

Voorheesville Public Library
Local History Collections
Boy Scouts of America Troop 73
(Voorheesville, New York)
Collection, 1920-2007

Location: Mezzanine
Archives Shelves

Introduction

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Total Volume: 6 cubic feet (17 manuscript boxes, 1 large flat box)

Provenance: The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 73 (Voorheesville, NY) Collection was donated to the Voorheesville Public Library in February 2010 by Robin Coughtry, son of Howard C. Coughtry, compiler of the collection. Mr. Coughtry, a resident of New Scotland, master carpenter, Christmas-tree farmer, outdoorsman, and scoutmaster compiled over one hundred binders recording the civic and recreational activities of Troop 73 (Voorheesville, NY). Beginning in the 1960's and continuing into the 1990's Howard C. Coughtry regularly reported to the *Altamont Enterprise* on Troop 73's activities. Drafts of his newspaper articles, photographs, correspondence and miscellaneous printed material comprise the binders. He also kept a smaller quantity of loose photographs, newspaper clippings, broadsides, and certificates documenting the activities of Troop 73's predecessor organization, Troop 1 (1920-1928). Mr. Coughtry acquired photocopies of administrative files including charter applications, renewals, and rosters. He saved ephemera such as neckerchiefs and patches that commemorated significant events and achievements of Troop 73.

Conservation: Material originally housed in binders has been re-housed into acid-free folders and boxes. The number and date scheme used by Mr. Coughtry has been maintained. Pages of glued photographs, and other paper based items have been interleaved with acid-free paper. Newspapers and clippings have been photocopied onto acid-free paper. Individual photographs have been placed in polyester sleeves and re-housed in acid-free enclosures. Oversized material has been flattened, interleaved with tissue, and removed to an oversize acid-free box.

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Access: Open, use of this collection requires advance notice.

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Scope and Content Note

Scope and Content Note: The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 73 (Voorheesville, NY) Collection is comprised of approximately 6 cubic feet of materials documenting the civic and recreational activities of the troop and its predecessor organization Troop 1 (1920-1928). The collection is arranged into five series.

Series Arrangement and Description

Series I, Early Documents (ca.1920-1950) (Box 1, Folders 1-6), includes photographs, newspaper clippings, broadsides, and certificates recording Troop 1's (1920-1928) activities under the leadership of scoutmasters Rev. Paul Morrison and Clayton A. Bouton. Post cards, news clippings, and group portrait document the earliest years of Troop 73.

Series II, Anniversary Material, Charter Applications, Rosters and Scoutmaster Honor Roll (ca.1920-1998) (Box 1, Folders 7-77), contains material relating to the 50th Anniversary of Troop 73, a chronology of troop activities from 1962-1979, photocopies of charter application and renewals, rosters and Scoutmaster Honor Roll.

Series III, Numbered Books 1-19, 22-99, 101 (1962-1999) (Boxes 1-17, Folders 78-274), consists of drafts of newspaper articles written by Howard C. Coughtry for the *Altamont Enterprise*, mounted photographs, correspondence, and miscellaneous printed material recording the civic and recreational activities of Troop 73 (Voorheesville, NY).

Series IV, Photographs and Newspaper Articles (1960-2007) (Box 17, Folders 275-283), holds loose photographs documenting events such as "Howard Coughtry Night", Camporee Valatie, and news clippings including one elegizing Howard C. Coughtry.

Series V, Ephemera and Memorabilia (ca. 1970-1990) (Box 18, Folders 284-291) includes 50th and 75th anniversary patches, neckerchiefs, and other miscellaneous items.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder Number/Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
	<u>Series I Early Documents ca.1920-1950</u>	
1	1/Clayton A. Bouton material	1920-1930, 1970
1	2/Broadside, news clippings, programs, memo	1930's
1	3/Rev. Paul Morrison (first scoutmaster) photos	1920's
1	4/Post card of Stratton Mt., news clipping about Bob Shedd	1950's
1	5/Photos, cards, first class test # 11	1920's-1930's
1	6/Group portrait, negatives of scouts at Camp Allen	1930's, 1950's
	<u>Series II Charter Applications, Rosters & Scoutmaster Honor Roll ca. 1920-1998</u>	
1	7/50 th Anniversary Program	1920-1970
1	8/ Annual Partnership of Understanding	1970
1	9-32/Application for charter and renewal of charter	1920-1946
1	33-51/Application for renewal of charter	1948-1968
1	52/Correspondence	1980-1981, 2007
1	53/Report to American Legion Dept. of New York Scout Committee	1990-1991, 1995
1	54-75/Roster	1972-1998
1	76/Scoutmaster Honor Roll	1920's-1990's

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	<u>Series III , Books 1962-1999</u>	
1	77/Chronology of Troop Activities	1962-1979
1	78/Book # 2 (No Book # 1)	1962-1968
2	79-92/Book # 3 – Book # 9	Dec 1968-Sept 1975
3	93-107/Book # 9 – Book # 14	Oct 1975-June 1978
4	108-123/Book # 15 – Book # 22 (No Books 20-21)	July 1978-April 1981
5	124-136/Book # 23 – Book # 28	May 1981-Feb 1983
6	137-147/Book # 28 – Book # 33	March 1983-June 1984
7	148-157/Book # 34 – Book # 40	July 1984-Jan 1986
8	158-170/Book # 40-Book # 45	Feb 1986-June 1987
9	171-181/Book # 46-Book # 52	July 1987-March 1989
10	182-191/Book # 53-Book # 57	April 1989-April 1990
11	192-204/Book # 58 – Book # 63	May 1990-Sept 1991
12	205-215/Book # 64 – Book # 70	Oct 1991-March 1993
13	216-229/Book # 71 – Book # 77	April 1993-May 1994
14	230-239/Book # 78 – Book # 84	June 1994-June 1995
15	240-251/Book # 84 - Book # 88	July 1995-Feb 1996
16	252-264/Book # 89 – Book # 96	March 1996-May 1997

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	<u>Series III , Books 1962-1999 continued</u>	
17	265-272/Book # 96 – Book # 101 (No Book 100)	June 1997-June 1998
17	273/No Book #	July 1998-Dec 1998
17	274/No Book #	Jan 1999-Nov 1999
	<u>Series IV Photographs& Newspaper Articles ca. 1960-2007</u>	
17	275/Photograph – Troop portrait	2001
17	276/Photographs donated by Frank Person	ca.1960, 1971,1972
17	277/Photographs of “Howard Coughtry Night” donated by Frank Person	March 19, 1973
17	278/Photographs of Camporee Valatie donated by Frank Person	May 1973
17	279/Photographs of scouts and leaders donated by Frank Person	June 1973, Aug 1973
17	280/ Photographs of scouts and leaders donated by Frank Person	Feb 1974, June 1974
17	281/Slides donated by Frank Person	1965, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1980
17	282/News clipping - Ray Ginter receives Silver Beaver Award	2004
17	283/ News clipping “Coughtry Mourned” March 27, 2007	2007

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	<u>Series V Ephemera & Memorabilia</u> <u>ca. 1970's-1990's</u>	
18	284/Plastic "Merry Christmas" sign	undated
	<u>Series V Ephemera & Memorabilia</u> <u>ca. 1970's-1990's continued</u>	
18	285/"Head Pancake Cooker (Mr. C.)" hat; announcement honoring Tom Roe	undated
18	286/Three 50 th and 75 th anniversary (1920-1970) patches	1970, 1995
18	287/Neckerchief 50 th Anniversary (1920-1950)	1970
18	288/Neckerchief 1972 Newfoundland Expedition	1972
18	289/Neckerchief 1973 Harbour Grace, Newfoundland	1973
18	290/Neckerchief donated by Roger Goodrow	undated
18	291/Neckerchief	undated