

Veterans' Services Agency Collection

A Finding Aid



Livingston County Historian's Office

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I. Collection Summary

Title	Veterans' Services Agency Collection
Collection No.	C146
Extent	120 files
Date Range	1916-2005
Abstract	<p>This collection was compiled by the Livingston County Veterans' Services Agency in the course of normal operations, mostly in the 1960s to 2005. The materials comprise copies of military discharges, death certificates, military records, and some claim and service-connection paperwork generated by the Veterans' Services Agency. Most files are for veterans of WW I, but several files relate to WW II veterans who are deceased.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the documents in this collection is for serious research. The collection may be accessible by advance request and permission from the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in print or online publications must be cited as follows: "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov.</p>
Copyright	There are no items subject to copyright.

II. Background Information

The Livingston County Veterans' Services Agency was officially formed in 1944 with the appointment of Veteran Relief Officer and County Service Officer James F. Callan. The agency was preceded by the Livingston County Home (formerly the poorhouse) and the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), a fraternal organization that helped provide Civil War veterans and their families with care. The American Legion, formed as a response to World War I, served a similar purpose for veterans of that conflict. The new Veterans' Services Agency, also known over the years as Veterans' Affairs, consolidated service claims and strove to assist veterans and their families with medical and other care needs.

This collection was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office in 2017 during a purge of old files initiated by the current director of the Veterans' Services Agency, Jason B. Skinner. For confidentiality, files were only turned over if the veteran in question could be proved to be deceased and no dependent family members had remaining claims. Thus, the collection mainly relates to veterans of World War I and a few from World War II. As more files become available, the collection is expected to expand.

Once processed by the County Historian's Office, all files were digitized and are accessible on a request basis. Except for approved scholarly projects, researchers must request a specific name in order to gain access to the collection.

III. Contents List

Box 1	59 files, surnames A-M
Box 2	61 files surnames M-Z, some additions

IV. Related Materials

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- Genealogical materials
- Veteran Files with basic information about service, if known

National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/>

- Veteran service records and digital research materials