

Women=s Patriotic Association, Trinity Branch, fonds. - 1918 - 1995 (inclusive), 1939 - 1945 (predominant). - 8 cm textual records.

Administrative history

The Women=s Patriotic Association (W. P.A.) was formed in 1914 by Lady Davidson, wife of the Governor of Newfoundland. Its purpose was to provide assistance to men serving overseas and to dependents at home, by knitting garments, preparing bandages and raising funds for materials. The W.P.A. was dissolved in 1921, but was re-formed in 1939 under the direction of Lady Walwyn. The Trinity Branch was formed at that time. From 1939 to 1945 members of the Branch made quantities of knitted goods for men serving overseas. The Branch remained active throughout the period of the Second World War. In 1948 the Association disbanded. Any remaining funds were donated to the Red Cross Society.

Source: Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador; W. P.A. fonds

Scope and content

The fonds represents the Trinity Branch of the WPA in Newfoundland., and consists of two printed annual reports of the WPA, Newfoundland, 1918 and 1945, a small amount of correspondence, knitting patterns and records of material issued and work returned. There is also a file of news clippings relating to members of the armed forces from the Trinity area, including some obituaries. The fonds was assembled by Rupert Morris and contained some items which have been removed.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated to the Trinity Historical Society by Rupert Morris.

Other forms of the name are The Patriotic Association of the Women of Newfoundland.

Items removed from the fonds are: a photocopy of a chart entitled "Vessels lost by enemy action, 1939-1945"; Fred Mifflin, MP for Bonavista Trinity Conception, Report 24 re July 1st 1996 memorial in France; *Newfoundland and Labrador, 400 Years Later: a statistical portrait*, St. John=s, 1983.

1.01 Ladies in charge of afternoon tea, 1940 - 1946

A record of the ladies who were in charge of the afternoon teas, as well as the amount of money collected at each gathering. The book also lists the items that were knitted by the women of the Association and when they were forwarded to headquarters in St. John=s.

1.02 Record of materials issued and work returned, 1939 - 1946

An alphabetical record of women who were issued materials to knit items such as sweaters, pullovers, mitts, helmets, socks and the amount of items that were returned made from the material that they had been given.

1.03 Knitting patterns

Patterns for seamen=s mitts, double knitted mitts, RAF sweater, hurricane mitts, crew neck sweater, pullovers, seamen=s sweater and socks. A list of women and the items that each one made.

1.04 Annual reports of the WPA, 1918, 1945

The annual reports record the lists of various women on committees, the executive of the branches across Newfoundland, work of the outport branches 1917 - 1918, Secretary and Treasurer reports and reports of various committees.

1.05 Correspondence, 1942 - 1944

Correspondence concerning the raising of funds for the Caribou Hut and a financial report for 1944.

1.06 Clippings and Publications, 1916 - 1917

A copy of the Newfoundland Quarterly for December 1916 which contains articles and pictures on the Newfoundland Regiment. A souvenir programme of a concert that was held in 1917 in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund.

Location: Women=s Patriotic Association Fonds.