
Ruth G. Babcock WAC Mothers' Association Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ruth G. Babcock WAC Mothers' Association Collection

Dates: 1943-1945, 1968

Collection Number: RGB

Creator/Collector: Babcock, Ruth G. United States. Army. Women's Army Corps

Extent: 0.21 linear feet, 1 box

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Abstract: Ruth G. Babcock was a resident of Glendale, California and the founder and president of Chapter 71 of the WAC Mothers' Association, an organization established to aid members of the Women's Army Corps wherever they served during World War II. The Ruth G. Babcock WAC Mothers' Association Collection primarily consists of administrative correspondence, reports, procedural documents, newsletters and news clippings, as well as WAC recruitment materials. Two items, one a group photograph, document the enlistment of Ruth's daughter Virginia. Another item documents the imprisonment of Ruth's son-in-law, Sherwin L. Barton in a German prisoner of war camp.

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information

Unknown

Scope and Content of Collection

The Ruth G. Babcock WAC Mothers' Association Collection consists of administrative papers and correspondence of Chapter 71 of the WAC Mothers' Association. The Collection documents the proceedings and programs of the organization, and includes its constitution and by-laws, reports of the organization's activities, lists of chapters with member names and addresses, copies of the newsletter, News and Views To and From the WAC, as well as WAC brochures and booklets. In addition, the collection includes administrative papers and correspondence of the Women's Army Corps of Southern California, Civilian Advisory Committee, an organization headed by Helen H. Garretson. The Committee worked in collaboration with the WAC Mothers' Association to help with WAC recruitment, and the two groups also organized at least one memorial service together. Two of Ruth's daughters, Virginia and Dorothy, enlisted as WACs. Dorothy's activities are not represented in the collection. However, a few items from Virginia's service are present, including the collection's only photograph, a group portrait of Company 15, 3rd Regiment. On the photograph's verso, Virginia noted the names of several officers and others. Another item of interest in the collection is a photocopied page of a card documenting the imprisonment of Ruth's son-in-law, Sherwin L. Barton in a German prisoner of war camp. Barton's WW II diaries are held in the archives of Pennsylvania State University.

Indexing Terms

World War, 1939-1945--Women

Women's history

United States. Army. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Babcock, Ruth G., 1894-1992

Babcock, Virginia Andrews, 1920-2010

Garretson, Helen H., 1894-1997

Babcock, Henry Andrews, 1891-1975

Barton, Sherwin L. (Sherwin Lemmon), 1918-1995

Women's Army Corps of Southern California. Civilian Advisory Committee

United States. Army. Women's Army Corps

Glendale (Calif.)

Los Angeles County (Calif.)

Paper Records

Photographic Materials

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