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## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS COLLECTION, 1911–1972

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1911-72

PROVENANCE: Betty Long, Beech Grove, IN; May 2016

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Convention journals, rosters, general orders, and other materials related to the Woman's Relief Corps can be found in the general collection under call numbers beginning E 462.15

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NOTES:

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

In 1881 women's state organizations began forming in support of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Their membership consisted of wives and relatives of veterans eligible for the GAR. In July 1883 the GAR organized the National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) in Denver, Colorado as an auxiliary to its organization. The Indiana department of the WRC was organized in September 1884. In the 1952 edition of the corps' constitution, they list their objectives as: 1. memorializing and helping the Grand Army of the Republic and 2. maintaining and perpetuating loyalty to the United States of America. According to the same constitution eligibility for membership required women to be "of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States."

Sources:

"Civil War Organizations," via [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

Collection materials

Journal of the national convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, 1888, via [HathiTrust.org](https://www.hathiitrust.org)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains printed materials regarding the rules, rituals, and services of the National Woman's Relief Corps, miscellaneous news clippings, and materials related to the Spencer, Indiana branch of the WRC, including a meeting minutes and membership records ledger and a note concerning a donation.

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Government of the National Woman's Relief Corps,  
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Miscellaneous news clippings, 1911–72, n.d.

Note regarding piano donation, n.d.

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Services of the National Woman's Relief Corps, 1953

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