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**Coll. 613**  
**Wartime Memorabilia, ca. 1861 - 1968**

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**Scope and Content Notes**

During wartime, citizens become soldiers, civilians adapt to new ways of life, then the events and those who served are memorialized in perpetuity. This collection contains newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, memorial programs, reports, publications, sheet music and other items related to wartime activities. This collection was created as material was received by the Trenton Free Public Library (publications and pamphlets) or collected by Trenton residents and donated to the Trentoniana Department. The specific conflicts documented include the American Civil War, World War I, and World War II as well as a few items regarding the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. In addition, some of the sheet music commemorates the Revolutionary War and patriotic feelings from the 1870s to the 1910s. There are some artifacts, including a GAR (Grand Old Army of the Republic) grave marker, WWII medals, uniform buttons, military medals, and a POW (Prisoner of War) / MIA (Missing in Action) memorial bracelet from the Vietnam War-era. The records span from about 1861 to 1965, with the bulk of the collection centering on the WWII-era of 1939 to 1947. Though not a comprehensive collection, this material provides some insight into what citizens of Trenton may have learned about American military conflicts, how their lives changed because of war as well as documenting some of the memorial activities held during and after the wars.

The collection consists of 6 boxes and, except for the sheet music, is organized by specific conflict as described below, with artifacts and oversized items filed at the end of the collection in boxes 4-6. The sheet music is grouped together chronologically.

## Series Description

### **Series 1. American Civil War, 1861-1865, 1876, 1957-1965**

Material includes newspaper articles, invitations to memorial services and a 1957-1965 run of “The Banner,” a newsletter published by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War which includes articles on the history of the war as well as memorial activity throughout the country. Finally, there is a GAR grave marker manufactured by the Trenton Emblem Company.

### **Series 2. World War I, 1917-1931**

Items in this group include ephemera, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, battle maps, memorial programs honoring the dead and other material relating to the war. There are also published speeches given at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference and reports about the process. In addition, there are two issues (1930 & 1931) of the “The Pick and Shovel,” a newsletter published by Company C, 104th Engineers’ Association of Trenton which reports on the lives of these veterans over 10 years after the war. Also includes a bound run of *The Stars and Stripes* printed in France February 1918-June 1919.

### **Series 3. WWII, 1939-1947**

This is the largest group of material and includes newspaper clippings, ration books, and many memorial and dedication programs. There are also several collections of informational and instructional pamphlets that are grouped as follows: Britain at War, Civil Defense, The Home Front, and Religion. There is also a single brochure on the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. Finally, there is a collection of various editions of the United States Army publication, *Stars and Stripes* published in various locations in Europe and Africa from 1943 to 1944.

### **Series 4. The Cold War and Vietnam, 1947-1965**

This consists of only a few publications from the late 1940s including a 1947 comic book titled “Is this Tomorrow: America Under Communism”; an April 1965 issue of *Airtides*, a McGuire Air Force Base newspaper; and a POW-MIA bracelet memorializing “Capt. Bud Smith.”<sup>1</sup>

### **Series 5. Sheet Music, 1870-1951**

This series consists of 2 folders of popular war time and patriotic sheet music dating from 1870 to 1951. Included is an 1874 re-print of “Washington’s Ode” which commemorated Washington’s inaugural journey through Trenton in April of 1789; tributes to Civil War soldiers; WWI standards such as “How ‘Ya Gonna Keep ‘em Down on the Farm (After they’ve Seen Patee?)”; WWII-era “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition!”; and a 1951 song dedicated to General Douglas MacArthur, “Old Soldiers Never Die (They Just Fade Away)”.

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<sup>1</sup> Hallie William “Bud” Smith (10/16/1941 – 1/8/1968) was an Air Force pilot born in Portland, Oregon whose plane went down in Vietnam during a reconnaissance mission on 1/8/1968. His body was never recovered, and he was declared missing, presumed dead. [Source: [www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/48261/HALLIE-W-SMITH/](http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/48261/HALLIE-W-SMITH/); retrieved 12/28/2023.]

## Series List

Series ID	Series	Container (Box / Folder)
1.	American Civil War	1/1 to 1/13; 4/1; 4/8; 6/1
2.	WWI	1/13 to 1/31; 4/3 to 4/5; 4/9; 5/1; OS
3.	WWII	2/1 to 3/5; 4/6; 4/9; 5/3 to 5/14; 6/2 to 6/4
4.	The Cold War and Vietnam	3/6 to 3/9; 6/3
5.	Sheet Music	4/8 & 4/9

## Container List

### Box / Folder / Folder Title

- 1 / 1 / Civil War - *New York Tribune*. Clippings of war-related news from Trenton, 1861
- 1 / 2 / Civil War - *The World* (published in New York City). Clippings of war-related news from Trenton, 1861
- 1 / 3 / Civil War - Appeal to Ladies of Trenton to provide hot lunch for soldiers
- 1 / 4 / Civil War - Charles Brown Union Uniform, shoulder board, Captain rank [gift of Eleanor H. Monsell, 1952]
- 1 / 5 / Civil War - Invitation to A Grand Picnic for Returned Volunteers, July 20, 1865, Edge Hill Grove
- 1 / 6 / Civil War - Letter of Marcus L. Ward, regarding bounty payment to John Fox, Co. G. 13 New Jersey Volunteers, 1876 [Ward was governor of NJ (1866-1869) and US Congressman from New Jersey (1873-1875)]
- 1 / 7 / Civil War - Invitation to 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reunion of Company A, 7th Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, 1881
- 1 / 8 / Civil War - "The Banner," January-February 1957 to July-September 1965 [Newsletter published bi-monthly by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War]
- 1 / 9 / Civil War - Color photograph of shipping box stamped "Rifle Muskets, Cal. 58, Trenton NJ; Colored photograph of gun with "NJ" stamped on wood and brass parts of gun
- 1 / 10 / Civil War - Confederate bill glued to souvenir print of poem "Vanished Hopes: Lines on the Back of a Confederate Note," Dietz Printing Co., Richmond, VA. [poem written ca. 1865]
- 1 / 11 / Civil War - Envelope: "Pennsylvania Volunteer." Note: "Sample of Envelope in use during War of Rebellion." N.D.
- 1 / 12 / Civil War - Volunteer Bounty Loan stamps [Six Month interest due on Thirty dollars from ca. 1866 -1898]
- 1 / 13 / Civil War (and conflicts up to WWI) Images of military medals, N.D.
  - Indian Wars, 1865-1891
  - War with Spain, 1898
  - The "Certificate of Merit," 1905-1918
  - Cuba Pacification, 1906-1909
  - Occupation of Cuba, 1915
- 1 / 14 / WWI - Ephemera, 1917-1921, folder 1
- 1 / 15 / WWI - Ephemera, 1917-1921, folder 2

## Container List (cont'd)

### Box / Folder / Folder Title

- 1 / 16 / WWI - Department of Agriculture and US Food Administration ephemera, N.D.
- 1 / 17 / WWI - New Testament. Army and Navy Edition, ca. 1918 [Note included, "Testament given to men in service--First World War, Bethany Presbyterian"]
- 1 / 18 / WWI - Pledge Certificate, New Jersey United War Work Campaign awarded to Emma R. Kerns, 1918; letter from Mercer County Victory Loan Committee to E. L. Kerns thanking for his work, May 12, 1919
- 1 / 19 / WWI - Welcome Home Sign, War Camp Community Service, N.D.
- 1 / 20 / WWI - Welcome Home Coupon from Donnelly Co., made out to W. Vanderbilt, June 1919
- 1 / 21 / WWI - Map of the Western Theatre of War and Index, 1918. National Geographic Society, Washington, DC [hand annotated to show battle lines July 18, 1918 & November 11, 1918, as well as the position of the 78<sup>th</sup> Division of the "New Jersey National Army Troops"]
- 1 / 22 / WWI - Literary Digest Liberty Map of the Western Front, 1918. Funk and Wagnall. [Handwritten notation: "marked to show movements of field hospital 310 of which Robert Lanning was a member"]
- 1 / 23 / WWI - Invitation to dedication of Memorial to be unveiled in Stacy Park to Chester F. Brandt, Walter E. Callan, and Peter P. Murry who were killed in France during WWI; 1919; copy of newspaper article cover dedication
- 1 / 24 / WWI - Program: Patriotic and Evangelistic Rally at Trenton, Monday, December 3, 1917, First Presbyterian Church
- 1 / 25 / WWI - Program: Memorial Services for the Trenton Boys Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice in the World War, Sunday, June 1st, 1919, at Cadwalader Park [Program has list of those who died including Red Cross nurses]
- 1 / 26 / WWI - Program: Reception, Banquet and Dance Tendered to the Soldiers and Sailors of North Trenton by the North Trenton Welfare Association. Junior High School, July 31, 1919
- 1 / 27 / WWI - Documents relating to Paris Peace Conference, 1919:  
Directory of delegations to peace conference, Paris, ca. 1919 [Brittle, use with care]  
"Preliminary Peace Conference Protocol No. 2", Session of January 25, 1919, American Commission to Negotiate Peace [includes signature of Elemer P. Jahns, 495 W. Hanover St. on cover]  
"Summary of the Conditions of Peace as presented to the German Plenipotentiaries at Versailles, May 7, 1919", Revised May 10, 1919. American Commission to Negotiate Peace  
"Notes, Addressees au President de la Conference de la Paix par la Delegation Allemande, May 9, 1919 – June 3, 1919"<sup>2</sup> [includes signature of Elemer P. Jahns, 495 W. Hanover St. on cover]
- 1 / 28 / WWI - Photograph of the *Walthena* at "outfitting Pier, N.D.

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<sup>2</sup> Negotiations between Weimar Germany's first foreign minister, Count Brockdorff-Rantzau and Prime Minister of France George Clemenceau presented in English, French and German

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- 1 / 29 / WWI - Record Book of Volunteer Club, Trenton, 1919-1920 [membership of club was composed of men who served with Co. C 104<sup>th</sup> Engineers]
- 1 / 30 / WWI - Program for Memorial Day, May 3, 1920, for Unveiling of Tablet and monument erected in Stacy Park by Co. C 104<sup>th</sup> Engineers
- 1 / 31 / WWI – “The Pick and Shovel,” published by Company C, 104<sup>th</sup> Engineers’ Association, November 1, 1930 [No. 1] and April 10, 1931 [No. 2]
- OS loose *The Stars and Stripes* [bound], February 8, 1918 – June 13, 1919
- 2 / 1 / WWII - Newspaper clippings, 1945, 1970, no date [commenting on end of war, and memories of the war]
- 2 / 2 / WWII - War Ration Book One, Lucile Ward Rinck, 1943
- 2 / 3 / WWII - War Ration Book No. 3, 1942 for 5-year-old Marlene Pooley issued to Elsie Pooley
- 2 / 4 / WWII - Color copy of ration book of Joseph William Harshman, 1942
- 2 / 5 / WWII - Gasoline Purchase Permit, issued to B. Scotti, July 1945 [Gift of Mary Wittekind Moyer]
- 2 / 6 / WWII - Ration Stamps, ca. 1942-1947
- 2 / 7 / WWII - Ration Books Case, empty, N.D.
- 2 / 8 / WWII - Wooden Post Card from P.F.C. George E. MacIntire, Georgia to his Pi Delta “Brothers” care of the Trenton YMCA, 1943
- 2 / 9 / WWII - Pledge Card of Robert C. Manning to United Chest of Mercer County, 1944
- 2 / 10 / Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors Army-Navy Production Award given to Helen W. Manning, 1945
- 2 / 11 / WWII - Miscellaneous documents of Charles H. Walker mostly relating to his service and Veterans Administration Life Insurance premium payments, ca. 1945-1948 [Walker is possibly the collector of some of the WWII ephemera and publications in this collection; see also dog tags in Box 6]
- 2 / 12 / WWII - Presidential Memorial Certificate honoring Fred Dombroski (1917-1960) for service in the military, ca. 1963-1969 [2023.012]
- 2 / 13 / WWII - Envelope from the Prospect National Bank of Trenton with “Bonds Buy Bombs” advertisement for U. S. Bonds.
- 2 / 14 / WWII - Correspondence between Trenton Free Public Library librarian Howard Hughes and General manager of radio station WTTM regarding an album of transcripts of broadcasts concerning D-Day to be donated to the Library, January 5, 1945 [As of November 2023, the location of this album has not been found].
- 2 / 15 / WWII - Memorial Program – Dedication Roll of Honor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – 9<sup>th</sup> Zone, May 1944 [includes a list of those honored]
- 2 / 16 / WWII - Memorial Program – Book and Author War Bond Rally, June 1944
- 2 / 17 / WWII - Memorial Programs: Trinity Cathedral, March 1944; Council of Churches of Trenton, April 1945
- 2 / 18 / WWII - Memorial Program - Dedication Ceremonies for Those Who Served from the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts of the Eighth Ward, and Adjacent Lawrence Township, Trenton, N.J. - Sunday, May 26, 1946

2 / 19 / WWII - Program and Memorial, Dedication - Villa Park World War II Memorial, Lyndale Park, Trenton, N.J. Sunday, May 25, 1947

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#### Box / Folder / Folder Title

- 2 / 20 / WWII - Pamphlets: Britain at War, ca. 1939-1943. Including: *British Commanders*, *The Enigma of the British*, and *50 Facts about British Women at War* [10 items]
- 2 / 21 / WWII - Pamphlets - Civil Defense ca. 1939-1945. Including: *Fighting the War at Home*, *Air Raid Precaution Services*, and *Fire from the Air: The ABC of Incendiaries* [9 items]
- 2 / 22 / WWII - Pamphlets - The Home Front. Including: *Social Agencies, Trenton, New Jersey, and Vicinity*; *War-Peace Pamphlets No. 3 – Food as an Implement of War: The Responsibilities of Farmers*; *Scrap is Fighting Metal: Vital for Victory* [13 items]
- 2 / 23 / WWII - Pamphlets - Religion. *The Soldier and his Religion*, 1942 and *Rabbi on Iwo* [Jima], 1945
- 2 / 24 / WWII - Pamphlet - *Women's Army Auxiliary Corps*, ca. 1943
- 2 / 25 / WWII - Miscellaneous Publications, ca. 1943-1945 [3 folders] Includes "Aircraft Spotters Guide," "The Job is Being Done" [report on automotive industry war effort], and "Newsweek reports on National Defense" [9 items]
- 2 / 26 / WWII Publications - A Graphic History of the War: Till May 10, 1942 [Prepared for use with the War Department Orientation Course]
- 3 / 1 / WWII - Publications - History, 64th Fighter Wing, 1942-1945--Restricted, 1945
- 3 / 2 / WWII - Reports: Defense and War Reports World War 1939-1945 [List of Trenton area war-effort organizations and leading officers]
- 3 / 3 / WWII - Reports - Adjutant General's Office Trenton, NJ – Enlistments and Inductions in United States Army and Navy from New Jersey 1941 to ca. 1945
- 3 / 4 / WWII - Special Order of the Day from Allied Force Headquarters, April 1945 to Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Forces in the Mediterranean Theatre [reporting near end of war in Europe and need to move forward in Mediterranean]
- 3 / 5 / WWII - Maps - Various maps showing battle lines of WWII, ca 1940-1943 [6 items]
- 3 / 6 / Cold War Pamphlets, 1946-1948 including comic book "Is this Tomorrow: America Under Communism," 1947
- 3 / 7 / Cold War Reports – "Where Stands Freedom: A Report from the World in the Early Spring of 1948." *Time Magazine* [Removed from the Arthur Holland Collection]
- 3 / 8 / Cold War - A Pocket Guide to Austria, Department of the Army, Washington DC, 1953; Ricardo Di Firenze (Souvenir postcards of Florence, Italy), no date
- 3 / 9 / Cold War/ Vietnam: *Airtides* Newspaper, McGuire Air Force Base, April 13, 1962
- 4 / 1 / Civil War - Four issues of *Vanity Fair* Newspaper, NY, 1861-1862
- 4 / 2 / WWI - Vol. 1. No. 14 of "The Exhaust," Published Weekly by the Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, NJ, December 11, 1918
- 4 / 3 / WWI - National School Service Newsletter, 1918-1919
- 4 / 4 / WWI - The Home Sector: A Weekly for the New Civilian, Vol. 1 No. 1, September 20, 1919
- 4 / 5 / WWI – "The Spiker," Published by the Men of the Engineers Railway, U.S. Army, Somewhere in France, December 1918-April 1919

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- 4 / 6 / Pre - WWII: The New Austria [commemorative book honoring Engelbert Dollfuss, Chancellor of Austria (1932-1934) who was assassinated by members of the Austrian Nazis on July 25, 1934, during an attempted coup d'état]
- 4 / 7 / WW II: St. Stephen's Church Tribute to Cpl. Stephen T. Antal, May 1946
- 4 / 8 / Sheet Music: 1870-1890; 1910s, Civil War
- 4 / 9 / Sheet Music: WWI, WWII, and 1951
- 5 / 1 / WWI Ephemera: "Boom-A-Laddie" [Advertisement for a "Juvenile Patriotic Song, 1917]
- 5 / 2 / WW I - New York Herald, Sunday, Nov. 23, 1919
- 5 / 3 / WWII - WVS [Women's Volunteer Service] Civil Defense Informational Posters, ca. 1939-1945 [British]
- 5 / 4 / WWII - Roll of Honor, School Masters Bowling League, 1942
- 5 / 5 / WWII - "Fort Dix Post," 1943-1944, Feb. 12, 1943, Nov. 24, 1944, Dec. 8, 1944
- 5 / 6 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Africa*, April 16, August 21 and 28, November 13, 1943
- 5 / 7 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes North Africa*, August 14, 1943 and January 10, 1944
- 5 / 8 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Combat Edition*, November 16 & 21, 1943
- 5 / 9 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Italy*, November and December 1943
- 5 / 10 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Italy*, January 1944
- 5 / 11 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Mediterranean*, December 1943
- 5 / 12 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Mediterranean*, January - April 1944
- 5 / 13 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Mediterranean*, July - October 1944
- 5 / 14 / WWII - *Stars and Stripes Newspaper Oran [Algeria?] Daily Edition*, August 1943
- 6 / 1 / Civil War - Metal five-pointed star grave marker for GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Post 170 manufactured by Trenton Emblem Company
- 6 / 2 / WWII - Medals and buttons from military uniforms, with note "Belongings of Charles Sears"
- 6 / 3 / WWII - Dog tags of Charles H. Walker (see also miscellaneous documents of Walker in Box 2, folder 11)
- 6 / 4 / WWII - Distinguished Service Ribbons [2 items]
- 6 / 5 / Vietnam - POW-MIA Bracelet memorializing Capt. Bud Smith, Jan. 8, 1968

### Provenance

This collection was assembled by archivists and librarians as materials were received by the library or gifted to the Trentoniana Department. When known, specific donors or accession numbers are noted with corresponding items.

### Related Material

- Coll. 29 Grand Army of the Republic, Aaron Wilkes Post No. 23
- Coll. 34 Trenton Downtown Association: Patriots Week
- Coll. 111 New Jersey Washington Bicentennial Committee
- Coll. 112 Washington Park Commission (1 folder + 1 wrapped scrapbook)

Coll. 113 Washington Crossing the Delaware Collection  
Coll. 117 Old Barracks  
Coll. 128 New Jersey American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration Commission  
**Related Material (cont'd)**  
Coll. 193 Barney D. Lavine (1892-1976) World War I Scrapbook  
Coll. 197 Trenton Battle Monument Association  
Coll. 198 Trenton Battle Monument  
Coll. 199 Battle of Trenton  
Coll. 205 War Memorial  
Coll. 219 Daughters of the American Revolution General Washington Chapter  
Coll. 323 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General James A. Garfield Camp No. 4  
Coll. 324 Veterans of Foreign Wars, District 18  
Coll. 351 Trenton Bicentennial Committee  
Coll. 361 Grand Army of the Republic, Bayard Post No. 8  
Coll. 467 Mercer County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association  
Coll. 483 Ladies Auxiliary Trenton Post #2, Italian American War Veterans of the United States  
Coll. 504 USO, Trenton  
Coll. 506 World War I  
Coll. 509 United Spanish War Veterans  
Coll. 570 American Legion, North Trenton Post 458  
Jewish Historical Society of Trenton – Series AB, Jewish War Veterans of the United States,  
Trenton Post No. 156, 1937-1997  
Wartime Posters