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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-3671

CREATOR: National Algonquin Indian Council , author

TITLE: National Algonquin Indian Council records

DATES: 1850-2017

BULK DATES: 1924-1989

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6.92 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, minutes, membership cards, printed material, scrapbook, and other records by or relating to the National Algonquin Indian Council (NAIC), a pan-Indian organization founded in New England in the 1920s. Materials chronicle the membership and activities of the council as it sought to practice ancestral traditions, engage in community building, and secure equality through political action. Also present is a scrapbook assembled by Barbara Farrow, daughter of NAIC secretary Annie Frances Perry Farrow, as well as photograph albums and loose photographs (including tintype photographs) belonging to the Perry family and Farrow family--the latter being of both Native American and African-American descent--of Rhode Island, circa 1905-1960, undated.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

From the collection of Barbara Hall Farrow Gross, granddaughter of Narragansett chief Alfred C. A. Perry. Purchased from Robert H. Rubin Books on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

Biographical / Historical

The National Algonquin Indian Council was founded in 1926. It was preceded by the Algonquin Indian Council of New England, which was founded in 1923. A Pan-American Indian movement, its purpose was to validate the ancestry of descendants of approximately 30 different Algonquin tribes. Alfred C. A. Perry, Narragansett chief, was among the council's founders. His daughter, Annie Frances Perry Farrow, served as the council's secretary.

Content Description

Correspondence, minutes, membership cards, printed material, and other records by or relating to the National Algonquin Indian Council (NAIC) and photograph albums and loose photographs belonging to the Perry and Farrow families of Rhode Island, 1924-1980s. Founding documents, correspondence, minutes, and treasurer's notes of the NAIC kept by secretary Annie Frances Perry Farrow, daughter of Narragansett chief Alfred C. A. Perry. Also present is a cast-iron hand-press notary seal of the NAIC. Records chronicle the membership and activities of the council as it sought to practice ancestral traditions, engage in community building, and secure equality through political action. There is also a scrapbook assembled by Barbara Farrow, containing newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and documents acquired

from her mother, Annie Frances Perry Farrow, with materials dating between the 1920s and 1980s. In addition, there are 3 photograph albums containing 118 photographs, some with manuscript captions; 3 negatives; 10 tintype photographs (2 framed); and 44 loose photographs of the Perry family and family farm as well as the Farrow family, who are of both Native American and African-American descent. There are 2 photographs of NAIC members, 1923 December 13 and circa 1920. There is also a file of research on the Fayerweather family.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by format.

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b. 5, f. 43	Cast-iron hand-press notary seal	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1924-1926
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1927-1930
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1931-1932
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence	1933
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence	1934 February- July
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1934 August- November
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1935-1936
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence	1941-1951
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence	1952, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Empty envelopes	1925-1952
b. 1, f. 11	Lists of names	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Loose notes	1929-1939, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Meeting resolutions and notes	1930-1938, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Minutes	1926-1931
b. 1, f. 15-16	Minutes	1931-1953
b. 2, f. 17	Minutes (empty secretary's record book)	undated
b. 2, f. 18	Membership cards	undated
b. 2, f. 19	National Association of Colored Women, Inc. membership card (Annie Farrow)	1958
b. 6, f. 44	Newspaper clipping	1925 October 26
b. 2, f. 20	Newspaper clippings	1950-1998, undated
b. 7, f. 47	Photograph album	circa 1905
b. 2, f. 21	Photograph album	circa 1910-1960
b. 8, f. 48	Photograph album	1957-1959
b. 2, f. 22	Photographs (Andrew Gross, Caroline Gross)	circa 1850
b. 2, f. 23	Photographs (Council of Algonquin Indians of New England)	1923 December 13, circa 1920

b. 2, f. 24	Photographs (Perry family)	circa 1860
b. 2, f. 25	Photographs (Perry family)	1943-1947, undated
b. 2, f. 26	Photographs (Perry family)	1950
b. 2, f. 27	Photographs (Perry family)	1952, undated
b. 2, f. 28	Photographs (Perry family)	1952, undated
b. 6, f. 45	Photographs (unidentified family portrait)	circa 1900
b. 4, f. 42	Photographs (unidentified portraits)	circa 1860
b. 6, f. 46	Police constable certificate (George Farrow)	1931 March 23
b. 3, f. 29	Pow wow notices	1923-1932
b. 3, f. 30	Printed materials	1934, undated
b. 3, f. 31	Research files on Fayerweather family	circa 2017 July
b. 3, f. 32-38	Scrapbook	circa 1920s-1980s
b. 3, f. 39	Treasurer's records	1907-1950, undated
b. 3, f. 40	Treasurer's records	1920-1925, undated
b. 3, f. 41	Miscellaneous certificates and papers	1930-1937, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African Americans -- Rhode Island
Algonquin Indians -- New England
Indian councils -- New England
Indians of North America -- Civil rights
Indians of North America -- Ethnic identity
Indians of North America -- Rhode Island
Narragansett Indians -- Rhode Island
Racially mixed families -- Rhode Island

Geographic Names

New England -- Social conditions -- 20th
Century

Genres / Formats

Minutes (administrative records)
Photograph albums
Photographic prints
Photographs
Scrapbooks
Tintypes (prints)

Names

Farrow, Annie Frances, 1894-1978
Perry, Alfred C. A., 1861-1931

Families

Farrow family
Perry family

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