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Record Series #: 1121-059

Name: Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross records

Dates: 1940, 1944, no date

Extent/Size: 1 folder (0.02 cubic feet)

Language: English

Organizational History:

The American National Red Cross received a charter from Congress in 1881. During the Spanish-American War, Mrs. W. W. Gordon organized a local Savannah chapter of the Red Cross to aid war victims. However, it became inactive when hostilities ceased. In 1908, a second attempt was made to organize a local chapter, but was abandoned due to a lack of response. As prospect of war with Mexico arose in 1916, another call to action was made, but it wasn't until the threat of World War I did the local chapter successfully get off the ground. In February 1917, the Savannah chapter mobilized and by May 1918 the local membership was over 9,000 strong.

The mission of the local Southeast chapter as stated today (2014) continues the goals of the Savannah chapter when it was first organized; "The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors."

For more information on the Savannah Chapter, see *A History of the Savannah Chapter of the American National Red Cross*, by Cynthia A. Freeman (Armstrong State College, August 1979).

Scope & Content:

Record Series 1121-059, Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross records (1940, 1944, no date) includes one folder of material, including: enrollment forms; membership cards; decals; and a booklet titled "Keep Your Red Cross Ready."

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

The Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross records are arranged chronologically.

Inventory:

Folder 1: Savannah Chapter American Red Cross, 1940, 1944, no date

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None

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