NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts No. B74

Date processed: March, 1989


II. The papers of New Haven Skating Club
    deposited in the Library on April 2, 1987 by Charles H. Vilas
    as a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1
    Approximate number of items: 55 (includes 2 large scrapbooks of 100 pages each)

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
    in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
    the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
    to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: New Haven Skating Club was founded in 1912 "to
    encourage an interest in skating and especially figure skating."
    The first president was Dr. Raynham Townshend (1878-1940).
    It is the second oldest skating club in the country, and is
    still active, although the members no longer present their Annual
    Ice Show. More information on the history of the club may
    be found in Box 1, Folder A.
    This material was donated by Charles H. Vilas (1907-1988)
    who had been the president of NHSC for seven years in the
    1960's and 1970's. It is known that there are other records
    of the club, probably kept by the presidents, but they have
    not been deposited in the Whitney Library as of March 1989.
    These records present an interesting picture of the social
    times from the early days of the club when membership was
    restricted to members of the New Haven Lawn Club and
    Country Club and other carefully screened and socially prominent
    individuals, to the more informal, relaxed attitudes of the 1960's.

VIII. Collection consists of three scrapbooks - all in chrono-
    logical order - but obviously kept by at least three different
    people, so that there is some overlap in dates and coverage.
    Contents of books are: programs for annual Ice Shows; announce-
    ments of annual meetings; skating schedules; invitations to
    membership; photographs; small amount of correspondence; and
    newspaper clippings.

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BOX 1

Folder A:  Brief history of NHSC written by Charles Vilas in 1982; 1962 newspaper article covering history of NHSC written for its 50th anniversary.  

" B:  Scrapbook 1914-1976
Contains - Constitution, amended 1937; programs for annual ice carnivals; invitations to membership; membership cards; calls to annual meetings; seasons' schedules; correspondence concerning use of Arena; photographs and newspaper clippings.

(There is no coverage in this book for the years between 1944 & 1963. After 1963 coverage consists mostly of newspaper articles and photographs - including photograph of Dale Lynne of NHSC who won a gold medal in National Figure Skating Championships in 1965.)

Folder C:  Scrapbook - 1933-34. Compiled by E. F. Washburn. Photographs; newspaper publicity.

" D.  Correspondence, 1953, concerning Heaton Robinson (d.1953) Memorial Trophy.


OVERSIZE ITEM #1

Scrapbook, 1930-1950. Consists of photographs; programs for Ice Carnivals; newspaper clippings.