

RECORD GROUP

LACEFIELD/MUHLEISEN COLLECTION

1941 -- 1995

1 oversize box

Scope and Content Note

This collection of manuals, photographs and other memorabilia is a rich documentation of Civil Defense in the World War II era and in providing a thorough history of a family deeply devoted to military and civil service to this country.

Born in New Orleans on September 17, 1910, Louis A. Muhleisen received much of the documentation in this collection to assist and guide him in his duties as a civil defense air raid warden during and after World War II. The photographs are of the individuals who were instrumental in the creation of this collection. Finally, there are other entities, such as the family coat of arms photograph and patch, which are essential in providing researchers an understanding of this family's devotion to duty, honor, and country.

The primary donor, Eric Lacefield, who was born in New Orleans on June 1, 1943, retired as a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and as a Tech Sergeant in the Louisiana Air National Guard. Florence Voelkel was born on May 16, 1918 and married Louis A. Muhleisen on October 7, 1937. Due to his position as a funeral director/undertaker in the community, Mr. Muhleisen was exempt from military service during World War II. However, he did take on the duties as a Civil Defense Air Raid Warden during and after World War II. Mr. Muhleisen died on January 13, 1976. Florence Voelkel Muhleisen later met and married Eric Lacefield in 1982.

Florence Voelkel Muhleisen Lacefield was a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. LT CG Florence Lacefield died in 1998. LT Eric Lacefield donated this collection in the memory of his beloved wife, Florence, and her previous husband, Louis A. Muhleisen. Mr. Lacefield also donated the Lacefield/Voelkel (World War I) Collection, which is also located in this facility, in her memory as well.

**The donor has placed not restrictions on the copying or duplication of items within the collection.**

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**LACEFIELD/MUHLEISEN COLLECTION**  
**WORLD WAR II AND CIVIL DEFENSE**  
**(MANUALS, PHOTOGRAPHS,**  
**AND MEMORABILIA)**

**BOX 1 (F.F. 1 – F. F. 4)**

**F.F. 1** Items 1 - 2

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photographs of LTJG Florence Voelkel Muhleisen Lacefield at Coast Guard Office in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Date:** 1988.

**Edition:** N/A

**Publisher:** N/A

**Description of Object:** 2 Color photographs, 5 x 3 1/2 in size of LTJG Florence V.M. Lacefield in uniform behind a desk in the Coast Guard's Director of the Auxiliary Office in New Orleans, LA.

**Number of Photographs:** 2.

Item 3

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photograph of LTJG Florence Voelkel Muhleisen.

**Date:** Unknown.

**Edition:** N/A

**Publisher:** N/A

**Description of Object:** Color photograph, 5 x 3 1/2 in size of LTJG Florence V.M. Lacefield in uniform behind a desk in her home. In background of the photograph, the symbols K5PO are visible – that was her HAM Radio operator identification symbol (number).

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

Item 4

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Certificate of Civil Defense for Louis A. Muhleisen.

**Date:** 1942.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** Xerox, 8 ½ x 11 certificate.

**Number of Pages:** 1.

Item 5

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photograph of Louis A. Muhleisen and Florence Muhleisen (Lacefield).

**Date:** Unknown.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** Black and white photograph, 5 x 3 ½ in size. Photograph is believed to have been taken on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

Items 6 - 7

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Muhleisen Family Coat of Arms.

**Date:** Unknown.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** 3 ½ x 5 color photograph and 3 ½ x 3 ½ color patch of the Muhleisen family coat of arms.

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

**Number of Patches:** 1.

Item 8

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photograph of Florence Muhleisen and Eric Lacefield.

**Date:** Unknown.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** Color photograph, 5 x 3 ½ in size.

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

Item 9

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photograph of A2/C Eric Lacefield.

**Date:** 1963.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** 2 x 3 ½ black and white photograph of A2/C Lacefield in uniform.

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

Item 10

**Author/Creator:** Unknown.

**Title:** Photograph of Tech Sergeant Eric Lacefield.

**Date:** 1984.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** 2 x 3 ½ color photograph of Sergeant Lacefield in uniform with United States flag in the background.

**Number of Photographs:** 1.

F.F. 2 Item 1

**Author/Creator:** Office of Civil Defense, United States Government.

**Title:** Civil Defense Preparedness Instruction card. GPO: 1959 0-493134.

**Date:** 1959.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Unknown.

**Description of Object:** Small white card, 4 by 2 ½ in size with blue writing and CD symbols.

**Number of Pages:** 1.

Item 2

**Author/Creator:** School of Police Administration and Public Safety, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. Developed for the Office of Civil Defense.

**Title:** Law and Order Training for Civil Defense Emergency, Student Manual (Part B) SM – 10.1B.

**Date:** August 1965.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense. United States Government.

**Description of Object:** Manual, dark blue soft cover, illustrated.

**Number of Pages:** 113.

Item 3

**Author/Creator:** Training Section, United States Office of Civilian Defense,

**Title:** A Handbook for Air Raid Wardens

**Date:** December 1941

**Edition:** Revised Edition.

**Publisher:** Government Printing Office, Washington DC.

**Description of Object:** Book, soft cover illustrated.

**Number of Pages:** 60.

Item 4

**Author/Creator:** U. S. Office of Civilian Defense with the cooperation of Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army.

**Title:** Your Gas Mask (Instruction Booklet on how to use a Noncombatant Gas Mask.)

**Date:** 1942?

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** United States Government?

**Description of Object:** 8 ½ x 11 Xerox copies of instructions with illustrations.

**Number of Pages:** 9.

F.F. 3 Item 1

**Author/Creator:** US Office of Civilian Defense in Cooperation with the American Red Cross.

**Title:** Handbook of First Aid.

**Date:** December 1941.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** US Government Printing Office.

**Description of Object:** Handbook, soft cover, illustrated.

**Number of Pages:** 72.

Item 2

**Author/Creator:** The American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.?

**Title:** Civil Defense Supplement to the American Red Cross First Aid Textbook.

**Date:** January 1951.

**Edition:** N/A.

**Publisher:** Blakiston Company. Copyright by the American National Red Cross, Washington D.C. Printed by the Country Life Press.

**Description of Object:** Pamphlet (Supplement), soft cover, illustrated.  
**Number of Pages:** 47.

Item 3

**Author/Creator:** Department of Defense; Office of Civil Defense; and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and, Public Health Service.  
**Title:** Emergency Health Care Family Guide. (For care in shelter after nuclear attack).  
**Date:** November 1961.  
**Edition:** N/A.  
**Publisher:** U.S. Government Printing Office.  
**Description of Object:** Handbook, soft cover, with illustrations.  
**Number of Pages:** 60.

Item 4

**Author/Creator:** Department of Defense; Office of Civil Defense; Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and Public Health Service.  
**Title:** *Fallout Shelter Medical Kit Instructions* to shelter managers for use of basic medical supplies (and) for special medicines. To be used in conjunction with *Family Emergency Health Care*.  
**Date:** July 1962.  
**Edition:** N/A.  
**Publisher:** Unknown.  
**Description of Object:** Pamphlet with Civil Defense and Department of Defense symbols on the front page.  
**Number of Pages:** 8.

F. F. 4 Item 1

**Author/Creator:** Connie Clark.  
**Title:** Service, Sacrifice, Loyalty: Guarding Freedom's Flame.  
**Date:** 1992.  
**Edition:** 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Publisher:** Potomac Publishing. Copyright by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.  
**Description of Object:** Book, soft cover.  
**Number of Pages:** 114.

Item 2

**Author/Creator:** Words and Music by David E. Caruso and Anthony Grego.  
**Title:** America, God's Country.  
**Date:** 1943.  
**Edition:** Victory Edition.  
**Publisher:** Nordyke Publishing.  
**Description of Object:** There are four 9 x 12 sheets of paper with a picture of white eagle with a dark blue background and red and blue writing on front sheet. Followed by three sheets of music.  
**Number of Pages:** 4.

F.F. 5

WWII Religion Book 2 Louis A. Muhleisen

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