

**BRIEF INVENTORY****MSS. Collection #80****Title:** Leah Willis Papers**Dates:** ca. 1941-48**Quantity:** ½ box**Types of Material:** literary; photos; corresp.; military documents; printed certificates**Accession Number:** 1985.167.10-

**Brief Description:** Leah T. Willis (1900-1979) was born in Pilot Mountain, NC. She was awarded a B.S. from the North Carolina College for Women in 1923 and also attended Columbia College. Willis taught home economics and general science in various North Carolina schools up until ca. 1930. She subsequently became a dietitian and was employed by the military in that capacity from 1941-48. Ms. Willis rose to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and was stationed at a number of military bases: Camp Davis, N.C.; Camp Gordon, Ga.; Camp Hood, Tx.; Ft. Sam Houston, Tx.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; Wright Field, Ohio; and Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala. The collection concerns primarily her military career, and is most notable for the manuscript "Sir Ma'am," which is a journal of Army life. Materials include: various photographs of Willis (ca. 1945); the typed manuscript, "That Summer's Trance" (nd); and the typed manuscript, "Sir Ma'am" (nd).

**Major Names/Subjects:** Camp Davis (NC)  
Camp Gordon (Ga.)  
Camp Hood (Tx.)  
Diet -- Military  
Ft. Dix (NJ)  
Ft. Sam Houston (Tx.)  
Northington General Hospital (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)  
U.S. Army  
Willis, Leah T.  
World War, 1939-1945  
Wright Field (Ohio)

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