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Collection Information

Abstract : Baseball in Lincoln started in 1873 with the establishment of the Forest Lake team, later the Lincolns, and then Lincoln Mohawks in 1929. Interest waned in the 1950s, and the focus was directed toward youth baseball.

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- Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Recreation and sports -- Baseball.
- Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Societies, etc. -- Recreation and sports.
- Lincoln Mohawks (Baseball team).
- Lincolns (Baseball team).
- Forest Lake team (Baseball team).
- Baseball -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
- Baseball teams -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
- Baseball -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town) -- History.
- Baseball -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town) -- Statistics.
- Soldiers -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town) -- Correspondence.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Correspondence.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Baseball was established in Lincoln with the organization of the Forest Lake team, so called after a local name for Flint's Pond. The team, later known as the Lincolns, played with teams from surrounding and nearby towns. Other informal baseball teams formed by 1900. In 1902 baseball in Lincoln was formalized by the founding of the Lincoln Town Team, which played in the newly formed Old Colony League until World War I. Following the war, the team was reestablished as a semi-professional team, which played until 1931. The Lincoln Mohawks were organized in 1929 as an amateur team, playing in the Paul Revere League. In 1939 they joined the semi-professional Boston Suburban League, and had a successful record with teams from area towns. The Mohawks were the local champions from 1947 until 1950. Interest in adult baseball waned in the 1950s, and the focus of baseball became youth oriented, with establishment of school and Little League teams.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises historical notes relating to the Lincoln baseball teams, lists of players, statistics, photographs, correspondence, clippings, and ephemera. Bulk of the collection relates to the Lincoln Mohawks baseball team, active from 1929 into the 1950s. Also includes letters written by Mohawks players in the military services during World War II.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Histories, 1930s-1960s. (4 items)

Series 2: Score Books, 1870s-1940s. (15 items)

Series 3: Correspondence, 1932-1946. (36 items)

Series 4: Photographs, ca. 1900-1988. (55 items)

Series 5: Clippings, 1920s-1930s. (2 folders)

Series 6: Ephemera, ca. 1930-1950. (21 items)

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Series 1, Histories

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.038.1.1	"From the Mohawk stars of yesterday ...", history of baseball in Lincoln from 1950 to 1965 : typescript with photographs and clippings attached, 17 p. / Robert D. Gray and Ethan Murphy, ca. 1965.
1	2	2003.038.1.2-.3	Lists of teams and players in the Paul Revere League (nine towns northwest of Boston) : typescript / Lewis S. Harris, President of Paul Revere League, 1933 and 1937.
1	2	2003.038.1.4	List of members of Lincoln Mohawks baseball team with individual player statistics : manuscript / 1935.

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 Series 2, Score Books

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.038.2.1	Scorecard of baseball game between Forest Lake team (Lincoln) and Hancock St. team (Lexington) : photographic copy, 8 x 10 in. / October 18, 1879.
1	3	2003.038.2.2	Base Ball Score Book, games played by the Lincolns : manuscript ledger / 1878 season.
1	4	2003.038.2.3	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln team and surrounding towns : manuscript ledger / 1923-1934.
1	5	2003.038.2.4	Base Ball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks and area towns : manuscript ledger / 1931-1932.
1	6	2003.038.2.5	Score Book of games played by Lincoln Mohawks and teams of area towns : manuscript ledger / 1933 season.
1	7	2003.038.2.6	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks and area towns, Paul Revere League : manuscript ledger / 1934 season.
1	8	2003.038.2.7	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks and teams from area towns : manuscript ledger / 1935 season.
1	9	2003.038.2.8	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks including playoffs : manuscript ledger / July-September 1935.
1	10	2003.038.2.9	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : manuscript ledger / May-July 1936.
1	11	2003.038.2.10	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral-bound, manuscript / 1937 season.

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1	12	2003.038.2.11	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral-bound, manuscript / 1938 season.
1	13	2003.038.2.12	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral bound, manuscript / August 1939- July 1940.
2	14	2003.038.2.13	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral-bound, manuscript / July 1940- August 1941.
2	15	2003.038.2.14	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral bound, manuscript / September- October 1941.
2	16	2003.038.2.15	Baseball Score Book, games played by Lincoln Mohawks : spiral-bound, manuscript / 1942 season.

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Series 3, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	17	2003.038.3.1-.9	Correspondence relating to games played by the Lincoln Mohawks, schedules, league information, players, etc. : manuscript / 1932-1939. (9 items)
2	18	2003.038.3.10-.13	Correspondence relating to the Lincoln Mohawks : manuscript / 1940-1941 and nd. (4 items)
2	19	2003.038.3.14-.19	Letters from former Lincoln Mohawks players to John Todd, Lincoln, during World War II : manuscript, most with covers / 1942-1943. (6 items)
2	20	2003.038.3.20-.32	Letters from former Lincoln Mohawks players to John Todd, Lincoln, during World War II : manuscript, most with covers / 1945. (13 items)
2	21	2003.038.3.33-.36	Letters from former Lincoln Mohawks players to John Todd, Lincoln, during World War II : manuscript, most with covers / 1946. (4 items)

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 Series 4, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	22	2003.038.4.1-.9	Lincoln Mohawks games : snapshot, 4 x 5 in. / October 1942. (9 items)
2	22	2003.038.4.10	Jim Dudley, Mohawks catcher : snapshot, 4 x 5 in. / nd.
2	22	2003.038.4.11	Lincoln Mohawks parade float : snapshot, 4 x 5 in. / nd.
2	22	2003.038.4.12	Lincoln baseball team : snapshot, 4 x 5 in. / nd.
2	22	2003.038.4.13-.14	Lincoln Mohawks 1932 team : photographic postcard / 1932, with players identified on attached list.
2	22	2003.038.4.15-.22	Banquet, Lincoln Mohawks (?) ; snapshot, 4 x 5 in. / nd. (8 items)
2	23	2003.038.4.23-.29	Lincoln Mohawks baseball team players and umpire : snapshot, 4 x 6 in. / 1934. (7 items)
2	23	2003.038.4.30-.31	Lincoln Mohawks baseball game : 5 x 7 in. / nd. (2 items)
2	23	2003.038.4.32	Representatives from several baseball teams (coaches?) : 5 x 7 in. / nd.
2	23	2003.038.4.33	Lincoln baseball team : 5 x 7 in. color positive print / nd.
2	23	2003.038.4.34-.35	Lincoln Mohawks baseball team of 1941 : 5 x 7 in. / 1941.

2	24	2003.038.4.35a	frame for 2003.038.4.35 Series 4, continued
2	25	2003.038.4.36	Lincoln Mohawks baseball team of 1941 : 8 x 10 in., mounted / 1941.
2	25	2003.038.4.37	Baseball team (Lincoln?) taken at Concord : 8 x 10 in. / 1930.
2	25	2003.038.4.38	Lincoln Mohawk team of 1932, Paul Revere League champions : 8 x 10 in. / 1932.
2	25	2003.038.4.39	Lincoln town baseball team : 8 x 10 in., mounted / ca. 1915.
2	25	2003.038.4.40	Lincoln baseball team of 1929 : 4 x 5 in. on 6 x 8 in. mount / 1929.
2	25	2003.038.4.41	Lincoln baseball team of 1929 : 8 x 10 in. copy print / nd.
2	25	2003.038.4.42-.43	Lincoln Mohawks baseball team : 8 x 10 in. / nd. (2 items)
2	25	2003.038.4.44-.48	Lincoln Mohawks baseball game : 8 x 10 in. / Don Robinson, Lincoln, 1954. (5 items)
2	25	2003.038.4.49	Lincoln Public Schools baseball team, league champions in 1951 : 8 x 10 in. / 1951.
2	25	2003.038.4.50-.51	Lincoln baseball team, ca. 1900 : 8 x 10 copy prints, one mounted / nd. (2 items)
2	25	2003.038.4.52-.53	Mohawk bleachers and spectators : 8 x 10 in. copy print / Conrad Hatheway, 1934; print by Ruth Williams, 1988. (2 items)
2	26	2003.038.4.54	Lincoln baseball team : 8 ½ x 12 in. glued to cardboard backing, copy print / nd.

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2	26	2003.038.4.55	Lincoln Mohawks baseball team : 8 ½ x 14 in., copy print / nd.
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Series 5, Clippings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	27	2003.038.5.1	Clippings relating to Lincoln Mohawks, games, players, championships, win-loss records, statistics, etc. : aqp / bulk 1920s-1930s.
2	28	2003.038.5.2	Clippings relating to baseball teams of surrounding towns, college teams, league statistics, and baseball-related articles : aqp / bulk 1920s-1930s.

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 Series 6, Ephemera

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	29	2003.038.6.1-.4	Advertisements of Lincoln baseball games : handbills / ca. 1930s. (4 items)
2	29	2003.038.6.5-.6	Poems commemorating 1947 season and John Todd : typescript and manuscript / 1947 and 1950. (2 items)
2	29	2003.038.6.7	Notice of John Todd departure from Lincoln : newsletter / The Community News, 1950.
2	29	2003.038.6.8	Lincoln Mohawks financial records : manuscript / 1934.
2	29	2003.038.6.9a-b	Lincoln Mohawks game notice with advertising and score card / July 4, 1940.
2	29	2003.038.6.10-.12	Lincoln Mohawks games schedules / 1932, 1937, 1938. (3 items)
2	29	2003.038.6.13-.14	Tickets to baseball-related events / 1934, 1950. (2 items)
2	29	2003.038.6.15-.20	Notices of games, team standings, team information : postcards / 1936-1946. (6 items)
2	30	2003.038.6.21a-b	Felt badges, 1948 Paul Revere League Champions : round, 6 in. / 1948.