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Mr. John Linnenberg  
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Cincinnati Civil War Round Table

John and Albert,

I am writing this to summarize the steps taken to collect and preserve materials related to the history of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. These steps were stimulated by preparation for our 50th Anniversary this year, as well as by a donation of material from Bob Grierson and a request from the Allen County Public Library of Fort Wayne IN for a set of our newsletters.

Newsletters: As you know, the Cincinnati Historical Society Library holds a manuscript collection related to CCWRT that includes many of the newsletters from the group's formation in 1956 until 1969. To supplement that collection and bring it up to date, we have collected newsletters from a variety of people and sources: Bob Grierson, George Selden, Gordon Skinner, Jack Bunch, Mike Rhein, Dave Smith, the History and Genealogy Department at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and me. We estimate that there have been approximately 360 issues of our newsletter produced, and we have located a copy of all but 29 missing issues, all of which are in the 1970 to 1976 period. We have contacted everyone that we know who was active during that period to attempt to make our collection as complete as possible, and are confident that we have the best collection that we can put together at this time. My inventory is attached.

We have used original issues insofar as possible, supplemented with photocopies when necessary, to construct three complete sets of newsletters, located as follows:

(1) a complete set, in archival sheet protectors and looseleaf notebooks, is now in the custody of Pattie Waldbillig, who will add each new issue as she produces it.

(2) a complete set was shipped to the Allen County Public Library of Fort Wayne IN in March 2006, and has now been catalogued into their extensive collection of periodicals. They will continue as subscribers to our newsletter, so will keep their collection up to date as each *Canister* is produced.

(3) a supplementary set was provided to the Cincinnati Historical Society Library in August 2006, to bring that collection up to date through May 2006. Pattie (or future newsletter editors) will be responsible to provide newsletters to CHSL annually, to keep the collection up to date. We have added that responsibility to the Job Description for Newsletter Editor, so that we do not allow this collection to slip out of date again.

Other Historical Material:

A collection of additional material has been provided on 24 October 2006 to the Cincinnati Historical Society Library for their CCWRT manuscript collection, MSS qC582W, including rosters, correspondence, minutes, CCWRT presentations, organizational documents, photographs, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary slide show, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program signed by Dr. Robertson, and other items from the sources listed above. My list of these materials as provided to CHSL is attached.

The set of audio tapes from meetings in the 1980's and 1990's has also been provided to CHSL on 24 October 2006, after concluding that it is simply too expensive to convert them to digital formats or to have them transcribed to paper copy.

This summary is provided as documentation of the steps that we have taken, and as encouragement to future officers to continue the process begun by a Past President, William Moffet, in 1969.

Regards,

Daniel H. Reigle

Attachments:

Cincinnati Civil War Round Table Historical Materials for CCWRT Papers Collection at Cincinnati Historical Society Library, 20 October 2006.

Newsletter Inventory for CCWRT, CHSL Collection, ACPL Collection, 8 March 2006.