# AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS, WABASH CHAPTER, NO. 47

#### INTRODUCTION

Organized 10 March 1944 by eight members of the American War Mothers of Lafayette Chapter (see Archival Collection, 40:86.\_19\_) and a group of World War II mothers at the United Service Organizations (located at the YMCA, 107 N. Seventh St.). This chapter adopted the same constitution and by-laws as the national American War Mothers, incorporated by Congress in 1925. The group was initially called the Lafayette American War Mothers, No. II; but later the name was changed to Wabash Chapter, No. 47.

Activities of the organization included the selling of war stamps and bonds, carnation sales, distribution of gifts to veterans, etc.

The collection consists of six scrapbooks containing newsclippings, photographs, some reports and minutes from 1944 to 1967, with a few items from 1973. The chapter disbanded September 1983.

# PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 records storage box

### **CONTAINER LIST**

BOX 1

SCRAPBOOK 1944 to 1955. Includes historian's reports, photographs, newsclippings. (Photos of area soldiers serving in World War II.)

SCRAPBOOK 1955 to 1961. Newsclippings, photographs, minutes of meetings.

SCRAPBOOK 1958 to 1963. Newsclippings, notecards.

SCRAPBOOK 1959 to 1961. Newsclippings, photo.

SCRAPBOOK 1961 to 1962. Newsclippings.

SCRAPBOOK 1963 to 1967; 1973. Newsclippings.

FOLDER 1

Photocopy of charter of American War Mothers, Wabash Chapter, 28 February 1944. (Original was returned to Mrs. Ruth Wagner at club's request at time of disbanding of chapter, September 1983.)

### FOLDER 2

Includes pamphlets: "American War Mothers, Fifty Year History, 1917-1967; A Brief History of the Indiana State Chapter of the American War Mothers, 1953; also includes yearbooks of the Indiana Chapter of American War Mothers: 1958-59; 1959-60.

# **PEOPLE**

Wagner, Ruth

# **CLASSIFICATION**

Organizations/Civic Wars

### **SUBJECTS**

Clubs Wars – World War II

### SEARCH TERMS

American War Mothers, Wabash Chapter World War II USO