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# **District of Columbia Police Department Scrapbooks Collection**

## **An inventory of District of Columbia Police Department Scrapbooks at DC Public Library**

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People's Archive, MLK Library

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	District of Columbia. Police Department
<b>Title:</b>	District of Columbia Police Department Scrapbooks Collection
<b>ID:</b>	069
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1939-1948
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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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

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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

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. Collection title changed from D.C. Police Department Scrapbook Collection to District of Columbia Police Department Scrapbook Collection. 2020-7-16  
2021-03-02

### 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

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- Scrapbooks
- Ephemera
- Photographs
- Police

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## Collection Inventory

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### 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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