

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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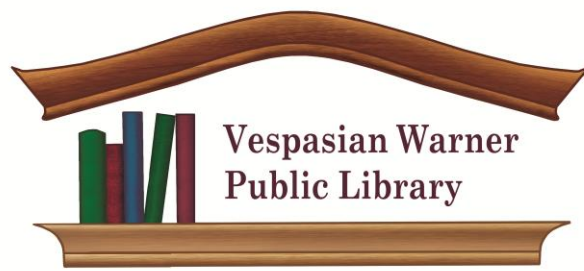
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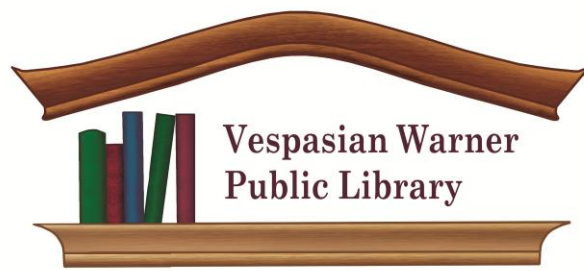
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Ku Klux Klan (1915-) – DeWitt County (Ill.)

Ku Klux Klan (1915-) – History

White supremacy movements – History – DeWitt County (Ill.)

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Applications from DeWitt County citizens to join the “second era” Ku Klux Klan (KKK), all dated 1922.

BIOGRAPHICAL/INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

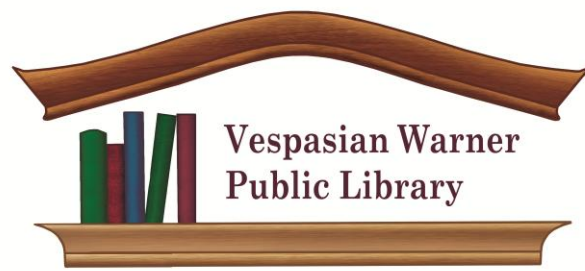
Started during Reconstruction at the end of the Civil War, the Klan quickly mobilized as a vigilante group to intimidate Southern blacks - and any whites who would help them - and to prevent them from enjoying basic civil rights. Outlandish titles (like imperial wizard and exalted cyclops), hooded costumes, violent "night rides," and the notion that the group comprised an "invisible empire" conferred a mystique that only added to the Klan's popularity. Lynchings, tar-and-featherings, rapes and other violent attacks on those challenging white supremacy became a hallmark of the Klan.

After a short but violent period, the "first era" Klan disbanded after Jim Crow laws secured the domination of Southern whites. But the Klan enjoyed a huge revival in the 1920s when it opposed (mainly Catholic and Jewish) immigration. By 1925, when its followers staged a huge Washington, D.C. march, the Klan had as many as 4 million members and, in some states, considerable political power. But a series of sex scandals, internal battles over power and newspaper exposés quickly reduced its influence.

Southern Poverty Law Center (<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/ku-klux-klan>) Accessed 20 Oct 2020.

Message sent from Cynthia Armstrong-Andrews to Bobbi Perryman, 7 Jan 2020:

They were found by my father and his father in the brick walls in the basement of Bob Rabbe's house on far south Madison St. Bob Keelin owns it now. Connie, his ex-wife was Connie Rabbe. Bob Rabbe's daughter. They were Remodling something. I was about 9-10 putting Connie about 17 or 18.

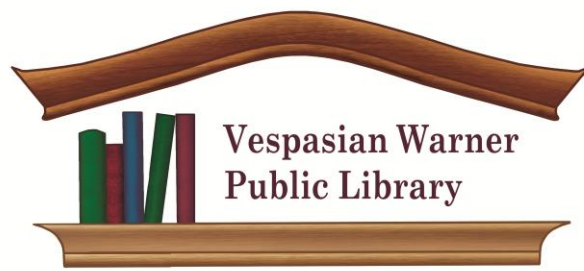


I don't know what happened to those applications or papers. Not sure Connie does or if she ever knew. This would have been 1957-1958 or so. Dad was a Mason and knew some of these men very well. David isenhower rings a bell. Someone named Sutton. These are things I heard at the dinner table. Wide - eyed me. Who is or what is the Ku Klux Klan? I received many history lessons at 501 South Monroe.

Note: While it is likely this collection is the same, we cannot say it for certain.



KKK Collection Inventory		
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