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SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH FONDS**

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates: 1933-1950, 1952-1953, predominant 1933-1939, 1944-1948

Extent: 62.8 cm of textual records

Administrative History

The Amateur Athletic Union of Canada (A.A.U. of C.) was originally established in April, 1884, known then as The Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, and later as the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. The inaugural elected officers were president William L. Maltby, 1st vice president James Pearson, 2nd vice president Dr. W.C. Cousens, treasurer W.L. Mathews, and honorary secretary H.W. Becket.

Due to the subsequent amalgamation with the Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, a group that had broken away from the C.A.A.U. several years prior, the C.A.A.U. became the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada in 1909. The Amateur Athletic Union of Canada was responsible for much of Canada's athletics governance in the early 20th century. It acted as the chief sports governing body for Canada when the International Olympic Committee was organized in 1894.

The Ontario branch of the C.A.A.U. was founded around 1908, as recorded by secretary N. H. Crows. The South-western Ontario Branch of the A.A.U. of C. is believed to have been founded in 1933, following the division of the Ontario Branch. The South-western Ontario branch oversaw activities of the Union in and around Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Windsor and London, Ontario.

Although the South-western Ontario branch's Secretary at the time of its foundation in 1933 is unknown, in 1934 the branch secretary was Gordon Young. He continued to hold this position until 1936 when he was succeeded by Harry B. Rockey.

Nelson C. Hart, a former professor at the University of Western Ontario, was involved with amateur athletics in Canada for at least 15 years during the early period of the South-western Ontario branch of the A.A.U. of C. After acting as a provisional chairman for the South-western Ontario Branch in 1933, he went on to serve as the branch's president from 1934-1935. He was the 1st vice-president of the A.A.U. of C. between 1939 and 1947.

During World War II, many athletes were called upon for active military service. The annual meetings of the A.A.U. of C. were again suspended, however individual branches were encouraged to continue activities. Officially, the first annual meeting after the war was in 1946. J. B. Ferguson held the secretary's position from 1943 to 1946, followed by J.H. Histed in 1947, B. A. Mitchell in 1948, and W. A. Dewar from 1948 to 1952.

In 1946, when the Canadian Olympic Committee, later known as the Canadian Olympic Association, began acting independently of the A.A.U. of C., N.C. Hart became the Union's

honorary secretary. He served in this role until 1948, and was the A.A.U. of C.'s South-western Ontario branch 1st vice president from 1948 to 1949.

W. Alex Dewar was the acting secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, South-western Ontario branch, between 1948 and 1952. He was the branch's vice-president in 1952, and president from 1952 to 1953. In addition, Dewar was the interim chairman of physical and health education for the University of Western Ontario between 1947 and 1949.

All branches of the A.A.U. of Canada closed with the national suspension in 1970.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists primarily of administrative correspondence, but also includes forms, applications, maps, meeting minutes, permits, athlete vouchers, programs, building blueprints, memos, news bulletins, club directories, amateur athlete cards, receipts, nominations for trophies, petitions, and financial records (including statements of accounts and cancelled cheques).

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Zone 1 correspondence and other materials
- Series 2: Zone 2 correspondence and other materials
- Series 3: Zone 3 correspondence and other materials
- Series 4: Zone 4 correspondence and other materials
- Series 5: South-western Ontario Branch correspondence and other materials
- Series 6: Ontario correspondence and other materials
- Series 7: National/International correspondence and other materials
- Series 8: N. C. Hart's individual correspondence
- Series 9: N. C. Hart's general and administrative correspondence and other materials
- Series 10: Blueprints, bank materials, and notices

Finding Aids

File lists are available.

Related Material

This fonds relates in part to the J. Howard Crocker fonds, held by the University of Western Ontario Archives. For more information, see finding aid AFC 62.

Associated Material

This fonds shares some of its provenance with *The Amateur Athletic Union of Canada fonds* held at Library and Archives Canada.

Custodial History

It is possible that the items in the first 9 series were kept by the subsequent secretaries of the South-western Ontario A. A. U. of C. Branch until the organization's dissolution in 1970.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

It is possible that this fonds was donated, in whole or in part, by W. A. Dewar in 1986; however, parts of the fonds may also have come from N.C. Hart or have been donated with the J. Howard Crocker fonds.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

Notes

Title supplied from the contents of the fonds.

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Series 1: **Zone 1 correspondence and other materials**

Dates: 1934-1937, 1945-1948

Extent: 5.7 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence. It also includes entry forms, membership forms and applications for sanction. This series deals with the administrative activities for the geographical area of Zone 1 of the South-western Ontario branch, primarily Windsor, Amherstburg, Leamington and Walkerville.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Zone 1 - general	1934-1937	B5768-1
Zone 1 - boxing and wrestling	1934-1936, 1947-1948	B5768-2
Zone 1 - track and field	1934-1937, 1945-1947	B5768-3

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Series 2: **Zone 2 correspondence and other materials**

Dates: 1934-1937, 1944-1948

Extent: 6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence. This series also includes entry forms, membership forms, event programs and applications for sanction. This series deals with the administrative activities for the geographical area of Zone 2 of the South-western Ontario branch, primarily Stratford, Owen Sound, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Hensall, St. Marys, Sarnia and Woodstock.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Zone 2 - general	1934-1937, 1944	B5768-4
Zone 2 - boxing and wrestling	1934-1937, 1944-1948	B5768-5
Zone 2 - track and field	1934-1937, 1944-1947	B5768-6

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Series 3: **Zone 3 correspondence and other materials**

Dates: 1933-1947

Extent: 9 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence. This series also includes entry forms, membership forms, applications for sanction and programs. This series deals with the administrative activities for the geographical area of Zone 3 of the South-western Ontario branch, primarily Hamilton and Dundas.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Zone 3 - general	1933-1937, 1947	B5768-7
Zone 3 - boxing and wrestling	1934-1937, 1947	B5768-8
Zone 3 - track and field	1933-1947	B5768-9

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Series 4: **Zone 4 correspondence and other materials**

Dates: 1933-1937, 1943-1948

Extent: 7 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence. The series also includes entry forms, meeting minutes, international permits, membership forms and applications for sanction. This series deals with the administrative activities for the geographical area of Zone 1 of the Southwestern Ontario branch, primarily Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, St. Catharines and Crystal Beach.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Zone 4 - general	1933-1937	B5768-10
Zone 4 - boxing and wrestling	1934-1937, 1943-1948	B5768-11
Zone 4 - track and field	1933-1937, 1944-1947	B5768-12

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Series 5: South-western Ontario branch correspondence and other materials

Dates: 1933-1937, 1944-1948

Extent: 5.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series is primarily correspondence, meeting minutes, entry forms and event blanks.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
General correspondence 1947	1947	B5768-13
Entry forms 1935-45	1933-1936, 1944-1948	B5768-14
Annual meetings	1939, 1946-1948	B5768-15
President of S.W.Ont. branch – A.A.U. of C	1933-1937, 1947	B5768-16
Filing	1947-1948	B5768-17
Bd. of Governors	1934-1936	B5768-18
Treasurer	1934-1939, 1946-1947	B5768-19

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Series 6: Ontario correspondence and other materials

Dates: 1933-1937, 1946-1947

Extent: 3.8 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence with the Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario A.A.U. of C. branches. This series also includes meeting minutes, international permits, news bulletins, programs, club directories, amateur athlete cards, and applications for sanctions, permits for out of district, registration forms, sports roster lists and coaching names.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Central Ontario Branch	1933-1937, 1946-1947	B5769-001-1 B5769-001-2
Eastern Ontario Branch	1933-1936, 1947	B5769-001-3
Joint Committees	1934	B5769-001-4

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Series 7: National and International correspondence and other materials

Dates: 1933-1948

Extent: 9 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence with the national secretary, in addition to national and international organizations. It also contains international permits.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
National secretary - Leslie	1935-1940, 1946-1947	B5769-001-5
International permits	1933-1938, 1945-1947	B5769-001-6
A.A.U of U.S.A.	1933-1936, 1944-1948	B5769-001-7
U.S. A.A.A.	1935-1948	B5769-001-8
Amateur Athletic Union of Canada 1947-48	1947-1948	B5769-001-9
Suspensions	1935-1936	B5769-001-10
Reinstatements	1933-1936, 1948	B5769-001-11

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Series 8: N. C. Hart's individual correspondence

Dates: 1933-1937, 1949

Extent: 2.2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series consists primarily of correspondence and receipts.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
S.W.O. Branch A.A.U. of C. - W. Gordon Young, Sec.	1934-1936, 1949	B5769-001-12
S.W.O. Branch A.A.U. of C - J. M. Barclay, Pres.	1935-1937	B5769-001-13
S.W.O. Branch A.A.U. of C - W. H. Childs	1933-1936	B5769-001-14
S.W.O. Branch A.A.U. of C - H. Gillard, Treasurer	1933-1936	B5769-001-15
S.W.O. Branch - H. Howard Foreman	1934	B5769-001-16

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Series 9: N. C. Hart's general and administrative correspondence

Dates: 1933-1941, 1949, 1952-1953

Extent: 5.1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series is primarily correspondence, newspaper bulletins, meeting minutes, petitions and membership forms.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Canadian Olympic Committee – South-western Ontario branch	1946-1949	B5769-001-17
S.W.O. Branch – Zone 1	1934	B5769-001-18
Southwest Ont. branch - organization meetings	1933-1940, 1949	B5769-001-19
S.W.O. branch - suspensions & reinstatements	1933-1940, 1949	B5769-001-20
S.W.O. branch – A.A.U. of C. – 1938	1938	B5769-001-21
S.W.O. branch – A.A.U. of C. – correspondence from 1946	1946-1948	B5769-001-22
S.W.O. branch – A.A.U. of C. – petition, constitution, newspaper articles	1935	B5769-001-23
S.W.O. branch – A.A.U. of C. - executive correspondence	1934, 1936-1939, 1941	B5769-001-24
Miscellaneous correspondence	1952-1953	B5769-001-25

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Series 10: Blueprints, bank materials and notice

Dates: 1937-1938, 1940-1942, 1947, [195-?]

Extent: 3.7 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series is a mix of correspondence, envelopes, YWCA building blueprints, account statements, cancelled cheques and a published notice.

Notes

Title supplied from the content of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
YWCA blueprints	[195-?]	B5769-002-26
Account statements	1937-1938, 1940-1942	B5769-001-27
1947 notice	1947	B5769-001-28