NEW ORLEANS ATHLETIC CLUB COLLECTION

(Mss 232)

Inventory

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Size: 24.5 linear feet

Geographic Locations: Primarily New Orleans, La.

Inclusive Dates: 1881-1987

Summary: Records of the New Orleans Athletic Club and its predecessor, the Young Men’s Gymnastic Club; Irwin F. Poché, Athletic Director of the Young Men’s Athletic Club; Southern Association, Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Also included are a few records of the Louisiana State Boxing Commission, the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association, the New Orleans Preparatory School Athletic Association, the Playground Community Service Commission of New Orleans, and the Board of Supervisors of Elections, State of Louisiana.

Related Collections: New Orleans Athletic Club Collection, Addendum 1 (Mss 295)
Historical Note

The New Orleans Athletic Club traces its origin to the formation in 1872 of the Independent Gymnastic Club, an appellation which it thereafter used until it was renamed the New Orleans Athletic Club in 1929, the same year in which its quarters at 222 North Rampart Street were completed. By then, the membership had grown from fewer than a dozen at its founding to more than fifteen hundred and included many of the city and state’s most prominent citizens. For additional information about the New Orleans Athletic Club, see articles in The Punch 14 (September 1937).

Irwin Felix Poche (1897-1971) was for many years closely associated with the New Orleans Athletic Club as a member, an employee, an officer, and editor of The Punch. An account of his numerous activities in this and other endeavors can be found in an article about his death (Times-Picayune, May 9, 1971).
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Series I. Records of the New Orleans Athletic Club and its predecessor, the Young Men’s Gymnastic Club. See also “Records compiled by Irwin F. Poche . . . 25 bound volumes, 1922-1942.”

232-1 Auditor’s Reports. 5 clasped volumes, 1937-1939, 1961, 1963. See also Minutes of the Board of Directors.

232-13 Blank forms: membership applications, attendance and scoring sheets, weight cards; also sheets of rules and instructions for exercises, athletic contests, and life saving. 1 folder, n.d.


Directories/Membership Lists. 3 bound or clasped volumes, 1918-1921, 1958-1961, 1987. See also Minutes of the Board of Directors; Dues Ledgers; Stock Registration Ledgers.

232-2 volume, 1918-1921

232-3 volume, 1958-1961

232-4 volume, 1987

Dues Ledgers. 14 bound or clasped volumes, 1882-1887, 1889-1890, 1894-1903, 1917-1923.

232-29 volume, 1882-1885

232-28 volume, 1886-1887
232-86 volume, 1889-1890
232-27 volume, 1894-1895
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232-77 volume, 1921-1923


232-17 folder, n.n.
232-18 folder, 1952-1966
232-19 folder, 1967-1978


232-68 volume, 1881-1888
232-22 volume, 1888-1910
232-85 volume, 1903-1910
232-63 volume, 1922-1929
Minutes of the Board of Directors; also including audits, financial statements, reports by various committees, lists of applicants for membership, and miscellaneous documents and correspondence. 13 bound or clasped volumes, 1923-1945, 1951-1963, 1965-1968, 1982-1984.

Miscellaneous club publications: *Year Book, 1917*; dinner menus, 1922, 1927; print proof for brochure, 1929; *The Punch, vol. 27, no. 2* (February 1950), vol. 28, no. 2 (February 1951).

Stock Ledgers. 4 bound or clasped volumes, n.d. and 1888-1982.
Stock Certificates. A sampling of cancelled shares in the capital stock of the Young Men’s Gymnastic Club and its successor, the New Orleans Athletic Club. 3 folders, 1889-1981.

Visitors’ Registers. 2 bound volumes, 1892-1904, 1896-1900.

Voucher Books. 2 bound volumes, 1915-1917, 1919-1922.

Series II. Records compiled by Irwin F. Poche as Athletic Director of the Young Men’s Gymnastic Club and its successor, the New Orleans Athletic Club; President, New Orleans Preparatory School Athletic Association; Secretary, Louisiana State Boxing Commission; Executive Board Member, New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association; member, the Southern Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, the Playground Community Service Commission of New Orleans, and the Board of Supervisors of Elections, State of Louisiana.

Advertising scripts to accompany exercise programs on WSMB radio. 1 bound volume, 1935-1936.

Amateur Athletic Union of the United States records. 2 bound volumes, 1927-1941.
American Red Cross Standard First Aid Class records, 1 bound volume, 1942.

Certificates of appointment of Poche to various Louisiana and New Orleans boards and commissions. 5 items, 1932-1959.

Health forms with information on physical condition and habits of individual members of New Orleans Athletic Club. 2 bound volumes, 1926-1934.

Louisiana State Boxing Commission records. 1 bound volume, 1932-1933.

New Orleans Athletic Club records: mainly correspondence, but also including club brochures, attendance records, membership lists, athletic competition forms, reports, clippings, questionnaires, event schedules, score sheets for athletic events, and miscellaneous ephemera. 9 bound volumes, 1922-1942. See also “Health Forms . . . New Orleans Athletic Club,” 232-51 and 232-52.

New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association records. 1 bound volume, 1934-1937.
New Orleans Preparatory School Athletic Association records. 1 bound volume, 1936-1941.

Photographs: portraits of Mayor Robert S. Maestri (1933); Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison (ca. 1950); Collins C. Diboll, President, N.O.A.C., 1960-1961; unidentified athletes and beauty pageant contestants, group portrait of six living presidents of Young Men’s Gymnastic Club, 1898.

Playground Community Service Commission of New Orleans records; also includes records of Board of Supervisors of Elections, State of Louisiana, and material on Poche’s political activities. 1 bound volume, 1926-1941.

Subject Files: 4 ½ linear feet of correspondence, financial statements, membership lists, minutes, reports, and related miscellany mainly concerning N.O.A.C. activities, athletic competitions, and award ceremonies; in original, roughly alphabetical arrangement by folder title, ca. 1949-1977.

[Athletic & Games Committee] “Mr. John P. ‘Jack’ Mitchell – Chairman A. & G. Committee” through “Award – 1970” [Outstanding Athlete]

“Award – 1971” [Outstanding Athlete] through “Inner Club Activities”

“Judo” through “Toastmasters Club”

“Track and Field” through “Wrestling (Mr. Wm. A. Schriever)”

*Times-Picayune All-Around Athletic Test records: mainly correspondence, clippings, and score sheets for a series of athletic tests devised by the Southern Association Amateur Athletic Union for high school and college students; initially sponsored by *Short Story Magazine*, the program later came under New Orleans *Times-Picayune* sponsorship; program administered in Deep South region by Irwin Poche. 6 bound volumes, 1925-1932, 1934, 1936.*
Series III. Records of the Southern Association, Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. See also "Records of the New Orleans Athletic Club and its predecessor, the Young Men’s Gymnastic Club; Records compiled by Irwin Poche . . . 25 bound volumes, 1922-1923."

232-16 Annual reports, minutes, programs for track and field events. 17 items, 1909-1939.


232-11 bound volume: vol. 1, nos. 1-2 (October-November 1929), 5-7 (February-April 1930), 9-10 (June-July), 12 (September 1930); vol. 2, nos. 1-10 (October 1930-July 1931), 12 (September 1931); vol. 3, nos. 2-12 (November 1931-September 1932) (nos. 10-12 misprinted as 9-11); vol. 4, nos. 1-4 (October 1932-January 1933); also, one issue (vol. 10, no. 25, November 25, 1931) of Action, official publication of the Young Men’s Business Club of New Orleans.

232-12 loose issues: vol. 23, nos. 6 (March 1952), 12 (September 1952); vol. 24, nos. 8-9 (May-June 1953); vol. 25, nos. 2 (November 1953), 4-5 (January-February 1954), 11-12 (August-September 1954); vol. 26, nos. 1-4 (October 1954-January 1955), 6-10 (March-July 1955) (nos. 4, 6-8 misprinted as vol. 25); vol. 27, nos. 1-7 (October 1955-April 1956), 9-12 (June-September 1956) (nos. 6-7, 9-12 misprinted as vol. 26); vol. 28, nos. 1-7 (October 1956-April 1957), 9-10 (June-July 1957) (no. 1 misprinted as vol. 27).
Index Terms

Louisiana State Boxing Commission
New Orleans Athletic Club
Poche, Irwin F.
Southern Association, Amateur Athletic Union of the United States
Sports—Louisiana—New Orleans
WSMB (Radio station : New Orleans, La.)
Young Men’s Gymnastic Club