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Sprigs O' Heather fonds. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1970-2003. – ca. 40 p. of textual records. – 1 b&w photographs. – 14 drawings.

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Biographical history

The Sprigs O' Heather girls pipe band was conceived of in Moose Jaw in 1953 by Sheila Scott, Alice Matheison, and instructor Robert Shepherd. The first practice was held in the old City Hall building that Fall. The practice location was changed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepherd. A drum section was added in 1955 as membership continued to increase. Drumming instruction was provided by Gordon Meldrum, and a practice location for drumming was provided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum. The group officially formed in 1956.

The Moose Jaw Girl's Pipe Band Society was formed in 1956 and had been the governing and financing body for the Sprigs O' Heather since March 20, 1976.

Sprigs O' Heather performed across Canada, and also travelled to Scotland to perform. The group celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1981 Sprigs O' Heather eventually dissolved in the late 1980's, and the Heather Highlanders pipe band was formed from some of its members. This group lasted only a few years, but its executive member contributed money to the creation of a Moose Jaw mural commemorating girls pipe bands in Moose Jaw.

Scope and content

This fonds contains commemorative booklets, event programs, newspaper clippings, drawings, and photographs of the Sprigs O' Heather girls pipe band.

Conservation note

This fonds was foldered and boxed in 2017.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

The material was donated to the archives by Joyce L. Sauter as part of accession 50.2017 on August 8, 2013.

Associated materials

Photographs 2017-337 - 2017-338 have been added to the main photograph collection.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

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001 – Pamphlets and Booklets. – 1981-[199-?]. – 39 p.

002 – Newspaper Clippings. – [199-?]-March 2003. – 3 p.

003 – Drawings. – 1981. – 14 drawings. – 1 p.

004 – Photographs. – July 1970. – 1 photograph.