

Roscoe D. Guy Oral History

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Biographical Note:

Guy was born on June 30, [3] 1880 in Miami, Saline County, Missouri, to Virginia Evergreen Cratic Guy and George William Guy. He married Ida Drake Garnett, daughter of Ida Lee Drake Garnett and Dr. James H. Garnett. Roscoe Guy served with the 8th Regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers during the Spanish American War and was Gary's last living survivor of that war. Guy played the trumpet and after the war, he worked as a musician for the Graham Morton line steamer that sailed out of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Indiana. In 1932, Guy organized the Colonel Young Auxiliary of Spanish American War Veterans and later was a founder of Gary Council of Churches. He established the Guy Funeral Home in 1917, later named the Guy and Allen Funeral Home. Guy died on 7 November, 1976.

Sources: Oral History Transcript, August 1969

Gary Post Tribune, Nov. 9, 1976, pg. B7

Ancestry Library. Indiana State Library. Aug, 2013 <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/default.aspx>

Scope and Content:

Reuben Olson of the Gary Public Library interviewed Roscoe Delaney Guy and his wife Ida Garnett Guy at their home in Gary, Indiana. Guy discusses the Spanish American war and how he enlisted in the 23rd Kansas Volunteer Regiment, before being assigned to the Band, 8th Regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers. He briefly discussed his work history, working in a rock quarry in Canton, Missouri; building riprap dams in the Mississippi River; and as a porter, waiter, soldier, and musician.

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