Charles W. Owen Washington Bicentennial Scrapbook Biographical and Content Notes

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Owen collected articles about Washington and wrote a summary of Washington's life in the first few pages. The end of the scrapbook includes local newspaper articles as well as Owen's brief autobiography and some family history. Most of his one-page autobiography is about his Civil War service. He was finally able to enlist on March 30, 1864 with his father's consent shortly before his 18th birthday. He was discharged on July 21, 1865.

Born in Michigan in 1846, Owen was apprenticed to the Monroe Commercial printing office at age fifteen. After the Civil War ended he worked in Toledo and several places in Michigan as a printer. He moved to Toledo in 1929 where he died on November 12, 1935.

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