

Military Collection
State Archives of North Carolina

World War I Organizations Records (WWI 6)
[World War I]

Collection Number: WWI 6

Title: World War I Organizations Records

Dates: 1917-1926, 1933 (bulk 1917-1920)

Creator North Carolina Council of Defense; North Carolina Historical Commission; Fred A. Olds; Robert B. House; and various others

Abstract

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Physical Description: Approximately 2.65 linear feet

Language(s): English, French, German.

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4614

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing this collection.

Restrictions on Use: There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Preferred Citation

[Item name or title], [Box and Folder Numbers], World War I Organizations Records, WWI 6, WWI Papers, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

Acquisition

This collection was acquired in multiple parts by the North Carolina Historical Commission (subsequently the State Archives of North Carolina) from 1918 to 1960, though most of the collection was received between 1918 and 1932. Several organizations in North Carolina collected and sent their war-time materials to the Historical Commission as part of North Carolina's war records collection project during World War I. A single donation of the Monroe, North Carolina, Red Cross canteen hut register (see Oversized Box 7) was made by Mrs. A. L. Monroe in May 1923.

Additional organization materials—such as county Red Cross chapter histories—were collected separately from the organizations' own collection effort, and sent to the Historical Commission by individuals who worked voluntarily as county war records collectors during World War I (see WWI 2 North Carolina County War Records). North Carolina's War Records Collector Robert B. House received these materials from the organizations, and entered the donations in the Historical Commission's accessions registers. Organization materials sent by the organizations themselves were kept together to form this collection, kept separate from the materials collected by the county war records collectors.

All of the materials in this collection were acquired or collected as part of the North Carolina Historical Commission's on-going World War historic materials collection project, which was authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 144 of the North Carolina Public Laws and Resolutions in 1919.

Separated Material

Oversized items that did not fit in large archival boxes were relocated to the Military Collection Oversized Map Case in the Archives Stacks 3B, and are stored in WWI 1 Oversized Folder 1 (see Collection Inventory for list of individual oversized items stored in this folder).

Related Material

North Carolina Council of Defense Records, WWI 1, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

North Carolina School Wartime Materials, WWI 5, Military Collection, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

ORG.12, American Legion-North Carolina Department, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

Processing Information

The original World War I Organizations Records collection materials were received by the North Carolina Historical Commission (present-day State Archives of North Carolina) in multiple accessions from 1918 to 1960, though most of the collection was received between 1918 and 1932. The collection was apparently loosely arranged by the organizations that created or used the materials, and there was no original order to the materials. During the 1920s, the Historical Commission worked on arranging the World War I Papers in groups of common themes or creators.

In 1964, Maurice S. Toler and John R. Woodard of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History prepared a finding aid for the “World War I Papers, 1903-1933,” which consisted of thirteen series of records. This was the first known formal organization of the World War I materials, and a basic finding aid for these papers completed to the box and item level was finalized on June 30, 1964. Most of the organizations’ materials had been organized originally under the organizations’ name from which the materials were received. The “Organizations” series, which comprises this collection, was original Series X under the 1964 WWI Papers organizational scheme.

This collection was reprocessed in 2015 to better reflect the original intent of the organizations’ structure. Added detailed description was provided at the item level for photographs, oversized materials, and some published and unpublished materials. Items were re-folded depending on the items’ condition and preservation needs. Oversized items have been relocated to Oversized Box 7, and Oversized Folder 1.

Paperclips and rusted metal fasteners (where possible) were removed from the items in the collection. Original materials were removed from bindings that were turning acidic, causing damage to the materials. Newspaper clippings and newspaper articles which were retained were photocopied as preservation copies, to protect other archival materials in a given folder from being further discolored by the acidity in the newspaper clippings. Newspaper citations were retained on the preservation copy if such information was pre-existing on the original newspaper clippings.

The collection has been reprocessed to the folder level, meaning that items within each folder are not typically arranged in any particular order or described individually (unless otherwise required based on the uniqueness of the materials). This is not true for photographs, which have been arranged in a specific order, either chronological, alphabetical, or based on an original numbering scheme written on the back of the photographs. Materials frequently were removed from being stored as groups in folders together, and smaller groups of materials were organized in multiple folders from those original larger folders.

Where possible, the original collection’s folder titles were retained. Added description was required for some folder titles to assist researchers in locating unique items in the collection, which under the older folder-labeling system were difficult to locate.

Processed by: Matthew M. Peek; Laura Guthrie, July-August, November-December 2015.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in eight series. Series I-VII are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the organization creating the records. Series VIII is arranged based on the sizes of oversized materials removed from the other seven series. The series are as follows:

Series I: American Legion

Series II: American Red Cross

Series III: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Series IV: Freemasons

Series V: North Carolina Bar Association

Series VI: Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

Series VII: Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

Series VIII: Oversized Materials

Historical Note

The North Carolina Historical Commission (the precursor of the State Archives of North Carolina) recognized at the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War I the importance for North Carolina to begin an effort of collecting materials which documented the role taken by North Carolina soldiers and civilians in the war. In cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Defense, a special history committee, called the "Historical Preservation" committee, was appointed by the Council of Defense. The Historical Preservation committee consisted of the North Carolina Historical Commission Secretary Robert Digges Wimberly (or R. D. W.) Connor, as chairman; Haywood Parker of Asheville, North Carolina; Ms. Adelaide Fries of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Paul W. Schenck of Greensboro, North Carolina; Edgecombe County-native George Gordon Battle, who was one of the leading lawyers in New York City at the outbreak of WWI; Ms. Lida T. Rodman; and J. G. deR. Hamilton of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Council of Defense Historical Preservation committee's mission was to collect for permanent preservation the war records of the state of North Carolina. The term "war records" was given the widest possible interpretation, so as to include all materials that illustrate the state of mind of the citizens of North Carolina toward World War I; the effect of the war on social, educational, economic, agricultural, political and religious conditions; and the personal achievements, sacrifices, and services of North Carolina individuals in the war. Efforts were made by the North Carolina Historical Commission to secure the cooperation of such organizations as the State and County Councils of Defense; the State and County Fuel Administrations; the State and County Food Administrations; the American Red Cross; and other organizations engaged in work connected with the World War I preparedness and support efforts of the United States.

The Historical Preservation committee and the North Carolina Historical Commission urged these institutions, organizations, and members of the public to preserve carefully their records, and ultimately deposit them with the North Carolina Historical Commission. Efforts were also

made to secure assistance in this work through the appointment in each county of a county historian for war purposes. However, these efforts were not particularly successful, as resources and people were stressed throughout the war at the local level in North Carolina. Individuals willing to work as volunteer war record collectors were secured in sixty counties during the war. These individuals promised to aid in the historical preservation work of the committee, but only a few of them had been active throughout World War I.

Not much could be accomplished in terms of collecting war materials, however, due to a lack of funding and the lack of a law by the North Carolina State Legislature indicating a state-backed collection program. From 1917 to 1919, the State Legislature was not in session, and this scenario could not be remedied. However, in 1919 the State Legislature formally approved the North Carolina Historical Commission's war records collection efforts with the passage of Chapter 144 of the North Carolina Public Laws and Resolutions (specifically Sections 3 and 4) in 1919. The new law empowered the Historical Commission to appoint a collector of World War records, and provided money for the project's support.

Acting under authority of this law, the Historical Commission chose Robert B. House Collector of World War Records, and House entered upon his work June 19, 1919. On taking up his duties, House found that the Historical Preservation committee of the State Council of Defense (through a system of volunteer collecting in various counties of the state), and Col. Fred A. Olds (North Carolina Historical Commission Hall of History Collector) had already collected a large amount of war materials. House tried to systemize the collection process and network of volunteer collectors around North Carolina. House and a part-time stenographer worked to copy information from original materials; label, classify, and identify original materials; and operate a continuous correspondence network with individuals throughout the state and with federal war-time government offices.

One of House's first tasks was to survey all possible sources of information concerning North Carolina in the World War to be found in the National Archives; in departments of the North Carolina government; and among the various county organizations and individuals of North Carolina. Having found other states in America were performing the same records collection work during the war, in September, 1919, representatives from several states met in Washington, D.C., to organize what became the National Association of State War History Organizations. This was a cooperative enterprise financed by a membership fee of \$200, paid by each member state organization. The North Carolina Historical Commission became a member of this association. This organization assisted North Carolina and House in standardizing war records collection policies and procedures.

In North Carolina's government departments, House found that the correspondence and published documents from the years 1917 to 1920 would be essential for documenting the state's role in World War I; but, those documents still held an administrative value in their respective government offices during the war and could not be released to the North Carolina Historical Commission for preservation.

House strongly advocated with the heads of each office the necessity of preserving their records for the war years, until such time as they could be released to the Historical Commission. The

records produced by county organizations and individuals in North Carolina were found to be in a chaotic state. In many cases, officials of various war-work organizations in the state had destroyed their records immediately upon the signing of the armistice ending World War I, under the impression that these records were of no further value. In many cases, they had kept no complete records during the course of the war. Many of the records from the North Carolina American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, and other organizations not preserved in the Military Collection's WWI Papers, or in collections of private individuals who were involved with organizations during World War I, no longer exist. This World War I Organizations Records collection is one of the few original sources for the operations of North Carolina non-profit organizations during the war in existence, according to communications the Historical Commission received after 1919.

Each organizational head for the state of North Carolina was contacted either by Fred A. Olds or Robert B. House on behalf of the North Carolina Historical Commission. They were asked to send specific organizational records to the Historical Commission—or at least original copies—when the organizations found no more active use for the materials. Only three organizations sent significant materials to the Historical Commission: American Legion, Red Cross, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Few corporations or for-profit organizations sent their records to the Historical Commission following the war.

Scope and Content

The World War I Organizations Records collection is composed of correspondence, newspaper clippings and articles, pamphlets, photographs, various publications and magazines, songs, posters, notes, reports, official records, war fundraising activity records, financial records, meeting minutes, compiled histories, and soldiers' letters, which document the role and activities of various organizations in North Carolina during and immediately after World War I. These organizations include the American Red Cross, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, North Carolina Bar Association, Freemasons, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, and Daughters of the American Revolution. The materials in the collection document home front activities, war fund drive promotion and organization, health care, and various public services offered at home and abroad for American service individuals during the war. The collection is subdivided into eight series: Series I: American Legion; Series II: American Red Cross; Series III: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); Series IV: Freemasons; Series V: North Carolina Bar Association; Series VI: Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA); Series VII: Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA); and Series VIII: Oversized Materials.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Hill, Daniel Harvey, 1859-1924

House, Robert Burton, 1892-1987

Corporate Names

American Legion
American Legion. Auxiliary
American Legion. Department of North Carolina
American Red Cross
Daughters of the American Revolution
North Carolina Bar Association

Subject—Topical

Liberty bonds
National War Savings Committee (U.S.)
World War, 1914-1918--Archives
World War, 1914-1918--Documentation
World War, 1914-1918--Military personnel--United States
World War, 1914-1918--Newspapers
World War, 1914-1918--North Carolina
World War, 1914-1918--Pamphlets
World War, 1914-1918--Posters
World War, 1914-1918--Propaganda
World War, 1914-1918--Recruiting & enlistment--United States
World War, 1914-1918--Social aspects--United States
World War, 1914-1918--United States
World War, 1914-1918--United States--Education and the war
World War, 1914-1918--United States--History
World War, 1914-1918--United States--Literature and the war
World War, 1914-1918--War work--Young Men's Christian associations
World War, 1914-1918--War work--Young Women's Christian associations
World War, 1914-1918--War work--United States
World War, 1914-1918--War work--Women
World War, 1914-1918--Women--United States

Material Types

Correspondence
Booklets
Manuscripts
Newspapers
Photographs
Posters
Serials (publications)

Collection Inventory

Series I: American Legion

The American Legion was officially formed in March 1919 in Paris, France, by members of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) who fought in World War I. The organization was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization. The materials in Series I, though dated long after World War I in most cases, constitute the first official records of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion after their founding. The membership lists by city Legion post identify which World War I veterans by community first participated in the new American Legion.

Several interesting items in this series include a printed advertisement for a minstrels show program, sponsored by the Weldon, North Carolina post. Another interesting item is the official Disabled Veterans Memorial to the President, which represented an early effort of veterans of the twentieth century to make their concerns and plight heard by public officials. Another interesting item are two ACLU pamphlets, apparently sponsored by or collected by the North Carolina American Legion, that discuss and expose the racial hatred of the reborn 1920s Ku Klux Klan. These pamphlets, reprinted from published accounts, feature graphic cartoons related to the hatred of the Klan as seen by the pamphlets' publishers.

A final item of interest are the American Legion Auxiliary materials, which document the role of the women's branch of the American Legion in fighting for veterans' care and issues in North Carolina. Lists of North Carolina women who were veterans or spouses of veterans fighting for veterans' issues are documented in these materials.

The series is arranged in order from state department materials, to local city and county materials, to miscellaneous and national American Legion materials, and lastly American Legion Auxiliary materials.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
1/1	North Carolina Department Mission and Constitution	Undated
1/2	North Carolina Department Correspondence	1922
1/3	North Carolina Department Posts and Standings	1919, 1921-1922, undated
1/4	North Carolina Department Bulletins	1921-1922
1/5	Raleigh Post	1920-1922, undated
1/6	Weldon Post—Minstrels Show Program	Undated
1/7	Weldon Post—Armistice Day Newspaper	1918

1/8	Wilson County Post Roster	1933
1/9	National Speakers' Information Service	1922
1/10	<i>The American Legion Weekly</i>	1920, 1922
1/11	Disabled Veterans Memorial to the President	Undated
1/12	North Carolina American War Mothers	1918
1/13	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Pamphlets	1921, undated
1/14	American Legion Auxiliary: North Carolina Department Yearbook	1921-1923
1/15	American Legion Auxiliary: North Carolina Department Yearbook	1924-1926
1/16	American Legion Auxiliary: Past Presidents Parley Roster	circa 1926
1/17	American Legion Auxiliary: National Auxiliary History, Volume 1	

Series II: American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to helping citizens prepare for and respond to large-scale emergencies, formed in 1881. In North Carolina, women often took the lead in organizing Red Cross chapters. Some of the state's first chapters were formed in Buncombe, Rowan, and New Hanover Counties. A Wilmington chapter was organized on 10 Nov. 1908 and an Asheville chapter in 1911. During World War I, the North Carolina American Red Cross became one of the state's largest war work and troop support organizations during the war.

Every county had a chapter, with many towns and cities in each county also having their own chapters. The Red Cross chapters rolled bandages; packed Christmas boxes for troops overseas; operated war fund drives; served food to troop transport trucks and trains; operated canteens and bath houses at troop train stops around North Carolina; assisted in providing health care during the Spanish influenza outbreak; wrote letters to American service individuals overseas; served at Red Cross stations overseas during the war; offered nursing classes; and cared for disabled troops returning from the war.

Of interest in Series II are ledgers and lists of North Carolina Red Cross women who volunteered for home front war work and for work overseas during World War I. The series consists of

compiled histories, supply lists, war work reports, and various other forms of documentation, showing the work of North Carolina county and city Red Cross chapters from 1917 to 1922. Several Red Cross canteen registers are represented in this series, though the Monroe, North Carolina Red Cross canteen register is housed in Series VIII: Oversized Materials (see Box 7).

There are also soldiers' correspondence to various individuals and to the Red Cross chapters, thanking the Red Cross for materials received (such as Christmas packages). One of Onslow County's chapters received such soldiers' correspondence (see Box 2, Folder 36). The local Red Cross chapters also provided information and witnesses for the War Department in North Carolina during investigations of suspected unpatriotic individuals, aliens, and suspected foreign agents (see War Department Questionnaires and Reports of Investigations, Box 4, Folder 15). The series features reports of several local Red Cross chapters' efforts during the Spanish influenza epidemic in 1918 and 1919, including figures of Red Cross workers who were killed by the pandemic.

There are original photographic prints of one of the largest Red Cross canteen and bath houses in North Carolina, operated in Raleigh by the Raleigh Red Cross chapter at the Johnston Street train station. Photographs include images showing a banquet for returning Wake County soldiers in 1919; American soldiers standing in line to use the bath houses; Raleigh Red Cross workers handing out reading materials and food to soldiers along the train tracks; and a snapshot of the oldest and youngest Raleigh chapter canteen workers knitting together in-between troop trains.

Materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by state chapter, than by county chapter, and lastly by miscellaneous state, regional, and national Red Cross materials. The county chapter materials are arranged by name of the county in which the chapters are located (if not the county chapter itself). Occasionally, there are multiple towns or cities represented by each county name listed in the box and folder inventory list. General state, regional Red Cross divisions, and national Red Cross materials are arranged at the end of the series.

A large number of North Carolina Red Cross war work materials and canteen registers not located in this collection can be found in the collection WWI 2 North Carolina County War Records. For Series II, Folder 24A through Folder 24D were labeled using letters at the end of the folder number in order to retain the original order and description of the collection, following the discovery after the collection was processed of other Red Cross chapter histories for North Carolina counties starting with the letter "G" were discovered elsewhere. These found chapter histories have been added into the existing arrangement in the alphabetical order of the counties' names.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
<i>North Carolina Red Cross Chapter</i>		
2/1	Activities in North Carolina	1917-1919
2/2	Chapter History Directions	Undated

2/3	North Carolina Women Workers Ledger	1917
2/4	North Carolina Miscellaneous Correspondence	1917-1918, undated
2/5	North Carolina Red Cross Workers in Foreign Service	1917-1918

North Carolina American Red Cross—County Chapters

2/6	Alleghany County Chapter	January 1919
2/7	Anson County Chapter—Miscellaneous Records	1917, 1919, undated
2/8	Anson County Chapter—Chapter Membership Roster (By Race)	Undated
2/9	Anson County Chapter—Correspondence	1917-1918
2/10	Beaufort County Chapter	circa 1919
2/11	Bertie County Chapter	1919
2/12	Brunswick County Chapter	Undated
2/13	Burke County Chapter	Undated
2/14	Camden County Chapter	Undated
2/15	Catawba County Chapter	Undated
2/16	Chatham County Chapter	Undated
2/17	Chowan County Chapter	1919
2/18	Cleveland County Chapter	1919
2/19	Cumberland County Chapter	1919, undated
2/20	Currituck County Chapter	Undated
2/21	Duplin County Chapter	1919
2/22	Durham County Chapter	Undated
2/23	Edgecombe County Chapter	1919-1922, undated
2/24A	Gaston County Chapter	1919-1920, undated

2/24B	Gates County Chapter	Undated
2/24C	Granville County Chapter	1919, undated
2/24D	Greene County Chapter	1919, undated
2/25	Guilford County Chapter	1918, circa 1919
2/26	Halifax County Chapter	circa 1919, 1920
2/27	Hertford County Chapter	Undated
2/28	Johnston County Chapter	1919
2/29	Lee County Chapter	1919, undated
2/30	Lenoir County Chapter	1918
2/31	McDowell County Chapter	1920
2/32	Martin County Chapter	1919
2/33	Moore County Chapter	Undated
2/34	New County Hanover Chapter	circa 1919
2/35	Onslow County Chapter—Miscellaneous Records	1917-1919, undated
2/36	Onslow County Chapter—Soldiers' Correspondence	1918, undated
2/37	Orange County Chapter	1917, circa 1919, undated

WWI 6.B2.F37.1: Female members of an American Red Cross Orange County, North Carolina, chapter pose for a photograph in their Red Cross uniforms with store employees in front of Eisenberg Brothers Department Store in Hillsboro, North Carolina. The Red Cross members were pictured while present for a sale at Eisenberg's store on July 6-7, [circa 1918][believed to be performing some Red Cross activity at the sale] (circa July 1918).

2/38	Pasquotank County Chapter	Undated
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2/39	Person County Chapter	1919
2/40	Pitt County Chapter—Miscellaneous Records	circa 1919
2/41	Pitt County Chapter—Photographs	1919

WWI 6.B2.F41.1: Real-photo postcard of the head vehicles traveling down a main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “1”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.2: Real-photo postcard of a U.S. Naval band from Norfolk, Virginia, performing in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “2”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.3: Real-photo postcard of Pitt County soldiers marching down the main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “3”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.4: Real-photo postcard of Pitt County soldiers and sailors marching down the main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “4”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.5: Real-photo postcard of an “In Memoriam” float, furnished by Greenville [Red Cross chapter], traveling down the main street with Pitt County Red Cross automobiles and floats in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “5”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.6: Real-photo postcard of Pitt County Red Cross officials pictured riding automobiles and

floats, followed by additional floats, traveling down the main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “6”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.7: Real-photo postcard of Pitt County Junior Red Cross members and others pictured riding automobiles and floats traveling down the main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “7”].

WWI 6.B2.F41.8: Real-photo postcard of the Farmville, North Carolina, Red Cross float—a ship with sails—traveling down the main street in a parade on July 16, 1919, in downtown Greenville, N.C. The parade was a welcome home celebration for soldiers, sailors, and marines from Pitt County, N.C. (July 16, 1919) [originally numbered “8”].

2/42	Polk County Chapter	1919
2/43	Randolph County Chapter	Undated
2/44	Rockingham County Chapter	1919, undated
3/1	Rowan County Chapter—Miscellaneous Records	1918-1919, undated

WWI 6.B3.F1.1: Members of the American Red Cross Rowan County (NC) Chapter pictured outside the Rowan County Courthouse in Salisbury, N.C., in 1918. The women, armed with baskets of food, were waiting to serve 50 U.S. Army trucks drivers, traveling from Camp Jackson, South Carolina, to New York City (1918)

3/2	Rowan County Chapter—Report of Influenza Emergency Committee	Undated
3/3	Scotland County Chapter	1919
3/4	Stanley County Chapter	circa 1919
3/5	Surry County Chapter	1921-1922, undated

3/6	Union County Chapter	Undated
3/7	Vance County Chapter	Undated
3/8	Wake County Chapter—Miscellaneous Records and City Chapter Histories	circa 1919, undated
3/9	Wake County Chapter—History of the Raleigh Chapter of American Red Cross and of Its Branches and Auxiliaries	1916-1919
3/10	Wake County Chapter—Photographs	1918-1919, undated

WWI 6.B3.F10.1: Miniature panoramic photograph of the members of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen, posing for a picture on the grounds of the North Carolina State Capitol building in downtown Raleigh, N.C. (circa 1918)

WWI 6.B3.F10.2 (2 copies): Members of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen are pictured working in the Raleigh chapter's workroom in the old Mineralogy Room of the State Museum, housed in the North Carolina Department of Agricultural building in downtown Raleigh, N.C., in 1918 (1918)
[Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.3: Slightly-cropped version of a photograph of American troops visiting the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's Service Hall on their way to the Red Cross bath houses, located next to the railroad tracks in Raleigh, N.C. Members of the Raleigh Red Cross Canteen operated this service hall, providing bathing supplies and food to traveling soldiers (circa 1918)

WWI 6.B3.F10.4: Full version of a photograph [with printer's crop marks penciled in] of American troops visiting the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's Service Hall on their way to the Red Cross bath houses, located next to the railroad tracks in Raleigh, N.C. Members of the Raleigh Red Cross Canteen operated this service hall, providing bathing supplies and food to traveling soldiers (circa 1918)

WWI 6.B3.F10.5: Miniature panoramic photograph of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen service station and bath houses located along the railroad tracks in Raleigh, N.C. Pictured are American troops heading down an incline to

stand in line for the bath houses, and Red Cross canteen volunteers handing out towels to the soldiers (1918)
[Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.6: Miniature panoramic photograph of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen bath houses located along the railroad tracks in Raleigh, N.C., adjacent the canteen's service station. Pictured are American troops standing in line to use the bath houses. Portions of a train station can be seen in the background (1918) [Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.7 (3 copies): View of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen bath houses, called "Soldier's Bath," located along the railroad tracks in Raleigh, N.C., adjacent the canteen's service station. Pictured are American troops standing in line to use the bath houses (1918) [Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.8: Miniature panoramic photograph of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen volunteers handing out reading materials and other items to American troops standing along the railroad tracks at the Johnston Street train station in Raleigh, N.C. (circa 1918) [Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.9: Miniature panoramic photograph of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen volunteers handing out pamphlets and other items to American troops leaning out of their troop train during a stop at the Johnston Street train station in Raleigh, N.C. Photograph originally titled "Entertaining Troops" (circa 1918) [Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.10: Slightly-cropped version of a miniature panoramic photograph of the Raleigh American Red Cross canteen volunteers handing out pamphlets and other items to American troops leaning out of their troop train during a stop at the Johnston Street train station in Raleigh, N.C. (circa 1918) [Photograph by: Ellington, Raleigh, N.C.]

WWI 6.B3.F10.11 (2 copies): View of the interior of the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's canteen Service Hall, prepared for a banquet to be given returning American soldiers from Raleigh and Wake County, N.C., in 1919 (1919)

WWI 6.B3.F10.12 (2 copies): View of American soldiers seated and surrounding tables in the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's canteen Service Hall, as part of a watermelon feast held for troops during a stop of troop trains at a train station in Raleigh, N.C. (circa 1919)

WWI 6.B3.F10.13: Snapshot photograph Nell G. Bernard (left) and Mrs. James Boyland (right) knitting in front of the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's canteen Service Hall in Raleigh, N.C., in 1918. Bernard was the Raleigh chapter's youngest canteen member, and Boyland was the chapter's oldest canteen member. The image is captioned "a few pearls between trains" [i.e. making purl stitches] (1918)

WWI 6.B3.F10.14: Snapshot of several female members of the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's canteen, standing next to several American soldiers, next to a troop train in Raleigh, N.C., on July 12, 1919. Only the people's heads are shown in the photograph (July 12, 1919)

WWI 6.B3.F10.15: Snapshot of American troops posing for a photograph in front of the Raleigh American Red Cross chapter's canteen Service Hall in Raleigh, N.C. The American flag and Red Cross flag can be seen flying above the troops (undated)

3/11	Wake County Chapter—Soldiers' Letters	1917-1919
3/12	Wake County Chapter—Financial Statements and Activity Reports	1917-1919
3/13	Wake County Chapter—Report of Raleigh Red Cross Chapter during Influenza Epidemic	1920
3/14	Wake County Chapter—War Fund Summary Report	1917
3/15	Wake County Chapter—War Fund Correspondence	April 1918
3/16	Wake County Chapter—War Fund Correspondence	May 1918
3/17	Wake County Chapter—War Fund Correspondence	June-July 1918
3/18	Wake County Chapter—War Fund Materials	circa 1918

3/19	Wake County Chapter—Raleigh Chapter Surgical Dressing Correspondence	1917-1920, undated
3/20	Wake County Chapter—Raleigh Chapter Influenza Epidemic Workers Lists	1919
3/21	Wake County Chapter—Raleigh Chapter Miscellaneous Correspondence	1917-1919
4/1	Wake County Chapters—Miscellaneous Materials	1917-1919, undated
4/2	Wake County Chapter—Red Cross Convention Newspaper Clippings	November 1917
4/3	Wake County Chapter—Membership Calls Newspaper Clippings	1917-1918
4/4	Wake County Chapter—Chapter Meeting Newspaper Clippings	1917-1918, undated
4/5	Wake County Chapter—Raleigh Canteen Newspaper Clippings	1919, undated
4/6	Wake County Chapter—Raleigh Work Room Newspaper Clippings	1917-1918
4/7	Wake County Chapter—Christmas Packages Newspaper Clippings	1917-1918, undated
4/8	Wake County Chapter—War Funds Drives Newspaper Clippings	1917-1919, undated
4/9	Wake County Chapter—Influenza Newspaper Clippings	Undated
4/10	Wake County Chapter—Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings	1917-1919, undated
4/11	Watauga County Chapter	Undated
4/12	Wayne County Chapter	1919
4/13	Wilkes County Chapter	1919

North Carolina Red Cross Miscellaneous Records

4/14	Fred A. Olds Red Cross Materials	1917-1010
4/15	War Department Questionnaires and Reports of Investigations	1918-1919

Names of Those Investigated

William R. Ferrell
Edward R. Hamm
Arthur Hooker (African American) (2 reports)
Walter T. Lawton
Samuel E. Leonard
Gretta S. M. Smith (2 reports)

4/16	Knitting Supplies Correspondence and Instructions [removed fabric samples from letter in this folder]	1917-1918, undated
4/17	Surgical Dressing Correspondence and Materials— North Carolina	1917-1918
4/18	Correspondence Regarding Locating Soldiers	1918-1919

North Carolina, Regional, and National Red Cross General Materials

4/19	Bulletins and Pamphlets	1917-1919
4/20	Bulletins and Pamphlets	1919-1920
4/21	Bulletins and Pamphlets	Undated
4/22	Posters and Signs	1917, 1919, undated
4/23	Motion Picture Materials	1918-1920
4/24	News Releases—Southern Division	1918-1919
4/25	News Releases—Southern Division	Undated
5/1	News Releases—Southern Division, Washington, D.C.	1917-1919, undated
5/2	News Releases—Southern Division, Washington, D.C.	Undated
5/3	<i>Red Cross Briefs</i> (Southern Division, Atlanta)	1918
5/4	<i>Red Cross Briefs</i> (Southern Division, Atlanta)	January-May 1919

5/5	<i>Red Cross Briefs</i> (Southern Division, Atlanta)	June-September 1919
5/6	<i>Red Cross Briefs</i> (Southern Division, Atlanta)	1920
5/7	<i>The Red Cross Bulletin</i>	1917-1918, 1921
5/8	Newspaper Clippings (North Carolina and National)	1917
5/9	Newspaper Clippings (North Carolina and National)	1918-1920, undated
5/10	Miscellaneous Materials	1918, 1925, undated

Series III: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is comprised of women who have traced their families back at least to the time of the American Revolution and have found a forefather or foremother who served the revolutionary cause. The North Carolina chapter of the DAR, like its parent organization, is committed to the group's historical, educational, and patriotic ideals. During World War I, the female members of the North Carolina chapter of the DAR bought and sold wartime bonds; provided money, surgical dressings, garments, socks, and garment bags to the American Red Cross; and organized home front wartime activities for troops and civilians.

The materials in this series are the compiled history and information of the North Carolina DAR chapter's work during World War I in the state. There is no specific arrangement for this series.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
5/11	Report of the State Regent of North Carolina	April 1919
5/12	Correspondence	1917-1919
5/13	War Work Bulletins and Reports	1918-1919

Series IV: Freemasons

The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, more commonly known as the Freemasons or Masons, is a secret fraternal society that has members in all parts of the world. The organization stresses the members' duty to their families, their country, and their fellow men and women, as well as the importance of religious belief. Each Freemason also pledges his allegiance to fellow members. The Grand Masonic Lodge of North Carolina was organized in 1787.

During World War I, like many other fraternal organizations, the Freemasons of North Carolina financially and materially supported home front activities. The small number of materials represented in Series IV documents the state's Freemasons' view of and duty during World War I for America and its service individuals. There is no specific arrangement for this series.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
6/1	Miscellaneous Materials	1918, undated
6/2	Newspapers and Publications	1918, undated

Series V: North Carolina Bar Association

On February 10, 1899, lawyers met in Raleigh, North Carolina, to establish a statewide association for the purpose of fostering goodwill among attorneys and improving the legal system, including codification of the laws. Called the North Carolina Bar Association, the association grew to become a voluntary organization of lawyers, paralegals and law students dedicated to serving the public and the legal profession. There are two bars in North Carolina: the voluntary North Carolina Bar Association, and the mandatory North Carolina State Bar. The North Carolina State Bar became responsible for testing and licensing applicants for the bar, disbaring lawyers, and concerned with substantive and procedural law and needed legislation. The state bar association supported patriotism, American service individuals, and returning veterans throughout the World War I period. The items in this series were received from the North Carolina Bar Association after World War I. The items are not detailed as to the bar's operations during the war. There is no specific arrangement for this series.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
6/3	Miscellaneous Materials	1917-1918, undated

Series VI: Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was founded in London in 1844. The YMCA arrived in the United States in Boston in 1851. The first YMCA in North Carolina was formed in Wilmington in 1857, followed by pre-Civil War associations in Charlotte, Raleigh, Salisbury, and Washington, and on the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. By 1876, nine local YMCA associations, were in existence in North Carolina. By 1922, there were 22 YMCAs in the state, including some at colleges and universities.

During World War I, North Carolina YMCAs provided temporary housing for soldiers and those working for companies involved in war work. They also supported war fund drives, provided entertainment for troops both at home and overseas, and offered Christian services to American service individuals. Series VI contains several representative samples of original WWI-era booklets, portions of the Bible, YMCA magazines, and song booklets provided to American forces on their way to fight in Europe and North Africa during the war. There are also several miscellaneous publications and documents showing the YMCAs role in North Carolina during the war. Of particular interest is one original copy of a YMCA magazine for Czechoslovakian-Americans, marked with a Raleigh, North Carolina, YMCA stamp.

There is no specific arrangement for this series.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
6/4	New Testament	1918
6/5	<i>The Service Song Book (Unabridged) (2 Copies)</i>	1918
6/6	<i>For France and the Faith: Letters of Alfred Eugene Casalis</i>	1918
6/7	<i>Association Men Magazine</i>	1918
6/8	Newspaper Clippings	1917-1919
6/9	<i>St. Mark in French and English (Army and Navy Edition)</i>	1918
6/10	<i>The Czechoslovak American (Volume II, Number 1)</i>	January 1921
6/11	Miscellaneous Materials and Publications	1917-1919, undated

Series VII: Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA)

The Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) was founded in London in 1855. The YWCA was first established in New York City in 1858. While the early YMCAs in North Carolina had ladies’ auxiliaries, it was not until the early twentieth century that the YWCA movement reached North Carolina on its own standing. It is known that there were YWCAs in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem by 1910, as well as student associations at a number of colleges and at the School for the Blind in Raleigh. There are very few original records of the North Carolina YWCAs’ role in World War I, and only a few documents are represented in this series of the YWCA during the war.

There is no specific arrangement for this series.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
6/12	Miscellaneous Materials	1917-1918, undated

Series VIII: Oversized Materials

Series VIII contains three oversized items originally stored folded in regular letter-sized file folders, or stored without an enclosure (in the case of the large canteen register). Box 7 contains the original Monroe, North Carolina, American Red Cross chapter's canteen hut register, signed by American service individuals stopping at the canteen on their way to training locations, military camps and forts, and ports of departure for Europe during World War I. Oversized Folder 1 contains two newspaper print advertisements for Red Cross roll calls, one nationally for 1920 and another for North Carolina that is undated.

Box/Folder	Description	Date
7	Monroe (North Carolina) Chapter Red Cross Canteen Hut Register	August 1918-May 1923

Daily register of the Monroe, North Carolina, Chapter Red Cross canteen hut in Union County, signed by American service individuals stopping at the canteen on their way to training locations, military camps and forts, and ports of departure for Europe during World War I. The register was used from August 1918 to May 1923, as the canteen operated beyond the end of World War I as it hosted troops returning from occupation duties in Europe and from domestic military facilities. Men and women from all over the America and its territories stopped in Monroe at the canteen, and left their signatures and hometowns written in what was originally a blank hotel register. The last two pages of the register include the signatures of French commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch; General John J. Pershing, leader of the American forces during World War I; and a pasted signature of President Woodrow Wilson.

Oversized Folder 1	North Carolina American Red Cross Newspaper Advertisements	1920, undated
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North Carolina Roll Call Bulletin (undated) [**FRAGILE**]

Advertisements for Fourth Red Cross Roll Call (November 1920)