

MJ-66

Pensioners and Senior Citizens Organization of Saskatchewan, Branch 5, Moose Jaw fonds. - [textual record]. - 1944-1997. - 39.5 cm of textual records.

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### **Variations in title**

Old Age Pensioners, Branch 5 Moose Jaw.

Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated, Branch 5.

### **Administrative history**

In 1944 people in Saskatoon called a meeting to discuss the formation of a senior citizens club. Many towns were represented including Moose Jaw. The Old Age Pensioners Club was formed with Mrs. A. Douglas, president; Mrs. Nurse, secretary; and Mrs. Brown, treasurer. In January 1945 Moose Jaw received their charter and were known as the Old Age Pensioners, Branch 5 Moose Jaw. The object of the club was to try to get together to make life less lonely for the elderly. The first officers elected for Branch 5 were Mr. E. Heath, president; Mrs. Ellis, first vice-president; Mr. Vaughn, secretary; Mrs. E. Foster, treasurer. Aims were to visit the sick at home and in the hospitals and to send cards to the sick and bereaved. A ladies auxiliary was formed to assist with fundraising projects. Four meetings a month were held in a small room on Main St. From 1954 to 1957 meetings were held in the I.O.D.E. room at the Y.M.C.A. With over 400 members in 1957 a larger hall was required, so the Odd Fellows Hall was rented for meetings from 1957 until 1964.

After the Old Age Pensioners approached several clubs in 1961, the Cosmos Club offered to sponsor them in their efforts to build a facility. After a meeting of the city, officers of the Old Age Pensioners, and Mr. Jack Dorfman, president of the Cosmos Club, the Pensioners agreed to turn over \$11,000.00 to the Cosmos Club. The City of Moose Jaw provided the land to build, and in 1963 the Cosmos Centre opened. The Old Age Pensioners were given the use of the Centre.

In 1971 the name Old Age Pensioners changed to the Pensioners and Senior Citizens Organization of Saskatchewan, Branch 5, Moose Jaw. At a convention in Saskatoon in 1981 they joined with the New Horizons and became known as Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated, Branch 5.

In 1984 Branch 5 had 59 members. It was the only charter branch left in the province. Officers were Violet Peeling, president; Agnes Goodnough, secretary; and Mrs. H. Braaten, treasurer.

On May 8, 1997 it was decided to disband Branch 5. Membership had declined to six active members. Mary Webber was president, Violet Peeling, secretary. Remaining funds were donated to the Moose Jaw Union Hospital and to the Provincial Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. All record books and material were donated to the Archives Dept. of

Moose Jaw Public Library.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of minutes, membership lists, correspondence, financial records and related material of the Moose Jaw Branch 5 Pensioners and Senior Citizens Club, which became the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. Branch 5, referred to as "Branch 5".

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

Accession number 66.BA/1 donated to the archives by Mrs. Violet Peeling in 1997.

Accession number 66.BA/2 donated to the archives by Agnes Goodnough.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

### **General note**

This fonds contains 3 mens membership lapel pins. There is an ink stamp "Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated", and 2 gavels. The gavel with the blue and gold ribbons was made by Tom Burton and used by the Ladies Auxiliary. The other gavel was made by Jack Brattan. These artifacts are all located in A-1.

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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#### File List

MJ-66/1 - Branch 5 Organization Business - [textual record]. - 1945-1997. - 30.0 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-37 - V-38

This series consists of constitution books, agreement, membership lists, minutes of meetings, correspondence, and treasurer's records.

001- Constitution booklets 1969, 1973, 1978 and 1984

002 - Constitution and By-laws Draft 1982-1983

- 003 - Agreement (between Branch 5 and Cosmo Senior Citizen's Centre, Inc. 1963
- 004 - Membership book 1953-1957
- 005 - Membership cards 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997, 1997
- 006 - Membership certificates (2) 1960, undated
- 007 - Minute book 1945-1952
- 008 - Minute book 1953-1958
- 009 - Minute book 1958-1961
- 010 - Minute book 1961-1965
- 011 - Minutes of meetings 1966-1969
- 012 - Minutes of meetings 1970-1976
- 013 - Minutes of meetings 1977-1982
- 014 - Minutes of meetings 1990-1995
- 015 - Minutes of meetings 1995-1997
- 016 - Correspondence 1953-1997
- 017 - Treasurer's Ledger 1968-1996 (Includes membership lists from 1984-1989)
- 018 - Bills and Receipts 1991-1996
- 019 - Bank Deposit Book 1992-1997

MJ-66/2 - Activities. - [textual record]. 1966-1996. - 2.50 cm. of textual records.  
This series consists of a guest book, song book, newsletter and publicity from some of the activities of Branch 5.

Box V-39

001 - Guest book 1966-[198-]

002 - Song book 1961

003 - Newsletter 1996

004 - Posters advertising fall teas 1994, [1995?]

MJ-66/3 - History. - [textual record]. 1944-1991. - 2.50 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-39, OS-6, A-1

This series consists of a history of Branch 5 and a history of the Cosmo Senior Citizens Centre Inc. There is a memorial book with the names of deceased members that was kept by T.S. Burton. Also included are several sheets of biographies that were written of local centurions.

001 - History of Branch 5, 1944-1984

002 - History of Cosmo Senior Citizens Centre, Inc., 1963-1991

003 - Memorial Book 1966-1997

004 - Biographies of Centurions [1982?]

MJ-66/4 - Ladies Auxiliary. - [textual record]. - 1956-1989. - 2.50 cm of textual records.

Box V-39

This series consists of minutes of meetings and treasurer's records of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 5.

001 - Minute Book 1956-1965, with membership lists 1958-1965

002 - Treasurer's ledger 1964-1989, with membership lists 1965-1987

Artifacts (Located in A-1)

- 3 mens membership lapel pins

- 1 ink stamp "Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated"

- 2 gavels