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**FOUR MINUTE MEN ASSOCIATION,
1917-1918**

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INTRODUCTION

The Four Minute Association, 1917-1918, was a transfer from the state museum. The collection consists of 200 items and one volume and occupies .50 cubic feet of shelf space. The collection has no restrictions.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Four Minute Men Association, 1917-1918, is centered around the activities of the “Four Minute Men” patriotic association during World War I. The association was developed in 1917, as a mean of uniting the nation behind the Liberty Loan drives of World War I. The volunteer organization met in local theaters across the nation stressing the need for the United States to support the war effort. Most of the speakers for these meetings were veterans or key personalities in the community and were encouraged to speak for only four minutes, hence the names of the association. President Woodrow Wilson encouraged the organizations and used it to strengthen the private financial support of the Liberty Loans Drives of 1917-1918.

The Four Minute Men was created and directed by a war-time Committee on Public Information. The Committee, composed of members from the Department of War Navy, and the Army, coordinated the efforts of the organization by establishing a network of supporters in selected cities of each state. These supporters chose chairmen for each city whose tasks were to enlist support for the local area. The organization was disbanded at the end of formal hostilities with Germany in 1919.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Correspondence, 1917
2. Correspondence, 1918

Box 2 (Oversized-VII-L-Top)

1. Scrapbook---Four Minute Men Organization, 1917-1918