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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors fonds
Reference code:	MS-10-7
Date:	1962-1976 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	25 cm of textual records
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors fonds, MS-10-7, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors (NSCAAWO) was formed in 1970 with the main objective of providing information and support for American 'draft-dodgers' attempting to emigrate to Canada. NSCAAWO also assisted newcomers integrate into Canadian society by helping them to obtain employment and housing. Richard Lind, a Dalhousie student, was the primary contact person and organizer throughout NSCAAWO's existence.

Organizational activities such as counselling services occurred in the Chaplain's office at Dalhousie University. In addition to offering counselling services, the Committee mounted awareness and fundraising campaigns. NSCAAWO maintained strong affiliations with several groups, most notably the Halifax Friends (Quakers), running a 'Friends House' that offered temporary accommodations to new immigrants, the Toronto Anti-Draft Programme, and the Canadian Coalition of War Objectors. The organization also used the name Halifax Committee to Aid War Resisters beginning in 1972. The organization became inactive in 1975.

Custodial history

The collection was in the custody of Richard Lind, the director of the Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors, until it was donated to the archives in 1978.

Scope and content

The fonds consists primarily of correspondence (1970-1974). Other materials include documents regarding American draft laws, Canadian immigration laws and counselling notes on immigrants. Administrative records (1970-1974) include press releases, financial documents and newspaper clippings.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The arrangement structure has been imposed by the archivist since the materials came in with no logical order.

Restrictions on access

All records are open.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Draft resisters--United States--History--20th century (subject)
- Emigration and immigration (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Societies--Archives (subject)
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Draft resisters (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: Administrative Records

Title: Administrative Records

Date: 1970-1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material in this series includes press releases, financial documents, newspaper advertisements taken out by NSCAAWO, and notes regarding the counsel given to draft-dodgers.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The series is arranged alphabetically by type of record.

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 5 - Communications with the press, community and affiliated organizations

Title: Communications with the press, community and affiliated organizations

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1970-1974 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 2 - Counselling records

Title: Counselling records

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1970-1972 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 1 - Financial documents

Title: Financial documents

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1972-1974 (date of creation)

**Series: Correspondence of Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors.
Halifax Committee to Aid War Resistors**

Title: Correspondence of Nova Scotia Committee to Aid American War Objectors. Halifax Committee to Aid War Resistors

Date: 1970-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The bulk of this series is correspondence from Americans requesting information on emigration to Canada. Some replies are attached. Also included in this series is the personal correspondence of the director Richard Lind and a series of letters from G. E. Amenta, an American facing deportation from Canada.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The series is arranged chronologically according to the type of correspondence.

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 6 - Personal correspondence

Title: Personal correspondence

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1970-1976 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 7 - Organizational correspondence

Title: Organizational correspondence

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: 1970-1974 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 3 - Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Title: Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 4 - Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Title: Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 5 - Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Title: Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 6 - Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Title: Requests for help or information on how to emigrate

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1973-1974 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 8 - Correspondence with Amenta, G.E.

Title: Correspondence with Amenta, G.E.

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

Series: Draft Counselling Records

Title: Draft Counselling Records

Date: 1968-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series includes notes and records from a 1972 conference on counselling draft-dodgers. Other materials include directories for organizations involved in aiding and counselling draft-dodgers.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

This series is arranged chronologically.

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 10 - Counselling material

Title: Counselling material

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 10

Date: 1968-1972 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 9 - Notes, counselling material, and correspondence

Title: Notes, counselling material, and correspondence

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 9

Date: 1971-1972 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 11 - Directories

Title: Directories

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 2, Folder 11

Date: ca. 1971 (date of creation)

Series: Immigration Reference Materials

Title: Immigration Reference Materials

Date: 1962-1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of material relating to immigration law and practices in Canada during the Vietnam War.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 3 - Canadian Immigration Acts 1962-1973

Title: Canadian Immigration Acts 1962-1973

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 3

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 1 - Department of Manpower and Immigration publications

Title: Department of Manpower and Immigration publications

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1967-1971 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 4 - Newspaper clippings

Title: Newspaper clippings

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1969-1977 (date of creation)

File: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 2 - Various organizations that aided American draft-dodgers

Title: Various organizations that aided American draft-dodgers

Reference code: MS-10-7, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1968-1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes fact sheets and interpretations of Canadian immigration policies.
