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Charles Edward Williams Jr. Post 187, American Legion
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CREATOR: American Legion

DATE: 1947

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains a temporary charter for the Charles Edward Williams Post #187 of the American Legion in Winchester, Virginia. The charter includes a list of members.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Charles Willis Post #87, established in 1919, was the first American Legion post for African Americans to be established in Winchester. It was short-lived and closed in October 1923. The second post, named for Private Charles Edward Williams Jr. was established in 1947. Williams was the first African American man from the Winchester area to die in World War II. The American Legion issued a posthumous Gold Star Citation to Williams on May 24, 1945.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Elizabeth Cook

CONTAINER LIST:

Temporary Charter, Charles Edward Williams Post 187, American Legion
[Physical Location: Oversize Box 3]

**Charles Edward Williams Jr. Post #187, American Legion
Temporary Charter, List of Members**

Boyd, Holmes E.

Brown, Charles G.

Burns, Archibald C.

Cartwright, Charles W.

Cook, Boyd

Cook, Jr., George H.

Cook, John B.

Cooke, Joseph N.

Dixon, Charles G.

Grimes, Billy

Honesty, Arthur

Honesty, James Lee

Honesty, Wilbur R.

Honesty, William E.

Jackson, Jr., Herman M.

Lawston, Sylvester R.

Lewis, Charles T.

Long, Jasper

Mason, John Edward

Myers, Harry

Nickens, Charles

Taper, Floyd

Taper, Frederick

Washington, Haywood

Williams, Jr., Jesse B.