

**Finding Aid to the
National Woman's Relief Corps (U.S.).
John F. Reynolds Corps No. 1 (Fargo, N.D.) Records**

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National Woman's Relief Corps, John F. Reynolds Corps No. 1 Records, 1885-1965

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HISTORY

The John F. Reynolds Relief Corps No. 17 of the Woman's Relief Corps was organized on September 23, 1885 in Fargo under a Dakota Territory Charter with a charter membership of eighteen. Irene Hadley became the first president. In 1890 it was reorganized under a North Dakota charter and became Corps No. 1. The Relief Corp was an auxiliary to the local John F. Reynolds Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Activities of the Corps included participation in Memorial Day observances, contributing to the Soldiers Home at Lisbon, N.D., presenting flags to various institutions, entertaining Company B of the North Dakota National Guard in 1898 and 1917, donating money and materials during World War I, Red Cross work, and adopting war orphans. In 1935 they organized the Col. Carroll Junior Club for young

girls. It was named in honor of Colonel John W. Carroll, the last member of the Fargo GAR post. The Corps remained active until about 1965 when apparently, due to lack of new members, it ceased to function.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The [Correspondence Series](#), arranged chronologically, is very incomplete with the greatest material for the period 1957 to 1965. It consists mainly of letters to Anna Pannebaker and Louisa Goodman.

The [Meeting Minutes Series](#) covers from 1892 to 1954 with only a gap of four years. The first volume also includes the minutes of the first meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 56 of Mayville, Dakota Territory from August 1889 to May 1890. The minutes of the [Past Presidents Club Series](#) are also very complete for the period 1908 to 1945.

The [Membership Rolls Series](#) includes Roll of Members ledgers include the membership for each year, new, deceased, discharged, and transferred members, as well as, for some years, the attendance major series is the meeting minutes which cover at each meeting. The record of dues paid ledgers, as the title indicates, records only the amount received by the corps in dues. There is also recorded here deaths, transfers, and those dropped from membership.

The [Financial Records Series](#) consists main mainly of the Cash books which record all financial transactions for the period 1905 to 1963. For the years 1963 to 1965 the bank statements have been preserved since no ledgers are available.

In 1935 the Corps organized the Col. Carroll Junior Club. The [Col. Carroll Junior Club Series](#) consists of various meeting minutes, membership lists, and financial records. They appear to be complete until its apparent demise in 1938.

The [Subject Files Series](#) contain a variety of material documenting the local Corps chapter and its relation with the state and national headquarters. Included are various forms, General Orders (both national and North Dakota), publications, ritual and service books, and circular letters. Other materials include reports to the national headquarters of the secretary, treasurer, and patriotic instruction. There are also the annual North Dakota convention proceedings and membership rosters of the Department of North Dakota. Finally of special note is a scrapbook compiled in 1935 with historical information on the auxiliary and the Grand Army of the Republic. There are also photographs of most past presidents. Added to the scrapbook have been annual reports from 1936 to 1945.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Historical material, and Finding aid
	Correspondence Series
1/2	1948, 1955, 1957-1961
1/3	1962-1965
1/4	undated

Meeting Minutes Series

1/5	1889-1897
1/6	1897-1905
1/7	1905-1912
1/8	1912-1917
1/9	1917-1922
1/10	1922-1922
2/1	1925-1928
2/2	1928-1931
2/3	1931-1934
2/4	1938-1940
2/5	1940-1943
2/6	1943-1946
2/7	1946-1948
3/1	1949-1954

Past Presidents Club Meeting Minutes Series

3/2	1908-1914
3/3	1914-1919
3/4	1920-1928
3/5	1929-1939
3/6	1940-1943
3/7	1944-1945

Rolls of Members Box Folder Series

3/8	1885-1897
3/9	1897-1926
3/10	1931-1951

Ledgers (Record of dues paid) Series

4/1	1903-1911
4/2	1911-1918
4/3	1918-1933

Cash Books

4/4	1905-1912
4/5	1912-1913
4/6	1913-1914
4/7	1915-1919

5/1	1919-1923
5/2	1923-1928
5/3	1929-1935
5/4	1944-1963

Bank Statements

5/5 1963
5/6 1964
5/7 1965

Col. Carroll Jr. Club No. 6 Series

5/8 Meeting minutes, 1935-1937
5/9 Meeting minutes, 1937-1938
5/10 Membership
5/11 Record of dues paid, 1935-1937
6/1 Cash book

Subject Files Series

6/2 Application forms, 1942, 1952, 1955
6/3 Blank forms
6/4 Circular letters(North Dakota), 1956-1965
6/5 Corp Patriotic Instructor reports, 1945,1956-1957,1964
6/6 Corp Secretary reports, 1956-1957,1960-1962
6/7 Corp Treasurer reports, 1931,1945,1947-1949,1956-1964
6/8 General Orders (National), 1868,1945,1956-1959
6/9 General Orders (National), 1961-1964
6/10 General Orders (North Dakota), 1918,1945,1949,1955-1964
6/11 Memorial Day blank, 1956
6/12 Memorial Day services at Riverside Cemetery, 1964
6/13 Memorial Orders (National), 1956-1963
6/14 North Dakota annual convention proceedings, 1950-1964
6/15 North Dakota membership rosters, 1951-1964
6/16 Odes and hymns
6/17 Publications
6/18 Requisition forms
6/19 Ritual book, 1953
6/20 Scrapbook
6/21 Service books, 1890,1905,1922,1953
6/22 Transfer, memberships, password cards and miscellaneous