

Collection Summary

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Title: The Forty and Eight (40 & 8) Local 471 Collection

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Abstract: The Forty and Eight (40 & 8) Local 471 Collection consists of correspondences, membership rosters, programs, magazines and newsletters, photographs, and other items about the Forty and Eight organization and the Local 471 chapter in Evansville, Indiana from 1936 to 2015.

Historical Notes: The Forty and Eight (40 & 8) Voiture #471 is the local chapter of a military honor society of American veterans and service members, open by invitation to honorably discharged veterans. The group was named for the trains that carried the troops to the front lines during World War I. The 40 & 8 was formed in 1920 and named La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, or the Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses. The first statewide Forty and Eight Promenade, or meeting, was held in June 1920. In 1921, during the Forty and Eight's Promenade Nationale, or national convention, in Kansas City, a national constitution was adopted, and a national headquarters was established in Seattle, Washington. During World War II, the Forty and Eight continued to support charitable and patriotic programs, wartime needs, and volunteered for military service, served as air raid wardens and in other civil defense capacities, aided in salvage drives, bond drives, blood drives, visited hospitals, and helped recruiting efforts for the Armed Services. In 2006, women veterans become eligible to join the Forty and Eight. This collection was donated in the fall of 2019.

[Forty and Eight](#)

Selected Search Terms

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Administrative Information

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