

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

A Guide to the Albany's Early Days of Running Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Albany's Early Days of Running Papers

Call Number: MG 224

Creator: Paul Murray and Nick Dunn

Inclusive Dates: 1916 - 1990

Bulk Dates: 1916-1939

Abstract: This collection contains a scrapbook and scholarly papers relating to sports, specifically running and the Albany Mercury Club in Albany, NY.

Quantity: 1 Manuscript box, containing 1 folder and 1 scrapbook.

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Paul Murray.

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Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: None

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Index Term

Persons

Benoit, Joan
DeGloria, Johnny
DeMar, Clarence
Dunn, Nick
Kelly, Johnny
Mahar, George
Murray, Paul
Rodgers, Bill

Organizations

Adirondack Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (A.A.U.)
Albany Mercury Club – Albany – New York

Subjects

Sports - Running

Places

Albany – New York – United States
Boston – Massachusetts – United States

Document Types

Scrapbook
Scholarly Papers

Titles

Biography/History of

The Scrapbook, created by Nick Dunn, historian for the Albany Mercury Club, records the early history of the Albany Mercury Club through news clippings. The Albany Mercury Club was created by runners for runners, held many athletic relay games for students, and was known as a track and field organization. The scrapbook highlights individual runners as well as major events that were sponsored by the Albany Mercury Club. The club was organized in the fall of 1932 to bring local runners together for team competition and to promote major running events. George Mahar was the founder, president, coach and primary organizer of the club. Although he was not an active runner, he channeled his energies into race promotion and organization.

Also in this collection are scholarly papers written in the 1980's by Paul Murray, Associate Professor of Sociology at Siena College. The papers are mostly about the Albany Mercury Club and the history of running in Albany, NY. One or two of the papers highlight the unsung hero of running in Albany, Johnny DeGloria.

Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection

This collection contains a scrapbook and scholarly papers relating to sports, specifically running and the Albany Mercury Club in Albany, NY.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

Related Material

None

Separated Materials

None

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series # [MG 224] . **Series Title** [Albany's Early Days of Running]

Box #	Folder #	Item #.	Title / Description
1			Scrapbook
1	1		Scholarly papers by Paul Murray
1	1		National Championship Run Official Entry Form
1	1		Letter to Mr. Dunn Jr from John A. Kelley