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Levin, Adeline L., 1915-2005. Oral History Interview, 2003.  
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**Levin, Adeline L., 1915-2005. Oral History Interview, February 15, 2003. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1698. 1 folder, 2 audiocassettes and 2 CD duplicates.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Adeline L. Levin collection consists of two audiocassettes and transcript of an oral history interview conducted between Levin and Rhys Gaffer in 2003. The general topic of the interview is the wartime experiences of a woman involved in the first ever U.S. Army's Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and later the Women's Army Corps (WAAC/WAC) during its creation at the beginning of World War II. The interview goes into details of the stateside activities of the Corps and the impact women had in helping the national war effort.

This oral history interview was conducted as part of the South Central Minnesota Veterans History Project conducted by the Southern Minnesota Historical Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato. This interview was a component of Honors 450: South Central Minnesota Veterans History Project.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Adeline L. Levin, at the time of this oral history recording, is a retired major and veteran of World War II and the Korean War. She taught on several different college campuses around the U.S. in physical education and health sciences. Following her years in the military, Dr. Levin returned to school to complete her doctorate in that field, eventually coming to Minnesota State University, Mankato campus in 1964 to teach. She stayed on campus until her retirement in 1983. Dr. Levin has written a juvenile fiction book *The Caboose Tenants*, and remains active in the American Legion and Retired Officers' club.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

Adeline L. Levin donated this collection in February 2003.

**PROCESSED BY:**

C. Rhys Gaffer transcribed the interview in 2003.

Brittney Andringa processed this collection in November 2003.

Adam Smith made an addition to the collection in May 2019.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

A copy of this oral history interview is also available from the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Information is available on the National Registry of Service website for the national Veterans History Project.

(<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/vets-registry.html>) After checking the OCLC national database in November 2003, it has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Adeline L. Levin available elsewhere.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

- Levin, Adeline L., 1915-2005, interviewee.
- Levin, Adeline L., 1915-2005 --Interviews.
- Gaffer, C. Rhys, interviewer.
- World War, 1939-1945.
- Korean War, 1950-1953.
- United States. Army.
- United States. Army. Women's Army Corps.
- Women veterans.
- Veterans.
- Veterans History Project.
- Oral History.

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