

Church Lads' Brigade fonds. - 1912 - 2010. – 116.8 cm textual records.

Administrative history

The Church Lads' Brigade was established in Fulham Parish, London by W. M. Gee, who was to become the first Colonel of the Brigade. The objective of the Brigade was "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among lads of all classes, the promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards Christian manliness." Mr. Harold Blackler made the suggestion to the Right Rev. Llewellyn Jones about forming a company in Newfoundland and on November 18, 1892 the St. John's Brigade became the first overseas member in the British Empire. The organizations motto, "Fight the Good Fight" was taken from the text of Ephesians and the Brigade was formed along para-military lines, using Imperial Army drill.

The Trinity East - Port Rexton Church Lads' Brigade (C.L.B.) Company #3805 began in 1912 under the command of Dr. Conrad T. Fitzgerald. Its goal is to bring together the youth of the community into an environment that promotes goodwill, discipline, self-respect and genuine Christian character.

The C.L.B. while once only a boys organization is now open to both boys and girls ages 5-19 and is divided into the following units: Little Training Corps (L.T.C), ages 5&6; Youth Training Corps (Y.T.C.), ages 7-9; Junior Training Corps (J.T.C.), ages 10-12; Senior Corps (S.C.), ages 13-19; and Officers, ages 19 and over.

Custodial history

Material was held by the company or various officers in the company until it was donated to the Trinity Historical Society by the members of the Church Lads' Brigade Co. in October of 2006 and November 2007.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of enrollment materials 1912 - 1927, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956-1958, 1961-1966, 1967-1990, 1993-1997, 1999-2000, 2002, 2003-2006, 2008; minutes 1912- 1916, 1940 - 1957; parade books, 1912 - 1919, 1923, 1931-1945; correspondence 1924 - 1926, 1930, 1936-1939, 1942, 1946-1949, 1950-1963, 1968-1971, 1974-1977, 1980-1991, 1992-2010; income and expenditures 1915, 1924-1926, 1935-1936, 1939, 1943-1946, 1947-1958, 1961-1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2003-2004; attendance records 1936-1937, 1939-1941, 1953-1957, 1962-1967, 1968-1970, 1974-1975, 1979-1984, 1986-1992, 1998, 1999; membership cards 1961-1989, 1992-1993, 2003-2009; The Bugle 1980-1984, 1992-1993, 1995, 1997-1999, 2002-2007, 2009-2010. and Miscellaneous 1912, 1923, 1926-1928, 1935, 1939-1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1966-1968, 1970-1971, 1980-1988, 1990-1992, 1995, 1997. Scrapbooks 1991-1999; 100th Anniversary Exhibit.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Location

The Church Lads Brigade Fonds can be found in Section E Shelf 5&6 boxes 1-6.

Series 1: Enrollment Forms. - 1912-1927, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956-1958, 1961-1966, 1967-1990, 1993-1997, 1999-2000, 2002, 2003-2006, 2008. -10.5 cm

The series contains the first roll book that belonged to the C.L.B. company and contains information on the name of each boy that enrolled in the company, the number assigned to him, date of enrollment and admission and the date and cause of discharge for each member.

The series also contains consent forms from parents and applications for membership to the company.

Series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 1.01 Roll Book, 1912-1927
- 1.02 Consent forms, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1961-1966, 1995, 1999-2000, 2002
- 1.03 Application for Membership, 1956-1958, 1967-1990, 1993-1997, 2003-2006, 2008

Series 2: Minutes. - 1912-1916, 1940-1957 . - 3.0 cm

Contains the minutes of the C.L.B. from 1912-1916 and 1940-1957. The minutes record the happenings and decisions that were made by the company as well as when each parade was held and the location. The records also contain information on when the parade was and who and how many people attended.

Series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 2.01 Minutes, 1912 - 1916
- 2.02 Minutes, 1940 - 1957
- 2.03 Parade Book, 1912- 1919
- 2.04 Parade Book, 1923
- 2.05 Parade Book, 1931- 1945

Series 3: Correspondence. - 1924 - 1926, 1930, 1936-1939, 1942, 1946-1949,1950-1963,1968-1971,1974-1977, 1980-1991, 1992-2010. - 8.5 cm

Correspondence that was received and sent from the C.L.B to various organizations and people.

Series 4: Income and Expenditures. -1915, 1924-1926, 1935-1936, 1939, 1943- 1946, 1947-1958, 1961-1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986-1996, 1997, 1999, 2003-2004. - 10 cm

The material consists of the income, expenditures and membership dues of the C.L.B. members.

This series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 4.01 Invoices, 1915, 1924-1926, 1939, 1947-1958, 1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986, 1989, 1992-1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2003-2004

- 4.02 The Church Lads Brigade Stock Book, 1935-1936
- 4.03 Income Expenditures, 1943-1945
- 4.04 Income Expenditures, 1946-1957
- 4.05 Income Expenditures, 1986-1996
- 4.06 Money Records, 1961-1966
- 4.07 Money Records, 1962-1963
- 4.08 Cash Account, 1967-1977
- 4.09 Cash Account, 1977-1978
- 4.10 Financial Report, 2003-2004

Series 5: Attendance. - 1936-1937, 1939-1991, 1953-1957, 1962-1967, 1968-1970, 1974-1975, 1979-1984, 1986-1992, 1998, 1999. – 20.5 cm.

This file contains the attendance of the members of the C.L.B. from 1936 to 1999.

The series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 5.01 Attendance Records
- 5.02 Attendance Lists
- 5.03 Nominal Roll
- 5.04 Index Cards

5.01 Attendance Records. - 1953-1957, 1962-1965, 1968-1970, 1974-1975. - 2.5 cm.

Sub-series consist of books of attendance records.

- 5.01.001 1953 - 1957, Squad I to IV
- 5.01.002 1962 - 1963, Squad I
- 5.01.003 1962 - 1963, Squad II
- 5.01.004 1962 - 1964, J.T.C.
- 5.01.005 1964, Squad I and J.T.C.
- 5.01.006 1964 - 1965, Squad I and J.T.C.
- 5.01.007 1968 - 1970, C.L.B and J.T.C.
- 5.01.008 1974 - 1975, C.L.B. and J.T.C.

5.02 Attendance Lists. - 1936-1937, 1939-1991. - 0.5 cm.

Sub-series contain a list of members in the C.L.B. from 1936-1937 and 1939-1991.

5.03 Nominal Roll. - 1936-1939, 1963-1967, 1979-1984, 1986-1992, 2002-2004 -1.5 cm.

Sub-series contains a list of names and numbers enrolled in the Trinity East - Port Rexton C.L.B. for that corresponding year, as well as a list of numbers enrolled in each group in the entire Avalon Battalion.

5.04 Attendance Cards. - 1933-1934, 1936, 1937-1938, 1966-2008. - 16 cm.

Sub-series contains attendance cards for each C.L.B. meeting.

Series 6: Membership Cards. 1961- 1989. -2.0 cm

This series contains membership cards for each member of the C.L.B. from 1961 - 1989 stating their name, Lads' number, age when enrolled and date of recruitment and when discharged.

6.01 1961-1989

6.02 2003-2009

6.03 Members Due Cards 1992-1993

Series 7: Order Books.-1913-1916, 1923-1924, 1925, 1928-1929, 1955-1982, 1961-1962, 1966-1968, 1972,1983,1984 - 1999,1994 - 1999. -18 cm.

This series contains the order books for the C.L.B which records various orders from the company officers and the battalion headquarters respecting various aspects of the business of the C.L.B. that have to be followed.

The series is further divided into the following sub-series:

7.01 1913-1916

7.02 1923-1924

7.03 1925

7.04 1928-1929

7.05 1955-1982

7.06 1961-1962

7.07 1966-1968

7.08 1972

7.09 1983

7.10 1984-1991

7.11 1992-1993

7.12 1994-1999

7.13 2000-2009

Series 8: The Bugle 1980-1984, 1992-1993, 1995, 1997-1999, 2002-2007, 2009- 2010. - 3.0cm.

The Bugle is the newsletter for the C.L.B. and contains information on various activities, events, fundraisers, orders and parades of various companies of the Brigade in the province.

Series 9: Miscellaneous 1912, 1923,1926-1928,1935,1939-1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1966-1968,1970-1971,1980-1988,1990-1992,1995,1997-2000,2001-2006. -12.8 cm.

This series contains various admission and discharge certificates, commissioning certificates, a Church Lads' Brigade promise, and a list of rectors who served the parish from 1979 - 1993.

This series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 9.01 Certificates, 1912,1923,1926,1928,1935,1939,1967
- 9.02 Various forms 1927, 1966-1968, 1970-1971, 1982,1985,1987,1990
- 9.03 Various forms 1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1980-1988, 1990-1992, 1995, 1997-2000, 2003-2004, 2006-2009
- 9.04 Evaluations and Badge Work
- 9.05 Annual Reports 1997-1999, 2001-2006

Series 10: Church Lad's Brigade Scrapbooks 1991-1999. 28.5 cm.

This series contains photographs of various trips, events, activities and Parades of the Church Lads Brigade.

Series 11: 100th Anniversary Exhibit

In 2012 the Trinity Museum housed an exhibit to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Trinity East-Port Rexton Church Lad's Brigade Company #3805 (1912-2012). Items in this file were used as part of the exhibit.