean War monument, where the same separation of names does not appear to exist on the World War II monument. The names run together in columns, and the only row separation is the row for the Korean War. This memorial was also gifted by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1960.



Figure 3: WWII Memorial



Figure 4: Memorial Marker

The Marker on the property notes the disparity of the WWI Memorial.

The grounds of Fairfax's courthouse are home to many hidden stories. By looking at the World War I monument, you may not have known that the row of separation is living evidence of segregation. In our self-guided walking tour, you will learn about the history of the courthouse grounds such as Clem the cat, the Legato school, and other interesting lore. You can pick up a FREE copy of the Self-Guided Walking Tour at Fairfax Circuit Court's Historic Records Center located inside the historic courthouse.



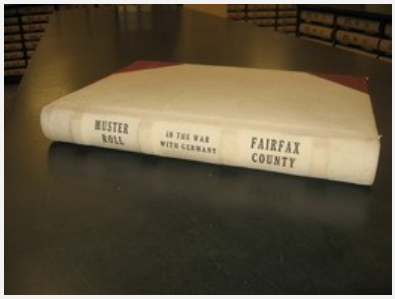
Figure 5: Walking Tour Booklets

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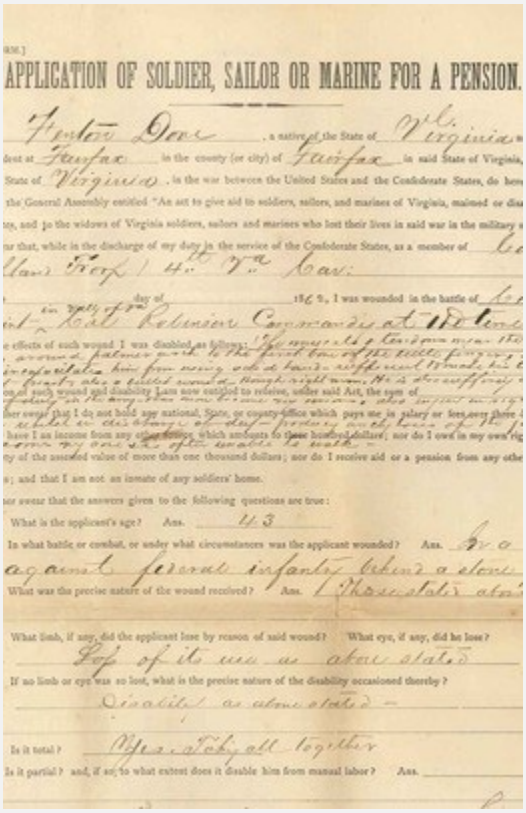
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Veteran's Aid and

Pension Applications



APPLICATION OF SOLDIER, SAILOR OR MARINE FOR A PENSION.

Fenton Dove, a native of the State of Virginia, resident at Fairfax in the county (or city) of Fairfax in said State of Virginia, State of Virginia, in the war between the United States and the Confederate States, do hereby make application for a pension under the provisions of the General Assembly entitled "An act to give aid to soldiers, sailors, and marines of Virginia, maimed or disabled in the late war, and to the widows of Virginia soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives in said war in the military service of the Confederate States," and I do solemnly swear that, while in the discharge of my duty in the service of the Confederate States, as a member of Co. Mann's Regt. 4th Va. Cav.

day of 186 , I was wounded in the battle of [illegible] in the right [illegible] at Kelly's Ford, Culpeper Co. Va. and that by reason of such wound I was disabled as follows: [illegible] and that by reason of such wound and disability I am now entitled to relief, under said Act, the sum of [illegible] per annum. And I do solemnly swear that I do not hold any national, State, or county office which pays me a salary or fees, over three hundred dollars; that I am not in the receipt of any pension under the laws of the United States; that I have no income from any other source, which amounts to three hundred dollars; nor do I own in my own right property of the assessed value of more than one thousand dollars; nor do I receive aid or a pension from any other State; and that I am not an inmate of any soldiers' home.

I further swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

What is the applicant's age? Ans. 43

In what battle or combat, or under what circumstances was the applicant wounded? Ans. Fought against federal infantry when a shell

What was the precise nature of the wound received? Ans. [illegible]

What limb, if any, did the applicant lose by reason of said wound? What eye, if any, did he lose? Left of it was as above stated

If no limb or eye was so lost, what is the precise nature of the disability occasioned thereby? Disabled as above stated

Is it total? Yes, Toby all together

Is it partial? and, if so, to what extent does it disable him from manual labor? Ans.

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