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Ladies Auxiliary of WWI Veterans Collection

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Brief History

Ladies Auxiliary to Barracks #1097 of the Veterans of World War I of the United States.

The Veterans of World War I organization was created in 1949, first in Ohio, and then, in 1954, in Illinois. In 1958, the 85th Congress of the United States chartered the Veterans of WWI. That same year, the Ladies Auxiliary to #1097 based in Bloomington was formed with thirty-five charter members.

Most of the members were wives of veterans, so by 1958 the group was aging. After a period of growth, membership gradually dwindled as members moved away, became less mobile, or died.

The Auxiliary hierarchy included:

- National

 - Regional (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, and TN in Region 6)

 - Department (state of Illinois)

 - District (#10 included the McLean unit and northern Illinois units)

 - Auxiliary (local unit – such as for McLean County Barracks #1097)

Jennie Mae Taylor joined the Auxiliary in 1982 but had attended some meetings with her mother in earlier years. She served in various officer roles in the local auxiliary. She also served in various roles at Department including chaplain in the late 1980s and in the 1990s. She was also a trustee for the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 454 in the 1990s.

Scope Note

This collection includes a selection of materials preserved by Jennie Mae Taylor of Bloomington primarily from the Auxiliary and the Department such as auxiliary minutes, membership lists, financial records, installation certificates, newsclippings, correspondence and photos, department convention programs, general orders, and officers' annual reports.

A few of her materials from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Post #454 are also included.

Box 1 (24 Folders)

National Auxiliary to WWI Vets (Folders 1-2)

Folder 1: *Ritual*, by Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, guidebook for ceremonial procedures including board meetings, undated, 32 pages, two copies each from two different printings.

Folder 2: Miscellaneous

- 1.2.1 Photocopies of national "Rules for Compiling History Books," both undated, one 2 pages and the other a single page.
- 1.2.2 Photocopy of guidelines on "Application for Treasurer's Bonds," undated, ½ page.
- 1.2.3 Photocopy of "New Price List 1975-1976," for publications, bonds, pins, etc., 1 page, dated "effective January 1, 1976."
- 1.2.4 *The Torch*, published by Veteran of WWI, Vol. 28, No. 9, August 1982, 12 pp.
- 1.2.5 Memo about reporting Delegates to upcoming National Convention in August 1985 from National Secretary-Treasurer.
- 1.2.6 Photocopy of "Membership Program 1986-1987," listing financial awards available for various auxiliary membership achievements, by Membership Director, undated, 1page.
- 1.2.7 Photocopy of "1987-1988 Membership Awards Program," listing financial awards available for various auxiliary membership achievements, by National Membership Director, 1page.
- 1.2.8 "41st Annual National Convention: 1993 Convention Proceedings and 75^h Anniversary of World War I, August 28-September 2, 1993, Oakbrook, Illinois," 26 pp.
- 1.2.9 "Special Annual Convention Information," for the 48th Annual National Convention September 8-12, 2000, at Chattanooga, TN, 9 pp.
- 1.2.10 National Newsletter, June 2000, 7 pp.

Department Auxiliary to WWI Vets (Folders 3-11)

Folder 3: Annual Convention programs for (combined) Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary for 1975, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1992 plus 2 typed page listing of program schedule and responsibilities for the Auxiliary with no year specified.

Folder 4: Officers Reports, discussing the prior year's activities for years 1982-83, 1986-87, and 1992-93.

Folder 5: Minutes of board meetings held before, during, and after conventions and/or annual audit committee reports for 1987, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Folder 6: Annual budgets for 1989-90, 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98.

Folder 7: Reports from Auxiliaries to Department

- 1.7.1 1994 Twin City and McLean Auxiliaries on Legislative activity.
- 1.7.1 1997 Twin City and McLean Auxiliaries on Publicity, TV & Radio; VAVS; Chaplain; Legislative; Americanism; Membership; and Hospital & Community Service activities.
- 1.7.2 Auxiliary Hospital & Community Service Reports from McLean & Twin City for an unspecified year.
- 1.7.3 1997 Department summary for Hospital & Community Service.
- 1.7.4 Auxiliary Chaplain reports for Twin City 1991 and 1996.
- 1.7.5 Individual member death reports: 1990 (3); 1991 (2); 1996 (1).
- 1.7.6 Handwritten detail for Auxiliary Hospital and Community Service Report for 1997/98, undated and writer unknown.
- 1.7.7 Blank form for Department Chaplain's report to National.

Folder 8: Records of total per capita dues paid by year for Auxiliaries from Ottawa, Livingston, Gay Paree (Joliet), Tri City (Peru), Streator, Black Jack Pershing (Kankakee), and McLean County (Bloomington.) (7) 8.5x11 cards.

Folder 9: General Orders

General Orders include news, upcoming events, and reporting deadlines from the Department. Includes one unnumbered order from 1982-83; orders 1, 4, & 6 from 1986-87; order 3 from 1987-88; order 1 from unspecified year; order 1 & 2 from 1993-94; order 1 from 1994-95.

Folder 10: Miscellaneous Handwritten Correspondence (mostly addressed to Jennie Taylor. Many contain details of health issues and deaths)

- 1.10.1 From Lillian Forney, future President, asking Jennie about becoming Guard, 16 May 1984, 2 pp.
- 1.10.2 From Lillian Forney, President, asking for names of potential workers for the next convention, 15 Jan 1985.
- 1.10.3 From Lillian Forney, President, asking recommendation for convention page, 25 April 1985
- 1.10.4 From Velma Mellot, Sr. Vice President and future President, to Jennie asking Jennie to become Department Flag Bearer, 20 May 1985.
- 1.10.5 From Esther Huber of Gridley to Jennie about motel reservations for upcoming convention, etc., 8 May 1985.
- 1.10.6 From Esther Huber of Gridley to Jennie about motel reservations for upcoming convention, board meeting, etc., 6 June 1985.
- 1.10.7 From Essie Krantz, Senior V.P. and sister of Velma Mellot, to Jennie sharing invitations to a testimonial dinner for President Velma Mellot, 25 Sept. 1985, 3 pp including typed invitation and travel directions.
- 1.10.8 From Velma Mellot, President to Jennie about death of past president, etc., postmarked 7 Jan 1986.
- 1.10.9 From Velma Mellot, President, addressed to "Dept Flag Bearer" Jennie M. Taylor asking her to join the audit committee, 3 Feb 1986.

- 1.10.10 From Essie Krantz, Sr. Vice President and future President, to Jennie asking Jennie to be dept. banner bearer, 25 May 1986.
- 1.10.11 From Lillian Forney of Olney to Jennie asking her to help at "Bazaar" table, 8 June 1986.
- 1.10.12 From Lillian Forney of Olney to Jennie thanking her for the photo and helping with "Bazaar," 24 Aug 1986.
- 1.10.13 From Essie Krantz, President, to "Dept Banner Bearer Jennie Mae Taylor to send a department card for Jennie's banner bearer role, 19 Sept 1986.
- 1.10.14 From Elizabeth Melchi, Sr. Vice President, asking Jennie to serve as Banner Bearer, 5 June 1987.
- 1.10.15 From Velma Mellot to Jennie about missing history page, 7 July 1987, 2 pp.
- 1.10.16 From Jennie Mae Taylor to Amelia Schauff, about Jennie's interest in future Department roles, 9 March 1988.
- 1.10.17 From Elizabeth Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning individual member deaths, etc., 10 October 1990.
- 1.10.18 From Amelia Schauff, 6th Region President, to Jennie about transmittal report and fees for future *Torch* issues, postmarked 16 Dec 1994. Includes Christmas card with side note and 1 page.
- 1.10.19 From Amelia Schauff to Jennie concerning reports to national and answers to other questions on departmental matters, 19 May 1995, 2 pp.
- 1.10.20 From Jennie Mae to Viola Poggemeier of Evansville, Ind, with chaplains report info, etc., 15 Sept 1995. This may have been her first draft and the correspondence noted as actually mailed was a second version.
- 1.10.21 From Elizabeth Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning chaplain's report to national, undated.
- 1.10.22 From Elizabeth Melchi to Jennie concerning health matters, death of Amelia's brother Tony, and request to complete 3083's for Auxiliary 1097 and department, 13 June 1997, 3 pp.
- 1.10.23 From Liz Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning using Bloomington VFW room for department meeting, 19 June 1998.
- 1.10.24 From Liz Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning completing auxiliary forms, etc., 6 June 2000.

Folder 11: Department Miscellaneous

- 1.11.1 Carbon copy of typed list of department officers and presidents of each auxiliary, 1965.
- 1.11.2 "Rules for Compiling History Books," rules from Department Historian Della Paulen, undated
- 1.11.3 "Department of Illinois, Ladies Auxiliary, Rules for Compiling History Books," Stella Geibel, undated.
- 1.11.4 Publicity Bulletin from Department Publicity Chairman Marie Hosick, with further guidance on publicity, undated, ½ page.
- 1.11.5 Memo about dinner to honor Department President Pauline Pagel, from 7th District Auxiliary President Hazel Zobel, early 1976.
- 1.11.6 Memo to all department officers, auxiliaries and friends about raising

- money via ads in convention program book, from Treasurer Lillian Schall, undated but content suggests early 1986, 3pp.
- 1.11.7 Handwritten notes presumably by Jennie Mae about her activities as Chaplain, undated but perhaps 1986.
 - 1.11.8 Solicitation for contributions for outgoing department president Elizabeth Melchi, undated, partial page.
 - 1.11.9 Memo from Department President Eliz. S. Melchi to all department board members about upcoming December 1987 board meeting, undated.
 - 1.11.10 Receipt for buying convention raffle tickets made out to Jennie Mae Taylor (Aux 1907) and signed by Dept Treasurer Eliz. S. Melchi, 5 February 1989.
 - 1.11.11 Recognition certificate from the Department to Auxiliary #454 for "100% reported in 3 legislative programs by May 1, 1995," dated 25 June 1995.
 - 1.11.12 Typed correspondence from Department President Amelia Schauff to Jenny Mae asking to reserve the V.F.W. hall for June meeting, 19 February 1996.
 - 1.11.13 Memo from Department President Laura Belle Gibbons and Secretary Eliz. S. Melchi to Auxiliary 1097 concerning need for a new election of Auxiliary Officers due to inadequate participation in prior election, etc., undated.
 - 1.11.14 Memo from Department President Amelia Schauff and Secretary Eliz. Melchi concerning the upcoming department convention at the Bloomington VFW Hall with handwritten note from Liz Melchi to Mennie Mae about chaplain reports, undated.
 - 1.11.15 Handwritten notes about 1998 & 99 activities, writer unknown, undated.
 - 1.11.16 "No Shortage of memories in thinning W.W.I vet ranks," clipping from unidentified newspaper, undated but content corresponds to June 1986.

District 10 Auxiliary to WWI Vets (Folder 12)

Folder 12: Miscellaneous District 10 materials

- 1.12.1 District President's Report for 1963/64, 2pp.
- 1.12.2 Thank You card from District President Lorraine Wells regarding her visit to Auxiliary 1097, 12 September 1980.
- 1.12.3 Memo from Lorraine Wells to Auxiliary Presidents & Sisters concerning upcoming District 10 meeting, 18 March 1982. This copy was mailed to Auxiliary 1907 President Mrs. Christie Harris.
- 1.12.4 Handwritten correspondence from District President Esther Huber to Jennie concerning upcoming district meeting, 4 October 1983.
- 1.12.5 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning travel directions to upcoming meeting in Kankakee, 5 March 1984, 2 pages.
- 1.12.6 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning events surrounding past meeting, 10 April 1984.
- 1.12.7 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning hosting an upcoming district meeting, 5 July 1984.

- 1.12.8 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning upcoming district meeting and Queenie's auto accident, 18 July 1984, 2pp.
- 1.12.9 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning upcoming district meeting, 5 Sept 1984.
- 1.12.10 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie concerning April district meeting, 2 January 1985.
- 1.12.11 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie Mae concerning upcoming district meeting, 4 March 1985.
- 1.12.12 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie Mae concerning upcoming district meeting, 1 April 1985.
- 1.12.13 Handwritten correspondence from Essie to Jennie Mae concerning upcoming district meeting and assorted personal matters, 16 January 1986.
- 1.12.14 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie Mae concerning upcoming district meeting, 1 April 1986.
- 1.12.15 Handwritten correspondence from Loretta Burger to Jennie concerning securing the McLean Township Hall for upcoming district meeting, 9 April 1986.
- 1.12.16 Handwritten correspondence from Esther Huber to Jennie Mae concerning transportation for the upcoming district meeting, 21 April 1986.
- 1.12.17 Handwritten list of 10th District officer for 1986-87 on back of envelope addressed to Jennie Mae Taylor, President of Auxiliary 1097, undated.
- 1.12.18 Monthly statement from Atlanta National Bank for District 10 for period ending 31 December 1998.
- 1.12.19 Monthly statement from Atlanta National Bank for District 10 for period ending 31 May 1999 showing zero closing balance plus final cancelled check signed by Jennie Mae Taylor, 5 April 1999.

McLean County Auxiliary to Barracks 1097 (Folders 13-22 & Books 1-7)

Folder 13: Charter for the Ladies Auxiliary, 23 March 1958.

Folder 14: Installation certificates dated 24 January 1961, 26 February 1963, 28 January 1964, 11 April 1974, 13 May 1975, 9 May 1978, 13 May 1980, 12 May 1981, and 8 May 1984. 9 sheets.

Folder 15: Membership materials (**see also Treasurer's materials for Dues and Membership Records Transmittal forms**)

- 1.15.1 Membership lists for 1977; 1982/3 (2 copies); 1989/90 (2 copies); 1995/96; undated (7). Total 13 pp.
- 1.15.2 Handwritten list of Life members, undated.
- 1.15.3 1982 calendar showing birthdates for members and probably some male "Buddies" from the Barracks.
- 1.15.4 Membership cards, some with fee receipt stubs attached, 1974, 1985, 1989, 1996 (3). Total 6 items.
- 1.15.5 Award of Merit from Department to Auxiliary for outstanding achievement in membership, 1971-2, 1973-4, 1992-3, 3 items.
- 1.15.6 Membership applications, 1957-1989, approximately 105 completed plus

2 blank applications with fee stubs still attached.

Folder 16: Treasurer's materials

- 1.16.1 Auxiliary's copy of Dues and Membership Records Transmittal Forms showing member name and dues amount paid, October 1973 through October 1975 plus December 1992, November 1993, and April 1996, 16 pp.
- 1.16.2 Handwritten list of 1986 life members' payments and 1987 members' dues payments, 26 September 1986.
- 1.16.3 Handwritten Treasurer's reports, 1980-86 and 1991-92. Each monthly report shows beginning and ending balances with that month's activity.
- 1.16.4 Treasurer's report, May 1994.
- 1.16.5 Auxiliary Treasurer's Bond Certificate and receipt, April 1977.
- 1.16.6 Receipt for \$25 as a Christmas gift, from Home Sweet Home Mission, 16 Dec 1974.
- 1.16.7 Handwritten note to Loretta Burger and Opal Armstrong with the auxiliary's IRS tax number.
- 1.16.8 Check vouchers, Dec 1960 through 1976, approximately 75 pages in three voucher books.
- 1.16.9 Checking account deposit slips for People's Bank account, 1993-94, 3 slips.
- 1.16.10 Check registers covering 1967-1970 and 1971-82, 2 registers.
- 1.16.11 Commerce Bank checking account statements, selected months from June 1999 through July 2001, 12 pp plus 7 cancelled checks and one deposit slip.

Folder 17: Auxiliary Meeting Minutes, Jennie Mae Taylor, 8 July 1986, 12 Aug 1986, 21 April 1987, 5 May 1995, 10 & 12 June 1996, 5 sheets.

Folder 18: Miscellaneous Correspondence

- 1.18.1 Typed letter (carbon copy) to members of the auxiliary concerning a "Silent Bake Sale," bake sale Chairman Mrs. Henry L. Simpson, Jan. 1965.
- 1.18.2 Typed postcard to Mrs. Lillian Klein From Auxiliary President Opal Armstrong and sec'y Christa Harris concerning dues now due, undated.
- 1.18.3 Greeting card to Mrs. Lettie Brandt signed by many members of the Auxiliary and including Lettie's 1979 auxiliary membership card. Postmarked 15 Nov 1978.
- 1.18.4 Greeting card to Lettie Brandt from Auxiliary, signed by president and secretary and postmarked 14 Sep 1979.
- 1.18.5 Handwritten letter to Jennie Mae Taylor from Lois C. Carlson of Deming, N.M., concerning her life in New Mexico, etc., 2 Jan 1985.
- 1.18.6 Birthday greeting card to Jennie Mae from the Auxiliary signed by Opal Armstrong, postmarked 1 May 1986.
- 1.18.7 Typed letter on personal stationery to Jennie Taylor from Sarah Slade of the Illinois Vets Home in Quincy thanking her for bibs, postmarked 2 Nov

- 1990.
- 1.18.8 Christmas greeting card with handwritten note from Minerva Koehn to Auxiliary about her health and hoping to attending meeting next year, postmarked 18 Dec 1991.
- 1.18.9 New Year's Greetings from Activities Director Gloria Volk on behalf of residents of Wood Hill Towers thanking DAV & Auxiliary for the holiday party, postmarked 26 Dec 1992.
- 1.18.10 Typed note to Jennie Mae and husband Monroe from Treasurer Mary Sheehan of VFW Auxiliary 454 for \$10 contribution to the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Fund, 4 July 1993.
- 1.18.11 Handwritten letter from Liz Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning publishing Amanda's "Final Call" (i.e., death) in the *Torch*, 1 Dec 1993. Postmarked Colorado Springs and includes tickets for two different WWI banquets. 4 items.
- 1.18.12 Letter from R.S. Robinson, Acting Chief of Voluntary Service of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Danville, for the \$30 donation from the Auxiliary, 17 Dec 1993. Receipt attached. 2 items.
- 1.18.13 Handwritten letter from Liz Melchi to Jennie Mae concerning dues cards and her travel plans, etc, 20 Oct 1994.
- 1.18.14 Photocopy of handwritten notice of upcoming auxiliary meeting on 16 Nov 1994 and December party 12 Dec 1994.
- 1.18.15 Handwritten letter from Department President Amelia Schauff to Jennie Mae concerning national's recognition for Mary Jacobs for community service and the fees for future issues of *The Torch*, 28 Nov 1994.
- 1.18.16 Handwritten letter from Esther Huber of Gridley to Jennie Mae thanking her for the Christmas card and notes and apprising her of Esther's health issues, 2 March 1994.
- 1.18.17 Typed letter from R.S. Robinson, Acting Chief of Voluntary Service at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Danville, to Loretta Burger as Auxiliary Treasurer acknowledging the \$20 contribution to the center, 16 Dec 1994, plus receipt. 2 items.
- 1.18.18 Typed "Seasons Greetings" letter from Minerva Koehn addressed to Jennie Mae and the Auxiliary Sisters recapping the year's events in her life, Christmas 1995.
- 1.18.19 Handwritten letter from Velma Mellott to Jennie accompanying a photograph, 29 Aug 1996.
- 1.18.20 Handwritten letter from Elvira Richard on hand decorated note paper to Jennie remitting her Auxiliary fees, 29 Feb 1996.

- 1.18.21 Handwritten note from President Jennie Mae Taylor and Treasurer Loretta Burger to “Zella” concerning past due notice for 1996 member dues, undated.
- 1.18.22 Handwritten letter from Minerva Koehn to Jennie Mae remitting membership dues for herself and daughters and discussing personal health issues, 30 March 1996.
- 1.18.23 Brief note from Jennie to Loretta Burger about setting date for next meeting, postmarked 26 April 1996.
- 1.18.24 Typed letter from Tom Novy, Administrator of Beulah Land Christian Home in Flanagan, to Auxiliary acknowledging \$10 gift, May 1997, plus receipt. 2 items.
- 1.18.25 War Savings Stamps postcard from “Muriel Sue” to Jennie Mae Taylor about Mrs. Koehn’s *Torch* subscription, postmarked 7 Feb 1996 from Virginia.
- 1.18.26 Acknowledgement from Veterans of WWI (national) to Auxiliary for support of *The Torch* and WWI Veterans programming, postmarked 24 Feb 1997.
- 1.18.27 Handwritten letter from Minerva Koehn to Jennie Mae Taylor concerning the info for volunteer service reports of Minerva, Mary Jacobs and Sharon McCormick for June 1997 through June 1998, 16 July 1998, 4 sheets.
- 1.18.28 Handwritten letter from Minerva Koehn to Jennie Mae Taylor remitting dues and updating on personal status, 27 July 1998.
- 1.18.29 Handwritten note from President/Secretary Jennie Taylor to “Zella” concerning remitting her member dues, undated but approximately mid 1998.
- 1.18.30 Typed letter from Chief of Voluntary & Recreation Therapy Service of the Dept of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Danville to Auxiliary acknowledging their \$20 gift, 29 Dec 1999 plus receipt. 2 items.
- 1.18.31 Note card from Vi Schmidt, Past Dept President of Illinois to Auxiliary, thanking them for the thoughtfulness, undated.

Folder 19: Newspaper Articles

- 1.19.1 “War Mothers ‘Semper Fidelis’ through the years,” Elaine Graybill of *Pantagraph*, 24 May 1987, 4 sheets.
- 1.19.2 “WWI Barracks matrons stand by their memories,” Elaine Graybill of *Pantagraph*, 2 Feb 1989, 5 sheets.
- 1.19.3 “From failing hands, the torch,” source unknown, undated. Discusses folding of the WWI Veterans Barracks 1097, 2 sheets.
- 1.19.4 “Veteran recalls Great War,” James Keeran of *Pantagraph*, 7 Nov 1993, Concerns Jack Carberry’s wartime recollections.
- 1.19.5 “Longstanding vet still not forgotten,” *Pantagraph*, 13 Sep 1993. Concerns Oscar Morefield of Colfax receiving a medal for wartime service.
- 1.19.6 Miscellaneous articles and briefs on Auxiliary meetings and officer elections, 1971-1992. 8 sheets.

Folder 20: Obituaries and funeral items

- 1.20.1 Newspaper obituaries, presumably of members and veteran “Buddies”, 1981-97, 19 sheets with approx 72 obituaries.
- 1.20.2 Individuals’ funeral programs, 1981-93, 9 items.
- 1.20.3 Families’ acknowledgements for condolences offered by the Auxiliary, 10 items.

Folder 21: Miscellaneous

- 1.21.1 Documentation of department convention expenses for Jennie Mae Taylor including 1984 car rental contract, deposit, payment, and deposit refund, April 1984, 4 items.
- 1.21.2 Handwritten itemization of 1988 department convention expenses and 12 May 1987 receipt for ad in book with note about “None for 1988.” 2 items.
- 1.21.3 Hotel bill at Shelton Motor Inn of Decatur, dated 22-24 June 1989, presumably for department convention.
- 1.21.4 Handwritten itemization of 1990 Department Convention expenses.
- 1.21.5 Handwritten notes by President Jennie Mae Taylor concerning June 1994 Dept meeting in Decatur, Sept 1994 national convention, Dec 1994 Auxiliary party, and 18 Oct 1994 meeting at Hardees.
- 1.21.6 Handwritten notes about donations to various groups, dated 1995.
- 1.21.7 Handwritten lists of officers, 1981-1993, 4 items.
- 1.21.8 Pocket size calendars for 1981, 1982, and 1991 noting meetings and other events. 3 items.
- 1.21.9 Typed instructions for creating a “Welcome Tote” for hospitalized patients and “Shaving Jumpers or Bibs” plus “Wheel Chair Bags.” Undated. 2 pages.
- 1.21.10 1983 Registration ticket for Annual World War I Meeting for Jennie Mae Taylor.
- 1.21.11 Genealogy information for Jennie Mae and her parents, source unknown, undated.
- 1.21.12 Photocopy of panorama photo of Co. D 334th M.G.B. of National Army at Camp Pike, by Linton Photo, February 1918.
- 1.21.13 Photocopy of photo of Co 107, Batt. 13 – J.E. Brod, Sp.(A) I/C U.S.N.T. & D.C.- Camp Wallace, Texas, by Wallace Studios of San Angelo, Texas, 7 May 1944. Handwritten note identifying sailor Sam Avedisian and Monroe Taylor.

Folder 22: Photographs

Snapshots of various events including 1986 auxiliary meeting, June 1986 department convention at Decatur; June 1987 convention at Decatur; June 1989 department convention in Decatur, and national convention at Oakbrook in 1993, etc. 48 photos.

Books:

- 1 23 March 1958 thru 1971 notes on meetings and activities plus newspaper clippings through about 1978. Also includes news clippings of J.F. Kennedy assassination/funeral. This book may have been kept by the auxiliary Historian, as the first entry was so signed.
Inside back cover: List of Auxiliary Presidents from 1958-1972.
- 2 Membership meeting minutes, 23 March 1958 (first ever meeting) to 27 April 1965, 152 pp.
- 3 Membership meeting minutes, 11 May 1965 to 29 January 1969. Includes 1968 member list and status of charter members. 146 pp.
- 4 Membership meeting minutes, 14 January 1969 to 27 June 1972. Includes 1969, 1970, and 1971 member lists and status of charter members. Approx. 100 pp.
- 5 Membership meeting minutes, 11 July 1972 to 13 May 1980. Approx. 110 pp.
- 6 Membership meeting minutes from 10 June 1980 to 11 May 1994. Approx. 125 pp.
Includes note on 14 April 1981 indicating that the men (presumably of the WWI Barracks 1097) felt they had met for the final time and could not continue.
- 7 Financial record book on ledger paper, March 1958 to December 1970, 68 pp.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Auxiliary

Folder 23: VFW Ladies Auxiliary, John H. Kraus Post 454

- 1.23.1 "By-Laws and Booklet of Instructions 1991: Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 170 pages.
- 1.23.2 "75 Years of Service," program for celebration of auxiliary. Lists members celebrating service anniversaries, hand dated 25 Feb 1996. 2 copies.
- 1.23.3 "77 Years of Service," program for celebration of auxiliary. Lists members celebrating service anniversaries, undated.
- 1.23.4 "Audit of Receipts and Disbursements by Fund" for auxiliary, for quarters ending June, September and December 1996 and March 1997. 8 pages.
- 1.23.5 Legislative Bulletin #1 Series 1996-97 from Mary Lee of Trenton, IL.
- 1.23.6 Legislative Bulletin #6, Series 1996-97 from Illinois Auxiliary Legislative Director Mary Lee concerning lobbying priorities, 1 May 1997.
- 1.23.7 Typed notice from Illinois Auxiliary Legislative Director Mary Lee concerning lobbying priorities, undated but apparently 1997.
- 1.23.8 Auxiliary No. 454 Legislative report prepared by Chairman Jennie Taylor, undated but labeled "Due May 1, 1997"
- 1.23.9 Type notice to each "Sister" concerning donation solicitation via a 'bakeless bake sale,' Oct 1997.
- 1.23.10 Auxiliary report form to report Programs to the VFW Dept of Illinois, blank, undated.
- 1.23.11 Auxiliary membership application card, blank and undated, 1 card.
- 1.23.12 Certificate of Appreciation for "your Caring, Commitment, Cooperation" given to Safety Chairman Jennie Taylor by President Diane Hawk, 24 April 1994.
- 1.23.13 Programs for Memorial Services for Ladies Auxiliary Post 454, includes

listings of deceased sisters, 1 May 1996, 7 May 1997, and 5 May 1999. 3 sheets.

Folder 24: VFW Publications & Miscellaneous

- 1.24.1 "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes: the United States Flag Its History— How to Display and Respect It," by VFW of US, 20 pp booklet. 2 copies.
- 1.24.2 Patriotism bookmark with info about the US flag, etc., by the Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution, undated.
- 1.24.3 "A Special Thank You to an American Hero," pre-printed VFW Memorial Day thank you note, unused and undated.
- 1.24.4 "How to Fly the American Flag," VFW of US flyer, undated.
- 1.24.5 Small card with Pledge of Allegiance and The American's Creed by the VFW of US.
- 1.24.6 "Can We Wave the Flag Too Much?" reprint of S.L. DeLove's 1956 broadcast, printed by Kwik-Kopy Printing in Evansville, IN, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.24.7 "VFW – 75th Anniversary," 20 May 1995, program for local celebration including list of VFW Post 454 Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents by year.
- 1.24.8 Facsimile "Secretary of Veterans Affairs Under Assault" from VFW Action Corps Director Dennis Cullinan in Washington, 25 June 1996, concerning lobbying Congress to restore funding for Office of Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 2 pp.
- 1.24.9 VFW of US 1995 Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Taylor of Bloomington for support to VFW National Veterans Service Program for disabled vets, 16 March 1995.
- 1.24.10 Letter to Mr. Monroe Taylor from Congressman Thomas W. Ewing concerning Taylor's concerns about social security's long term viability, 27 March 1997.