

## Annie Lee Hoffman Papers

In the aftermath of World War I, a number of volunteers from a variety of American agencies went overseas to help with the return to peacetime and assist the military with this and other projects. One of those volunteers was Annie Lee Hoffman who joined the YMCA overseas. Born on August 9, 1887 in Morganton, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Julius and Martha E. Hoffman. She attended Oxford Seminary in Oxford, North Carolina, where she office administration. Hoffman moved to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, after graduation. While living in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, she was employed as a private stenographer. At the time Hoffman volunteered she was the Nash County Court Stenographer. Her papers contain extensive letters that Hoffman wrote to her mother and sisters in lieu of keeping a diary. These letters provide a detailed account of a foreign land lying in ruins through the eyes of one person. Other items include school annuals, recommendations for employment, postcards from various travels and a photograph album.

Annie Lee Hoffman returned to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, following her volunteer service in France. Some of the items refer to trips she made during the 1920s and later. Annie Lee Hoffman died at the age of 97 in Rocky Mount on October 20, 1984.

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