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**Finding Aid for the**  
**Sylvia Slegman Cohn, American Legion Auxiliary,**  
**Wilmington Unit No. 287 President's Book, 1945-1946**

**Collection Overview**

**Title:** Sylvia Slegman Cohn, American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287 President's Book

**Dates:** 1945-1946

**ID:** ALA

**Primary Creator:** Cohn, Sylvia Slegman, 1900-1983, American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287

**Extent:** 1.0 linear foot

**Arrangement:** Arranged at the collection level in original order.

**Forms of Material:** Scrapbook

**Language of materials:** English

**Abstract**

The Sylvia Cohn, American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287 President's Book documents the activities and events of the organization between 1945 and 1946. The book includes administrative information, photographs of officers, and descriptions of activities during the term.

**Biographical/Administrative History**

Sylvia Slegman was born on August 18, 1900 in Utica, Oneida County, New York to parents Morris and Rebecca Slegman (née Alexander). In 1902, her mother passed away, followed by her father in 1907. Sylvia married Benjamin Cohn on June 26, 1921 in Schenectady, New York, and the couple had a son in 1923. Sometime between 1924 and 1925, the family relocated to California, first to Pasadena and later to Wilmington. Another son was born in 1925, and then a daughter in 1932. The Cohn family owned and operated a clothing shop located in Wilmington.

Sylvia was active in local community and civic organizations, most significantly the American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287. The organization engaged in general support for American Legion, Wilmington Unit No. 287, fundraising for veteran groups, aid to needy families, animal vaccination clinics, youth sports and recreational activities, holiday gift giving and parties, and community events. Sylvia served as president of the Auxiliary for the 1945-1946 term. She passed away on March 26, 1983 in Vista, San Diego County California.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Sylvia Cohn, American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287 President's Book documents the activities and events of the organization between 1945 and 1946. The book includes rosters and photographs of national, district and unit presidents, and department officers and chairpersons, as well as membership rolls, and descriptions of goals accomplished over the term.

## **Subjects/Access Terms**

### **Creators**

#### **Personal Name:**

Cohn, Sylvia Slegman, 1900-1983

#### **Organization Name:**

American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287

### **Subject Headings**

#### **Topical Term(s):**

American Legion. Auxiliary

Women--Societies and clubs

#### **Geographic Name(s):**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

## **Administrative Information**

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## **Collection Contents**

### **Box 1**

**Item 1:** American Legion Auxiliary, Wilmington Unit No. 287 President's Book, 1945-1946

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