

Title: Spence, Mary Callaway Papers

Call Number: Mss-1378

Inclusive Dates: 1886 – 1940

Bulk: 2.0 cu. ft. total

Location: CV, Sh. L005 (0.8 cu. ft.)
RC26, Sh. 001-002 (0.6 cu. ft.)
RC27, Sh. 004 (0.6 cu. ft.)
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Abstract: Mary Callaway Spence was born in Milwaukee. She married Thomas Spence, Sr., president of the Rundle-Spence Manufacturing Company, and became a mainstay in the city's civic affairs. In 1903, she helped incorporate the Society for the Care of the Sick that helped in the treatment of tuberculosis. During World War I, she assisted with Red Cross activities and Liberty Loan drives. She also served on the board of the Protestant Home for the Aged for 20 years. In 1919, she joined the Milwaukee Chapter of the American War Mothers and soon became chapter president. She helped organize the state chapter in 1922 and was elected National President in 1928. She served in that capacity until 1929, and passed away on January 8, 1932.

Scope and Content: The records consist of scrapbooks, correspondence, programs, clippings, invitations, dance cards, reports, and minutes. They primarily document Spence's involvement with the American War Mothers, but also contain personal information and details on the Protestant Home for the Aged, St. John's Home and the Society for the Care of the Sick.

Administrative Note: The collection was reprocessed on November 2000 by Kevin Abing.

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Spence, Mary Callaway – Miscellaneous Personal Material	1	1
American War Mothers-Reports/Minutes/Constitution/By-Laws	1	2
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Callaway Family Material	1	9
Dance Cards, 1886-1893	1	10
Calling/Congratulatory/Greeting Cards	1	11
<i>The American War Mother</i> , Oct. 1927-Dec. 1929 (2 volumes)	1	Loose in box
<i>List of Mothers and Widows of American Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Entitled to Make a Pilgrimage to the War Cemeteries in Europe</i> , 1929	1	Loose in box
4 small scrapbooks of clippings re: American War Mothers, 1929-1930	1	Loose in box

“29 th National Encampment and 1928 Year Book,” Veterans of Foreign Wars	1	Loose in box
Oversize Items	Location	
Certificate from United States Flag Association to Mrs. Thomas Spence, ca. 1928	OS SM “S”	
Scrapbooks	Location	
#1: Memorial to Mary Spence, 1927-1932	RC26, Sh. 1	
#2: American War Mothers, 1927-1929	RC26, Sh. 1	
#3: American War Mothers, 1929	RC26, Sh. 2	
#4: American War Mothers, 1927-1928 (Includes clippings on Lindbergh reception)	RC27, Sh. 4	
#5: American War Mothers, 1924-1927	RC27, Sh. 4	
#6: WW I/American War Mothers, 1918-1922	RC27, Sh. 4	
PHOTOS: See M-176 (also included in the scrapbooks)		