

Thunder Bay District Scouts Canada Fonds

Originals, 3.4 m, 1891-1999.

Scope and Content:

The Thunder Bay District Scouts Canada Fonds is a collection of newspaper clippings and photocopies, biographical summaries, logbooks, minute books, cash books, and miscellanea relating to activities undertaken by local groups, and prominent individuals in the local scouting movement. Organized chronologically, or alphabetically, depending on record type.

Series E 67/1/1-86: Chronological files, 1.4 m, 1909-1999 (original).

86 files of chronological records (some subsequent years combined into one file) spanning the years 1909 to 1999. Contents include local newspaper clippings and photocopies, minutes of meetings of the District Councils, financial statements, annual reports, monthly and yearly newsletters, a small amount of pertinent correspondence, and historical sketches on related topics/ personages to the local scouting movement. Also, years 1966 through 1969 each have a separate file dedicated to newsletters, minutes, and reports generated by the Boy Scouts of Canada Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Council. Organized chronologically.

- 1) The Beginning, 1909-1910 (newspaper photocopies and general histories of the early year of scouting in Thunder Bay District).
- 2) 1911 (newspaper photocopies and correspondence).
- 3) 1912-1913 (newspaper photocopies and histories).
- 4) 1914-1915 (photocopies of Fort William troop certificates of registration and newspaper photocopies).
- 5) 1916-1918 (newspaper photocopies).
- 6) 1919-1920 (newspaper photocopies).
- 7) 1921 (newspaper photocopies and histories).
- 8) 1922 (newspaper photocopies).
- 9) 1923 (newspaper photocopies and histories).
- 10) 1924 (newspaper photocopies, histories, and a report on the search for local scout Ernie Elvish).
- 11) 1925-1926 (newspaper photocopies).
- 12) 1927 (newspaper photocopies and histories).
- 13) 1928 (newspaper photocopies).
- 14) 1929 (newspaper photocopies).
- 15) 1930 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 16) 1931 (newspaper photocopies)
- 17) 1932 (newspaper photocopies).
- 18) 1933 (newspaper photocopies).
- 19) 1934 (newspaper photocopies).
- 20) 1935 (newspaper photocopies and histories).

- 21) 1936 (newspaper photocopies)
- 22) 1937 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 23) 1938 (newspaper photocopies).
- 24) 1939 (report on first International Encampment and newspaper photocopies).
- 25) 1940 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 26) 1941 (two pamphlets from local memorial service for Lord Baden-Powell ; newspaper clippings and photocopies).
- 27) 1942 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 28) 1943 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 29) 1944 (newspaper photocopies).
- 30) 1945 (newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 31) 1946 (exercise book/ log book of Boy Scouts Camp Loon Lake; newspaper photocopies).
- 32) 1947 (programme from the International Trail Camp ; newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 33) 1948 (newspaper photocopies).
- 34) 1949 (newspaper photocopies).
- 35) 1950 (newspaper photocopies).
- 36) 1951 (financial statements, correspondence, and newspaper photocopies).
- 37) 1952 (newspaper photocopies, newsletters, annual reports, financial statements, and posters from fundraising campaign).
- 38) 1953 (newspaper photocopies, newsletters, and executive membership list).
- 39) 1954 (financial statements, correspondence, newsletters, and newspaper photocopies).
- 40) 1955 (newsletters, correspondence, annual reports, newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 41) 1956 (newspaper photocopies, correspondence, and newsletters).
- 42) 1957 (newsletters, minutes, correspondence, reports, newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 43) 1958 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, correspondence, annual report, and financial statements).
- 44) 1959 (correspondence, annual reports, and newspaper photocopies).
- 45) 1960 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, correspondence, annual reports).
- 46) 1961 (reports, newspaper clippings and photocopies).
- 47) 1962 (reports, newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 48) 1963 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, newsletters, and reports).
- 49) 1964 (newsletters, newspaper photocopies and clippings,

- correspondence, minutes, and financial statements).
- 50) 1965 (local membership lists, reports, newsletters, correspondence, and newspaper photocopies and clippings).
 - 51) Manitoba Bulletins 1966 (newsletters and minutes of meetings of the Boy Scouts of Canada Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Council).
 - 52) 1966 (reports, newsletters, minutes, correspondence, 'Camporee' programme, financial statements, membership directory, newspaper clippings and photocopies).
 - 53) Manitoba and NWO Bulletins - 1967 (newsletters, minutes, reports).
 - 54) 1967 (newsletters, newspaper photocopies and clippings, correspondence, financial statements).
 - 55) Regional Council - 1968 (newsletters, minutes, reports).
 - 56) 1968 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, newsletters, minutes, reports, correspondence).
 - 57) NWO Region - 1969 (minutes, newsletters, financial statements, correspondence, reports).
 - 58) 1969 (minutes, reports, correspondence, newsletters, newspaper photocopies and clippings).
 - 59) 1970 (newsletters, correspondence, minutes, newspaper clippings and photocopies).
 - 60) 1971 (newspaper clippings and photocopies, membership directory, minutes, reports).
 - 61) 1972-1973 ('Camporee 1973' report; newspaper clippings and photocopies, minutes, membership directories).
 - 62) 1974-1975 (membership directories, newspaper photocopies and clippings, official calendars, minutes, reports).
 - 63) 1976 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, membership directories, financial statements, minutes, newsletters).
 - 64) 1977 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, minutes, newsletters, pamphlet from the Great Rendezvous of Scouts).
 - 65) 1978 (membership directories, newspaper photocopies and clippings, minutes, reports).
 - 66) 1979 (membership directories, newspaper photocopies and clippings, financial papers, correspondence, reports).
 - 67) 1980 (membership directories, newspaper photocopies and clippings, correspondence, reports, minutes).
 - 68) 1981 (correspondence, membership directory, minutes, reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, 'Bonanza Book' from Canadian Jamboree).
 - 69) 1982 (correspondence, newspaper photocopies and clippings, membership directory, newsletters).

- 70) 1983 (reports, membership directory, newspaper photocopies and clippings, minutes).
- 71) 1984 (membership directories, correspondence, reports, financial papers, newspaper clippings).
- 72) 1985 (financial statements, reports, membership directory, newspaper clippings).
- 73) 1986 (reports, correspondence, newsletters, newspaper clippings).
- 74) 1987 (minutes, newspaper clippings, financial statements, reports, pamphlet from NWO Region Regional Conference and Scouting Weekend).
- 75) 1988 (reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, membership directory).
- 76) 1989 (membership directory, correspondence, minutes, reports, financial statements, newspaper clippings).
- 77) 1990 (reports, minutes, correspondence, newsletters, newspaper clippings).
- 78) 1991 (minutes, correspondence, newsletters, newspaper clippings).
- 79) 1992 (reports, minutes, newspaper clippings, newsletters).
- 80) 1993 (minutes, newsletters, reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings).
- 81) 1994 (newsletters, newspaper clippings).
- 82) 1995 (newsletters, minutes, newspaper clippings, biography of Lord Baden-Powell).
- 83) 1996 (reports, minutes, newspaper clippings, correspondence).
- 84) 1997 (minutes, reports, newspaper clippings including 'Jamboree' coverage).
- 85) 1998 (minutes, newspaper clippings).
- 86) 1999 (minutes, newspaper photocopies, biographical information about Lord Baden-Powell).

Series 67/2/1-25: Records, 40 cm, 1891-1998 (original).

24 files of miscellaneous records pertaining to prominent individuals in the local Boy Scouts movement. Contents include newspaper clippings and photocopies, biographies and biographical notes, obituary notices, and a small amount of correspondence. Organized alphabetically.

- 1) Bowles, Dr. Gordon (1926-1993).
- 2) Chapple, John (1926-1994).
- 3) Charnock, E. G. (1911-1996).
- 4) Copp, Harold (1908-1998).
- 5) Ellard, H. W. (1908-1997).
- 6) Ellard, George and Walter (1925-1992).
- 7) Ellard, Mrs. H. W. (1924-1987).
- 8) Fryer, Jack (1911-1991).
- 9) Grey Wolf (1923-1984).

- 10) Hardiman, Dr. B. C. (1921-1989).
- 11) Hastings, Dr. L. E. (1955-1971).
- 12) Kirkup, R. S. (1908-1992).
- 13) Leblanc, R. J. (1921-1994).
- 14) Lockwood, Harold (1934-1995).
- 15) McCullough, Dr. C. C. (1906-1975).
- 16) McIntosh, J. D. (1942-1995).
- 17) Patterson, N. M. (1909-1994).
- 18) Polhill, Walter (1925-1994).
- 19) Pow, R. B. (1923-1992).
- 20) Sims, Rev. H. A. (1921-1992).
- 21) Spittlehouse, Joseph F. (1931-1979).
- 22) Stewart, Dr. A. D. (1900-1964).
- 23) Wayland, E. R. (1896-1990).
- 24) Young, S. C. (1891-1988).
- 25) Halliday, E. B. (1919-1995).

Series E 67/3/1-6: Records, 13 cm, 1907-1989 (original).

6 files of records pertaining to G. R. Duncan, documenting his life, business, and his involvement in the local scouting movement. Records span the years 1907 to 1989; organized chronologically.

- 1) 1907-1920 (biography, newspaper photocopies and clippings).
- 2) 1921-1924 (newspaper photocopies).
- 3) 1925-1927 (newspaper photocopies).
- 4) 1928-1933 (newspaper photocopies).
- 5) 1934-1941 (newspaper photocopies).
- 6) G. R. Duncan misc., 1932-1949 (newspaper photocopies and clippings, biography, correspondence, and an Official Scouts exercise book from 1932).

Series E 67/4/1-33: Records and 5 ½" floppy discs, 20 cm, 1909-1999 (original).

17 duotangs of biographical information on prominent individuals involved with the local Scouts movement. Some have related newspaper clippings and photocopies inside. Also, 16 5 ½" floppy discs containing (presumably) the same information. Organized alphabetically.

- 1) John Chapple
- 2) Charnock
- 3) G. R. Duncan
- 4) Fairbridge
- 5) Jack Farrell
- 6) Flying Club
- 7) Grey Wolf
- 8) Dr. B. C. Hardiman
- 9) Kirkup

- 10) Dr. C. C. McCullough
- 11) N. M. Patterson
- 12) R. B. Pow
- 13) H. A. Sims
- 14) Spittlehouse
- 15) Dr. A. D. Stewart
- 16) E. R. Wayland
- 17) Col. S. C. Young
- 18) E.R. Bingham (5 ½ " floppy)
- 19) Farrell (5 ½ " floppy)
- 20) Chapple- Joe (5 ½ " floppy)
- 21) Charnock (5 ½ " floppy)
- 22) Grey Wolf (5 ½ " floppy)
- 23) Kirkup (5 ½ " floppy)
- 24) Labelle (5 ½ " floppy)
- 25) Roddy Leblanc (5 ½ " floppy)
- 26) McCullough- Fairbridge (5 ½ " floppy)
- 27) Paterson (5 ½ " floppy)
- 28) Pow (5 ½ " floppy)
- 29) Sims- Halliday- Hardiman (5 ½ " floppy)
- 30) Spittlehouse (5 ½ " floppy)
- 31) Dr. A. D. Stewart (5 ½ " floppy)
- 32) Wayland (5 ½ " floppy)
- 33) 60-85 (5 ½ " floppy)

Series E 67/5/1-9: Minute books, 20 cm, 1925-1957 (original).

Eight minute books of the 3rd Fort William District Boy Scouts Troop, based at St. Paul's Anglican Church, spanning the years 1925 to 1957, but missing years 1933 to 1935.. 6 of the books contain minutes of general meetings, and a small number of pictures and clippings that have been affixed on to the pages. 2 of the books contain minutes of the 'Court of Honour'. In good condition, and organized chronologically.

- 1) Minutes, General Meetings, 1925-1932.
- 2) Minutes, General Meetings, 1936-1939.
- 3) Minutes, General Meetings, 1939-1944.
- 4) Minutes, General Meetings, 1944-1946.
- 5) Minutes, General Meetings, 1946-1949.
- 6) Minutes, General Meetings, 1949-1957.
- 7) Minutes, Court of Honour, 1936-1944.
- 8) Minutes, Court of Honour, 1944-1946.
- 9) Minutes, General Meeting, 1959-1969.

Series E 67/6/1-2: Minute books, 4 cm, 1921-1944 (original).

Two minute books of the Fort William District Boy Scouts Association, spanning the years 1921 to 1944. Contents include minutes of annual

and regular meetings, noting those present, motions put forward, and whether these motions were defeated, carried, or deferred. Also, officers for each year are listed, and a few year end financial statements are included within the two books. The binding of the 2nd book is detached, and pages are loose. The 1st book is in good condition, but missing pages from January 1925 to March 1927. Organized chronologically.

1) 1921-1929.

2) 1930-1944.

Series E 67/7/1-2: Cash books, 4 cm, 1934-1942 (original).

2 cash books used by the Fort William District Boy Scouts Association between 1934 and 1942. Contents include entries for the deposit and withdrawal of funds (amounts and intended purpose/ source noted), details of expenditures, and bank balances. Some pages are detached from binding. Organized chronologically.

1) 1934-1936.

2) 1937-1942.

Series E 67/8/1-3: Miscellanea, 40 cm, 1939-1997 (original).

1) 3 ½ " floppy discs - 5 in total, inside 1 envelope. Labelled 'Scouters', 'Young', 'G. R. Duncan', 'Grey Wolf/ Street names of Thunder Bay', and 'Scout his'. Labelled by Jack de Boer.

2) film reels - 3 canisters of film. Labelled '1946 Visit by Chief Scout Lord Rowallan, Exhibition Grounds Fort William', 'First Canadian Jamboree, Ottawa 1939, Boy Scouts Fort William', and 'First Canadian Jamboree, Ottawa 1939 Boy Scouts Fort William'.

3) Box of annual reports, minutes of meetings, and newsletters from the Port Arthur District Council, 1965-1986; NWO Regional Council Annual Reports 1968-1971; Thunder Bay Scouting newsletters 1975-1989; one file for the 1980 Greenmantle Camporee; minutes, correspondence, and miscellaneous papers from the NWO Regional Camporee 1984; histories of local troops, important sites, and programs relating to the local scouting movement; 'Scout Rap' newsletter for the NWO region, September 1994 to May 1997. Organized in a generally chronological manner.

Series E67/9/1-2: Contact information, 4cm, 1964-1984 (originals and photocopies)

1) 1964-75

2) 1980-84

Series E67/10/1-10: Annual pack records, 4cm, 1961-1968

Record books for the 6th Fort William pack showing the activities of various scout packs including information such as rosters, awards, transfers, promotions, badges, attendance, budgets, and pack movements.

1) Dec. 1961- June 1962 -A Pack

2) Oct. 1961- June 1962 -B Pack

- 3) Sept. 1962- Nov. 1962 -A Pack
- 4) Sept. 1962- June 1963 -B Pack
- 5) Sept. 1963- Oct. 1964 -B Pack
- 6) Sept. 1964- Jan. 1966 -A Pack
- 7) Oct. 1965- June 1966
- 8) Oct. 1965- Dec. 1966
- 9) Nov. 1966- June 1967
- 10) Sept. 1967- Jan. 1968

Series E67/11/1-4: Programme Info (correspondence, clippings, etc.), 7cm, 1930-1981, 1992

- 1) Rover Scouts, 1930-1984
- 2) Scout Challenge Program, 1967-1969
- 3) Scout Challenge Program, 1970-1978
- 4) Beaver newsletters, 1978-1981

Series E67/12/1-16: Branch histories, 12cm, c.1960s
Clipping, registrations, enrollments and other records for specific packs

- 1) 1140 - 8th Broadway
- 2) 647 - 23rd Edgewater
- 3) 1st Baptist
- 4) 11th Fort William First Church United
- 5) 15th Fort William First Presbyterian
- 6) 16th Fort William Westmount
- 7) 4002 - 31st Fort William, 1st Kakabeka
- 8) 1649 - 12th Knox United
- 9) 4434 - 33rd Fort William Twinhaven
- 10) 4387 - 30th Fort William Murillo
- 11) 324 - 1st Neebing
- 12) 3086 - 29th Fort William 1st Nolalu
- 13) 666 - 24th Nor-Thunder
- 14) 22nd Fort William Northwood
- 15) 385 - 27th Fort William 1st Paipoonge
- 16) 615 - 20th Fort William February 9, 20th St. Martin's
- 17) 723 - 4th Fort William, St. Andrews
- 18) 590 - 18th Fort William, St. Anne's
- 19) 4406 - 32nd Fort William, St. Jude
- 20) 372 - 1st Fort William, St. Luke
- 21) 315 - 5th Fort William, St. Patrick's
- 22) 139 - 3rd Fort William, St. Paul's
- 23) 748 - 6th Fort William, St. Thomas
- 24) 672 - 25th Seafarers
- 25) 358, 3rd South Neebing, Nor'westers
- 26) 4230 - 1st Vale
- 27) 1064 - 7th Wesley

28) 1600 - 10th Westfort Community Centre

Series E67/13/1-4: Memorial files, 8 cm, c.1953-1988

- 1) Documents such as clippings and letters relating to memorials to Harry Cikalik and Jack Evans.
- 2) Harry W. Ellard (Grey Wolf) memorial
- 3) Harry E. Knobel - Loon Lake camp
- 4) Pointe de Meuron monument

Series E67/14/1-14: Charter registrations, 9 cm, 1959-1980

Registration forms, applications and correspondence relating to several boy scouts and cubs troops and packs, filed in 14 folders and arranged chronologically.

Biographical Sketch:

On July 15th, 1910, during a Y. M. C. A. organized camping excursion for boys interested in the scouting movement, the first two patrols of Boy Scouts in the Thunder Bay District came into being. While the scouting movement had been advertised and advocated locally before this date, little in the way of organizing a troop had been accomplished. The Scout's oath was administered, and a number of boys became either members of Eagle Patrol No.1 of Fort William, or Wolf Patrol No. 2 of Port Arthur.

In Fort William, a Scout Council was finally organized on December 12th, 1910, with Major E. R. Wayland presiding. Early troops to come under the jurisdiction of this council included the Wesley Boy Scouts, Westfort Boy Scouts (based at St. Thomas church), and the 3rd Fort William Boy Scouts (based at St. Paul's). Many more troops were to follow in the succeeding years.

Local troops followed the directions of the national organization, and to this end the 10th Fort William cubs admitted the first girl cub, Meghan Lewis, in March of 1992. In 1997, the City of Thunder Bay was the site of the Canadian Jamboree, and scouts from all corners of the country camped en masse at Boulevard Lake.

Additional Information:

Custodial History: donated to the Museum by Jack de Boer. For the most part, the organization of the collection as a whole has remained unchanged.

Associated Material: see 2004.60 (photographs and maps).