

MJ-131

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen fonds. – 1889-1952; predominate 1910-1931. – 52.3 cm of textual records.

Boxes H-94 - H-100, V-178

Administrative History

During the formative years of railway construction, railway employees frequently worked in poor conditions for insufficient pay. In 1883, the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen was formed in Oneonta, New York to represent railway brakemen in their contract dealings with management. Their goal was to obtain fair contracts for the workers, which included benefits in the case of injury or death on the job. The Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen became the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in 1889 in order to include all kinds of railway employees. They represented workers in 14 different trade classifications. In 1885 the first Canadian lodge was founded in Moncton, New Brunswick and in 1889 the first Ladies' Auxiliary was organized in Fort Gratiot, Michigan. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen merged with three other railway labour unions in 1969 to form the United Transportation Union. It was the largest of the four unions at the time of the merger. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was present in Saskatchewan and the Moose Jaw assembly was Lodge #34.

Fonds Level Scope and Content

This fonds contains the records of the Brotherhood of the Railroad Trainmen at Moose Jaw Lodge #34. It consists of financial ledgers, attendance registers and minute books from 1889-1952. Many of the minute books include member lists, attendance records and election results.

Conservation Note

This fonds was re-boxed and wrapped in mylar in 2012.

Physical Condition

The majority of the material in this fonds is in bound volumes. The bindings of many of the volumes are in poor physical condition.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

This material was donated by Harold Davey and G. A. Richmond in 1987.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Series Level Scope and Content

MJ-131/1 Membership and Meetings

Dates: 1898-1952 ; predominate 1898-1926.

Extent: 41.3 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This series consists of membership and attendance registers. Is also includes minutes from the Moose Jaw lodge meetings as well as the general committee meetings, organized by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen with representatives from lodges across Canada, which took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The minute books also include member lists, attendance records and election results.

MJ-131/2 Financial Records

Dates: 1901-1918.

Extent: 11.0 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This series includes five ledgers from Moose Jaw lodge #34. The ledgers are organized by members' name and include information about fees for dues and grievances.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box H-94

001 – Minute Book. – 1898-1903. – 2 cm

002 – Minute Book. – 1906-1911. – 2.5 cm

003 – Minute Book. – 1910-1911. – .8 cm

004 – Minute Book. – 1914-1917. – 3 cm

Box H-95

005 – Minute Book. – 1918-1922. – 3.5 cm

006 – Minute Book. – 1922-1926. – 3 cm

Box H-96

007 – Minute Book. – 1927-1931. – 3 cm

008 – Minute Book. – 1942-1946. – 3 cm

Box H-97

009 – Minute Book. – 1946-1949. – 3.5 cm

010 – Minute Book. – 1949-1952. – 3 cm

Box H-98

011 – Membership and Policy Register. – 1889. – 1 cm

012 – Attendance Register. – 1923-1928. – 1.5 cm

013 – Attendance Register. – 1928-1939. – 2 cm

014 – Ledger. – 1898-1900. – 3 cm

Box H-99

015 – Ledger. – 1901-1903. – 2.5 cm

016 – Ledger. – 1911-1913. – 3 cm

Box H-100

017 – Ledger. – 1912-1918. – 3 cm

018 – Ledger. – 1918-1919. – 2.5 cm

Box V-178

019 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1926. – .5 cm

020 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1923. – .5 cm

021 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1920. – 1 cm

022 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1917-1918. – 2 cm

023 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1917. – .5 cm

024 – Minutes – General Committee. – 1926. – .5 cm

025 – Supplemental Minutes – General Committee. – 1926. – 1 cm

026 - Minutes - General Committee. - 1926. - .5 cm