

**Collection #
M 1114**

**INDIANAPOLIS BOY SCOUT TROOP #32
RECORDS, 1934–1977**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 2 photograph folders, 2 color photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1934–1977

PROVENANCE: Luther Hall and Crowell Shelton, Indianapolis, IN, 2003

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Donors Luther Hall and Crowell Shelton were scoutmasters of Troop #32 which served the African American community, especially before desegregation.

Luther E. Hall, Jr. was assistant Scout master of Troop 32. In March 1977, he received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest Boy Scout award an adult can receive. It was presented to him by Earl Weaver and Crowell Shelton (both previous recipients) following the Annual T-Sunganni Appreciation dinner.

Crowell W. Shelton was A.S.M. Troop 5 from 26 July 1934 to 25 July 1935 and then scoutmaster of Troop 32 from 25 July 1935 to November 1947.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection of Boy Scout Troop #32 and Explorer Scout Post #32, Indianapolis, Indiana, includes charter applications, membership records, financial records, misc. correspondence, newspaper clippings, camp and other event materials, and a small number of photographs.

The collection is divided into series based on the subject matter of the material. It should be noted that this collection is incomplete. It is missing some records from various years. When possible, the years included are so noted.

Series 1 includes troop charter applications, scout tenure records, and individual scout records for 1950–1954.

Series 2 includes scout record books for Boy Scout Troop #32 and Explorer Scout Post #32.

Series 3 includes financial records for Boy Scout Troop #32 and Explorer Scout Post #32.

Series 4 contains 34 photographs, including four color and thirty black and white. Some are identified, but many are not.

Series 5 includes a lot of miscellaneous materials, including correspondence, scout applications, merit badge reports, summer camps, newspaper clippings, and other misc. troop materials.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Troop #32 Charter Applications, Scout Tenure Records, and Individual Scout Records

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Scout Tenure Records, 1934–1952	Box 1, Folder 2
Individual Boy Scout/Explorer Scout Records, 1950–1954	Box 1, Folder 3

Series 2: Troop Record Books

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Simplified Troop Record Books, 1950–1958	Box 1, Folder 4
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Troop Record Books, 1970–1972, 1974	Box 1, Folder 6
Explorer Post #32 Simplified Troop Record Books, 1953–1957	Box 1, Folder 7
Explorer Post #32 Troop Record Books, 1964	Box 1, Folder 8

Series 3: Troop Financial Records

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Troop Financial Record Books, 1951–1954	Box 1, Folder 9
Troop Financial Record Books, 1964, 1966, 1970	Box 1, Folder 10
Troop #32 Misc. Financial Records	Box 1, Folder 11
Simplified Troop Record Books, 1950–1958	Box 1, Folder 4
Troop Record Books, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1967–1969	Box 1, Folder 5
Troop Record Books, 1970–1972, 1974	Box 1, Folder 6
Troop Financial Record Books, 1951–1954	Box 1, Folder 9
Troop Financial Record Books, 1964, 1966, 1970	Box 1, Folder 10

Troop #32 Misc. Financial Records

Box 1, Folder 11

Series 4: Photographs

CONTENTS

Identified Photographs, 1939–77
[Total of 16 photographs. Mostly group photographs of indoor scout meetings at School #17 or in gym B of Crispus Attucks High School.]

[Fletcher Robinson attending National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch in California, 1953]

[Luther E. Hall, Jr. after receiving his Silver Beaver Award, 24 Mar. 1977]

Unidentified Photographs, n.d.
[14 photographs, mostly of groups of boys and young men participating in outdoor activities or indoor scout meetings. One photograph is of boys wearing full gear in front of an airplane.]

Photographs of Fletcher Robinson, ca. 1953
[Robinson in uniform in front of tents and building, probably at National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch in California]
[Robinson in uniform, standing at what appears to be the Grand Canyon]

Unidentified Group Photographs, n.d.
[Younger boys in schoolroom]
[Older boys eating around campfire]

Series 5: Misc Troop Materials

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Applications to Become a Boy Scout, Explorer Scout or Transfer, ca. 1940's

Applications to Become a Boy Scout, Explorer Scout or Transfer, ca. 1950's

Reports of Official Troop Board of Review

Troop #32 Merit, Service, and Membership Records

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Color Photographs
Folder 1

Color Photographs
Folder 2

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Troop #32 Misc. Correspondence, Bulletins, Scout Master Meeting Minutes	Box 2, Folder 5
Newspaper Clippings referencing Boy Scouts	Box 2, Folder 6
Troop #32 Summer Camp, Camp Belzer, 1955	Box 2, Folder 7
Troop #32 Benefit Tea Materials, 1953	Box 2, Folder 8
Rally Events ca. 1940's	Box 2, Folder 9
Camping Program Records, ca. 1940's	Box 2, Folder 10
Songs, Poems, Lectures, Learning Materials	Box 2, Folder 11
Reprints from "Boy's Life": Patrol Ideas and First Aid Skills	Box 2, Folder 12

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1114).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.