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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Los Angeles County region. World War I information. Lists of enlistees and inductees by local boards, and some lists include addresses and nearest relatives. Correspondence of the committee, and biographies and photos of veterans of the war, including those who died while in service. Records include regional subcommittees, in example the Compton Branch of the committee and Pasadena.

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Biography/Administrative History

The War History Committee of Los Angeles County was organized under the California War History Committee of the State Council of Defense in Sacramento, California. The goal of this volunteer project was to create a historical record of veterans who served in the war as well as to document domestic war efforts. Correspondence indicate that Mrs. Frances M. Harmon was the chairman of the county committee. Veterans' photograph portraits were compiled as early as 1918-19. In 1920 Harmon solicited heavily to county branch librarians to get questionnaires completed by veterans of the war. Other establishments were also asked, in example the records show that the downtown L.A. Broadway Department Store supported the war history effort.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

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