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I. Title New Haven. Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Committee. Papers, 1881-1894.

II. The papers of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Committee deposited in the Library on _____, by The Committee ~~xxx~~ as ~~converted the deposit to~~ a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 8 inches
Approximate number of items: 365 (1 box, 2 vols. and 1 oversize rolled plan)

IV. Restrictions:

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note:

Plans for the memorial were first begun January 22, 1883. Its purpose was to commemorate the men of the town of New Haven who had died "in the past four wars through which the country has passed". The monument was dedicated Friday, June 17th, 1887. The idea of attaching bronze tablets listing the names of the soldiers and sailors being commemorated was first proposed in 1885, but was not completed until May of 1894. Part of the reason for the delay was the difficulty in collecting the names, rank, and place of death of the veterans.

VIII. Analysis:

The collection consists of 1 box of loose material, 1 oversize architect's blueprint plan for the monument, and 2 ledgers. For detail see content notes on next page.

Content Notes:

Item 1 (ms box)

- Folder A: Committee business, includes correspondence between members of the committee, rough drafts of news releases announcing the design competition for the monument, copies of letters of invitation to local dignitaries to address the dedication crowd, and lists of battles of the four wars to be placed on the tablets, 1883-1894 (27)
- Folder B: Architects Inquiries: Letters from architects requesting particulars of the monument design competition, descriptions of proposed designs. 1883-1892 (96)
- Folder C: Correspondence with Moffitt and Doyle, the sculptors who executed the monument. Letters concerning plans, construction, etc. 1883-1892 (21)
- Folder D: Tablet Lists: Lists of New Haven veterans to be commemorated on the bronze tablets of the monument, and letters from their families correcting errors in the spelling of their names and in their rank. 1886-1887 (12)
- Folder E: Financial: Bills from sculptors, printers, etc., check stubs, expenditures, ledger sheets. 1881-1889 (53)
- Folder F: News clippings from: The Palladium, Journal-Courier, and Mornings News, mostly concerning the dedication ceremony of June 17th, 1887. 1883-1887 * clipping N.H. Register, 1965. (12)
- Folder G: Ames Mfg. Co.: A lengthy exchange of letters between the Committee and the Ames Co. commissioned to execute the bronze tablets for the base of the monument. 1889-1894 (64)
- Folder H: Printed Matter: Souvenir postcards of the monument, and from similar memorials of other cities, printed business cards of various architects, souvenirs and programs from the dedication ceremonies of both the monument and the tablets, printed advertisements from granite and bronze foundries, 1885-1894 (25)
- Folder I: Miscellaneous: Responses to form letters requesting particulars of memorials in other cities, proposals concerning the idea of combination of war memorial and a public library, and the documents from Secretary of State upholding the legality of the vote taken at the New Haven town meeting of 1883 to appropriate \$50,000 to the erection of the memorial. 1883-1884 (16)
- Folder J: Committee checkbook, New Haven County National Bank, undated. Plus Miscellaneous publications (1)&(2)
- Folder K: A sketch of the memorial, unsigned and undated, and a plan of the proposed Memorial/Library. Undated (1)
- Folder L: Photos taken by the Ames Mfg. Co. of the bronze tablets. Undated (7)
- L1: Photos of parade at dedication.

Item II

One oversize plan, an architect's blueprint for the monument, unsigned, untitled and undated.

Items III-IV

Two ledgers, with minutes of meetings of the committee, and other business. 1883-1887; 1885-1894

Addition to Collection, 2006

Box 1/ Folder M

2 color photographs of the "Angel of Peace" statue taken by William Conway while it was be restored on the New Haven Green in 2006.

1 photocopy, Robert Leeney's New Haven Register Column, September 23, 2006.