



Archives Finding Aid *American War Mothers Club; Beloit, Wi 1926-*

Accession: 1982.11 (1948-1973), 1982.11.7 (1926-)

Size: 2.0 linear feet

Condition: Fair

Processing to: Item level

BHS acquired part of this collection (scrapbooks) from Mrs Emma A Haas, 1135 Hackett Street, Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1953

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FOUNDER HISTORY

The American War Mothers was founded in 1917 by Alice M. and given a Congressional Charter on February 24, 1925. It is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and is a perpetual patriotic, non-profit, non political, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization whose members are mothers of children who have served or are serving in the Armed Services during times of conflict. It now falls under the Department of Veterans Affairs. The mothers visit wounded soldiers in hospitals, assemble shaving kits, consul mothers of deployed troops, and perform other missions.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

This is a small collection of items, pamphlets, song lyrics, newspaper clippings, an open letter from the National President and Founder, Gretta Roush, and scrapbooks.

DESCRIPTION

- 1 - An Open Letter from the National President and Founder. Gretta Roush (4 copies)
- 2 - Pamphlet, Song Lyrics, "While Our Boys March On".
- 3 - Pamphlet, War Mothers of World War No. 2; Fair Play for Boys and Girls Fighting this World War No. 2 (4 copies)
- 4 - Newspaper clippings (2)
- 5 - Charter, American War Mothers, September 9, 1926
- 6 - Scrapbook, (maroon with gold lettering), 1948-1970. Contains a complete listing of all items found in scrapbook, newspaper clippings, cards, and letters (49 pages but only 48 found in scrapbook, pg 49 missing) Poor condition. (World War II)
- 7 - Scrapbook, (black), 1923-1930. Contains newspaper clippings and articles, convention booklets, announcements, obituaries, state meetings, and national conventions. Poor condition. (World War I)

CONTAINER LIST

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 21	1		Fair Play	WW2
Box 21	1		"While Our Boys March On"	
21	1		Newspaper clippings	Raynert Anniversary
22	1		"To All War Mothers of America"	Open Letter from Gretta Roush
5		1926	American War Mothers Charter	
10		1948- 1970	American War Mothers	Scrapbook
10		1923- 1930	American War Mothers Club	Scrapbook