

HENRY JACKSON RAMSEY PAPERS
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SUMMARY

Size	0.23 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas
Inclusive Dates	1925-1974
Bulk Dates	1944-1955
Languages	English
Summary	Military papers and United Spanish War Veterans records make up the bulk of the Henry Jackson Ramsey papers.
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Related Collections	
Citation	Henry Jackson Ramsey papers. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
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Stack Location(s)	RGDOC 711, F:25; Book Tray 22, A:28; RGPHO 103

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Henry Jackson Ramsey (1874-1974) was the last Spanish-American War veteran in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas. He was born in Mississippi on March 9, 1874 to John and Fannie (Hood) Ramsey. He enlisted in the Army on July 21, 1898 at Mineral Wells, Texas and served as a Private in Company D, Third Regiment of the Texas Infantry Volunteers. Ramsey was honorably discharged on January 11, 1899.

Around 1927 Ramsey moved to the Valley where he ran a contracting business. He constructed many of the buildings and residences in McAllen, Texas. He also was a post commander of the Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans.

Ramsey's wife was Alma. They had four sons (Travis, U.J., Cecil, and Sam) and two daughters (Euna Mae Caldwell and Mrs. Henry Erdmann). He died on January 10, 1974 and was buried in Roselawn Cemetery in McAllen, Texas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Military papers and United Spanish War Veterans records make up the bulk of the Henry Jackson Ramsey papers. The military papers include a pension certificate and a certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate. The United Spanish War Veterans records consists of certificates, a roster for Camp #24, financial statements, legislative bulletins, annual reports, a telephone bill, a meeting agenda, and correspondence. Other United Spanish War Veterans materials include General Orders (a newsletter), pamphlets, and books.

Personal papers include a snapshot of flooding in McAllen, Texas; a letter (February 5, 1974) from E. (Kika) de la Garza, MC; page E307 from the January 30, 1974 *Congressional Record*; and an obituary.

The artifacts consist of a cardboard suitcase, two flags, three gravels, a chest, and a key chain. For more information about the artifacts in the collection contact Lisa Adam, Curator of Collections and Registrar, by calling 956-383-6911.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

I. Military papers, 1929, 1937, 1951, 1954

II. Personal papers, 1974, undated

III. Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans, 1912, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1936-1939, 1944-1947, 1949, 1951-1955

A. Records, 1925, 1945, 1949, 1951-1954, undated

B. Correspondence, 1944-1946

C. General Orders, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955

D. Pamphlets, 1936-1939, 1944, 1945, 1947

E. Books, 1912, 1929, 1930

IV. Photograph, undated

V. Artifacts, undated

INDEX TERMS

Ramsey, Henry Jackson, 1874-1974

Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans

Spain—History—War with the United States, 1898

Spanish-American War, 1898

United Spanish War Veterans

United States—History—War with Spain, 1898

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
F:25	RGDOC 711	1	Military papers, 1929, 1937
		2	Military papers: Veterans Administration, 1951, 1954
		3	Personal papers, 1974, undated
		4	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: Records, 1925, 1945, 1949, 1951-1954, undated
		5	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: Correspondence, 1944-1946
		6	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: General Orders, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955
		7	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: Pamphlets: By-Laws and Supplement to the Constitution, 1936-1939
		8	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: Pamphlets: Roster, 1944, 1945, 1949
		9	Rio Grande Valley Camp #24 United Spanish War Veterans: Pamphlets: Miscellaneous, 1936, 1937, 1945
A:28	Book Tray 22		United Spanish War Veterans. <i>Book of Ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans: Forms and Procedure.</i> 1929
			United Spanish War Veterans. <i>Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.</i> 1930
			United Spanish War Veterans. <i>Ritual of the Spanish American War Veterans.</i> 1912
			United Spanish War Veterans. <i>Ritual of the United Spanish War Veterans.</i> 1929
	RGPHO 103		Snapshot: Flood scene in McAllen, Texas, undated