

## **Annias Bill Reeves Papers**

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### **Biographical Information**

Annias Bill Reeves was born in Texas and came to Denver, Colorado in 1948 to go to college. He had started college in Texas at Prairie View, but did not have enough money. In Denver, he stayed with an aunt while he went to school and was drafted into the Korean War.

Reeves joined the Teamsters Union in 1959 and maintained membership until 1987. He worked in the truck repair department at Safeway where he was elected assistant steward. The Teamster Local 435 honored him with a 25-year service pin

Reeves joined the American Legion, Wallace Simpson Post 29, in 1962. He was an active member in American Legion affairs holding both local and regional offices.

Since his retirement Reeves, has been busy with volunteer work at the Denver Medical Center (the VA Hospital) and he has been active at the Central Baptist Church of Denver as a deacon and an active servant on the deacon board.

## **Scope and Content**

The Annias Bill Reeves Papers (1970s-2002) includes information acquired throughout his involvement in the American Legion. The collection contains material that reflects the activities of the American Legion throughout the 1970s. This collection is rich in photographs and newspaper clippings that relate to American Legion.

## **Series**

- 1. Scrapbook**
- 2. Publications**
- 3. Certificates and Awards**
- 4. Souvenirs**

*Material from: 1970-2002*

*Box 1*

The Annias Bill Reeves Papers have been organized into four series: scrapbook, publications, certificates and awards, and souvenirs. The first series, scrapbook, was taken from its original scrapbook context and placed in folders in the order by which they appeared in the scrapbook. This series consists of American Legion material. It includes photographs, programs, and newspapers articles. The majority of the material in the scrapbook originates from the 1970s, however, there is material that was recently added circa 2001.

The second series, publications, consists of several American Legion texts that pertain to the by-laws and constitution of the American Legion and general manuals. The material dates from the 1970s and is arranged alphabetically.

The third series is made up of certificates and awards awarded to Annias B. Reeves by the American Legion. The awards and certificates date from the 1970s and 1980s. This series is arranged chronologically.

The fourth series, souvenirs, consists of miscellaneous items that Reeves kept from the American Legion. Examples of these items are a chaplain hat from Post 29 and Reeves's business cards.

## **Container Listing**

### **Series I: Scrapbook**

Box 1      FF1-38      1973-2002, n.d.  
(container list at Blair-Caldwell Library)

**Series II: Publications**

Box 1	FF39	American Legion: Constitution and By-Laws	1973
Box 1	FF40	American Legion: Manual for Post Service Officers	1972
Box 1	FF41	American Legion: Need a Lift?	1975

**Series III: Certificates and Awards**

Box 1	FF42	American Legion 59 <sup>th</sup> National Convention: Denver Colorado	1977
Box 1	FF43	American Legion: District Six Award	1980-1981
Box 1	FF44	American Legion	1982
Box 1	FF45	Voiture 97: Chef de Gare Man of the Year	1993-1994
Box 1	FF46	The Chapel of 4 Chaplains	undated

**Series IV: Souvenirs**

Box 1	FF47	Business Cards: Reeves	undated
Box 1	FF48	American Legion Hat: Chaplain 29	undated