

C Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, Collection, 1920-1947
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INTRODUCTION

This artificial collection of Kemper Military School material combines several small acquisitions from various individuals. Included are photographs, a yearbook, and miscellaneous papers. For the school's official records, please see C4005.

DONOR INFORMATION

Please consult the reference staff for donor information.

INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

Kemper Military School and College was founded as the Kemper Family School in 1844. It was the oldest military school west of the Mississippi. The school was founded by Frederick Thomas Kemper (1816-1881) as an all-male school to educate the sons of the early frontier families. From 1845 through 1856 it was known variously as the New Boonville Academy, the Boonville Boarding School and Teacher's Seminary, and the Male Collegiate Institute.

The school was temporarily closed in 1856 and reopened in 1861, allowing female students to attend. This was discontinued at the close of the Civil War. Around 1871, to differentiate Kemper students from the local population, Kemper placed his students in military uniform. Following his death, Colonel Thomas A. Johnston became President (1881-1928). Johnston added the military training program and structure and changed the school's name to Kemper Military School in 1899.

From the 1900s up to the 1950s, the school saw an increase in the growth of both its physical structure and student population. In addition, classes and programs were added and improved. Kemper Military School saw a marked decline in cadet enrollment beginning in the 1970s, which in turn created financial difficulties. In 2002, Kemper Military School closed its doors.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Carpenter, Howard Gail, Papers, 1937-1945, n.d. (portraits, graduation program, appointment as corporal in the Kemper Corps of Cadets, photograph of football team, and letter from E.W. Tucker to Carpenter's parents)
- f. 2 "Kemper Alumni Service Record in World War II," c. 1946
- f. 3 Yearbook, 1946
- f. 4 Walbert, Charles Robert, Papers, c. 1927-1929 (photographs and clippings)
- f. 5 Crofts, Leroy A. "Jack," Scrapbook, 1920-1921 (disbound)

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Photo #1 Panoramic photograph of students and faculty, 1935
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 Photos #3-4 Panoramic photograph of students and faculty, April 19, 1947 (two
 copies: one inscribed to Richard Tripp and one to Warren Yukon).

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