

DC Police Department Scrapbooks Collection

An inventory of DC Police Department Scrapbooks at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

Repository:	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
Creator:	District of Columbia. Police Department
Title:	D.C. Police Department Scrapbooks Collection
ID:	069
Date [inclusive]:	1939-1948
Physical Description:	3 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

In 1790, the Federal City was established out of land ceded from Maryland and Virginia. For the next 10 years, Washington, D.C. was policed by law enforcement officers from those two states. In 1802, the city was given the power to enforce its own laws, although this was to be accomplished with only 15 officers. In 1861, the Metropolitan Police Department was established and continues to this day. The first arrest under the department was for a charge of intoxication (Source: Metropolitan Police Department Website: Brief History of the MPDC).

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Scope and Contents

The four scrapbooks that make up this collection contain clippings, programs, and photographs documenting the successes and failures of the Metropolitan Police Department. Also included in these scrapbooks are clippings related to the King and Queen of England.

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Arrangement

Processed without series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Custodial History

It is unknown whether these scrapbooks were maintained by the Metropolitan Police Department or by the staff of the Library.

Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Scrapbooks
- Ephemera
- Photographs
- Police

Collection Inventory

Series 1			
Title/Description		Instances	
Scrapbook, 1939-1941		Box 1	Folder 1
Scrapbook, 1941-1942		Box 1	Folder 2
Scrapbook, 1946-1947		Box 2	Folder 1
Scrapbook, 1947-1948		Box 2	Folder 2

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