

National Association for Universal Military Training Records

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Collection Summary

Title: National Association for Universal Military Training Records

Span Dates: 1909-1933

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1916-1919)

ID No.: MSS34157

Creator: National Association for Universal Military Training

Extent: 12,000 items

Extent: 21 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 8.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Correspondence and other organizational records of the National Association for Universal Military Training and its predecessor, the Association for National Service. Also includes personal papers of the founder of the organization, Henry Harrison Sheets.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Borglum, Gutzon, 1867-1941--Correspondence.
Chamberlain, George E. (George Earle), 1854-1928--Correspondence.
Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952. The North American Indian.
Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952.--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.
Sheets, Henry Harrison. Henry Harrison Sheets papers.
Spencer, Lorillard, 1883-1939--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.
Young, S. B. M. (Samuel Baldwin Marks), 1840-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

Association for National Service. Association for National Service records.
National Association for Universal Military Training.

Subjects

Draft--United States.
Indians of North America.

Places

United States--Armed Forces--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.
United States--Military policy.

Provenance

The records of the National Association for Universal Military Training were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Henry Harrison Sheets in 1947. By agreement with the donor, personal material relating to Henry Harrison Sheets from the period 1913-1933 was returned to her in 1963.

Processing History

The records of National Association for Universal Military Training were arranged and described in 1964. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

A description of the collection appeared in the Library of Congress *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions* 6, no. 3 (May 1949): 90.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of National Association for Universal Military Training is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of National Association for Universal Military Training are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, National Association for Universal Military Training Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Association for Universal Military Training (NAUMT) span the years 1909-1933, with the bulk of the material concentrated in 1916-1919. The collection consists mainly of correspondence to and from Henry Harrison Sheets, founder and executive secretary of the organization, but includes financial and other material pertaining to its goals and operations. Also in the collection, prior to 1916, is correspondence of Sheets with Edward S. Curtis pertaining to Curtis's work relating to Native Americans and his publication of *The North American Indian*.

The goal of the NAUMT was to promote universal military service and a strong military by appealing to the public and influencing congressional legislation during the World War I period. Correspondents in addition to Curtis include Samuel B. M. Young, president of the national association, and Gutzon Borglum, George E. Chamberlain, Elihu Root, Lorillard Spencer, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), and Leonard Wood.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [General Correspondence, 1909-1933](#)
- [Subject File](#)
- [Miscellany](#)
- [Oversize](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-13	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1909-1933</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received by Sheets, mainly in his role as director of the National Association for Universal Military Training. Includes membership material, related matter, and attachments.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 14-15	<p><u>Subject File</u></p> <p>Correspondence, printed matter, financial records, and other material relating to the administration and functioning of the organization, including its National Advisory Council, and its relationship to kindred organizations.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 16-21	<p><u>Miscellany</u></p> <p>Writings, material collected relating to influencing congressional legislation on universal military training, newspaper clippings and other printed matter, speeches, and other miscellaneous material.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><u>Oversize</u></p> <p>Photographs.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1	1909-1915
BOX 2	1916
BOX 2	Jan.-Apr.
BOX 3	Apr.-May
BOX 4	May-June
BOX 5	July-Aug.
BOX 6	Aug.-Oct.
BOX 7	Nov.-Dec.
BOX 8	1917
BOX 8	Jan.-Mar.
BOX 9	Mar.-July
BOX 10	Aug.-Dec.
BOX 11	1918, Jan.-July 24
BOX 12	1918, Aug.-1919, Dec.
BOX 13	1920, Jan.-1933, July, undated
BOX 14-15	Subject File Correspondence, printed matter, financial records, and other material relating to the administration and functioning of the organization, including its National Advisory Council, and its relationship to kindred organizations. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 14	Convention of American Patriotic Associations, 1916-1919
BOX 14	National Association for Universal Military Training
BOX 14	National Advisory Council
BOX 14	General, 1916
BOX 14	Philadelphia Committee, 1916
BOX 15	Patriotic associations
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BOX 15	Treasurer
BOX 16-21	Miscellany Writings, material collected relating to influencing congressional legislation on universal military training, newspaper clippings and other printed matter, speeches, and other miscellaneous material. Arranged by type of material

Miscellany

Container	Contents
BOX 16	Articles
BOX 16	Bills, minutes, and resolutions
BOX 17	Financial
BOX 17	Memoranda
BOX 17	Newspaper clippings
BOX 18	Newspaper clippings
BOX 18	Notes
BOX 18	Photographs <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 18	Press releases
BOX 18	Printed matter
BOX 19	Printed matter
BOX 19	Speech file
BOX 20	Other miscellaneous material
BOX 21	Other miscellaneous material
BOX OV 1	Oversize Photographs. Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Miscellany
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