

National Alliance of Postal Employees Collection (AC44)

Introduction:

The National Alliance of Postal Employees is a union comprised of postal and federal employees. This collection contains documents and ephemera relating to the union during the mid-1940s to the mid-late 1970s.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: FIC

Title: National Alliance of Postal Employees Collection

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Collection Number: AC44

Donor Information:

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Historical Sketch:

The National Alliance of Postal Employees, today called the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, was created in 1913 by Black railway mail workers. They had been hired to work in their positions because the job was dangerous because train cars were made out of wood.

When train cars started to be made of steel, people started trying to take over jobs while removing Black workers already in the positions. Because of that, the National Alliance of Postal Employees was created to help Black people, and later anyone, protect their jobs. Over the following decades, they kept that promise. For example, when the question of what women would do arose after World War 2, the Alliance fought for women to keep their jobs as postal employees. They also stood by and helped workers who were accused during the purges of the 1950s.

Scope and Content Note:

Series 1: Kansas City Women’s Auxiliary Group

The first series is comprised of documents related to the Kansas City Women’s Auxiliary Group. It contains the group’s bylaws, year books, and some periodicals.

Series 2: District Nine

The second series consists of documents related to the Women’s Auxiliary Group Ninth District. This includes rosters and reports for the district, as well as documents related to conventions held by the Ninth District.

Series 3: National Women’s Auxiliary Group

The third series consists of documents relating to the National Women’s Auxiliary Group. The documents start with convention related documents as well as bylaws and other such related documents, then transitioning into periodicals.

Series 4: Miscellaneous Documents and Ephemera

The fourth series of the collection consists of miscellaneous documents and ephemera related to the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Kansas City Women’s Auxiliary Group

f. 1 Kansas City Women’s Auxiliary Constitution, By-laws, and Related Documents, 1968-1973

- f. 2 Kansas City Women's Auxiliary Yearbooks, 1945-1964
- f. 3 Kansas City Women's Auxiliary Year Books, 1965-1974
- f. 4 Kansas City Women's Auxiliary Year Books, 1974-1975
- f. 5 Kansas City Women's Auxiliary Histories, 1972-1978
- f. 6 The Echo, 1946-1947
- f. 7 The Echo, 1948-1969

Series 2: District Nine

- f. 8 District Branch Rosters and Related Documents, c.a. 1946, n.d.
- f. 9 District Reports, 1945-1947, n.d.
- f. 10 District Nine Women's Auxiliary Constitution, Program, Roster, 1969, n.d.
- f. 11 District Nine Convention Programs, 1959, 1964
- f. 12 District Nine Convention Programs, 1969, 1977
- f. 13 District Nine Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1967-1968
- f. 14 District Nine Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1971

Series 3: National Women's Auxiliary Group

- f. 15 Eleventh Biennial Convention Program, 1941
- f. 16 Fourteenth Biennial Convention Materials, 08/1949
- f. 17 National Women's Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws, 1944-1974
- f. 18 National Women's Auxiliary Manual, c.a. 1951
- f. 19 Auxiliary Handbook, 1972
- f. 20 National Auxiliary Roster, 1951-1957
- f. 21 National Women's Auxiliary Membership Cards, 1951-1969
- f. 22 Auxiliary President's Report (Incomplete), c.a. 1955
- f. 23 National Women's Auxiliary Programs and Related Documents, c.a. 1950-c.a. 1973
- f. 24 National Women's Auxiliary Histories, c.a. 1933-c.a. 1943
- f. 25 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Materials, 1953-1957
- f. 26 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1953
- f. 27 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1959
- f. 28 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1965

- f. 29 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1968
- f. 30 National Women's Auxiliary Convention Proceedings, 1974
- f. 31 60th Anniversary Souvenir Program, 1973
- f. 32 Postal Alliance, 01/1947, 03/1949
- f. 33 Postal Alliance, 07/1949-06/1951
- f. 34 Postal Alliance, 01/1950, 09/1953
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- f. 54 Correspondence, 01/1947-05/1947
- f. 55 Correspondence, 06/1947-10/1947
- f. 56 Correspondence, 1955-1957, n.d.
- f. 57 Notes, 1953-1970, n.d.

- f. 58 Miscellaneous Documents, 1951, 1965, n.d.
- f. 59 Newspaper Clippings, 1957, n.d.
- f. 60 Ephemera, 1955-1979, n.d.
- f. 60 Convention Badges, 1957-Bernard Watson, Ruth Watson
- f. 61 NAPE Photographs, n.d.
- f. 62 NAPE Women's Auxiliary Photographs, 1955, n.d.

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