

# **Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association**

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1900-1991

Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association (MCAAA). Comprises an extensive sequence of minutes and meeting papers, dating from 1900, generated by the committees which directed the actions of the MCAAA; attendance registers; a small number of financial papers; circular correspondence; and publications, including a number of athletics programmes.

These records are of interest to those studying amateur sports, especially athletics culture in England during the 20th century. Although these records cover the vast majority of the Association's years of operation, including the years of both World Wars, there are no papers pre-dating 1900. It is possible that early records may have been damaged by fire.

**Administrative history:** During the first half of the nineteenth century, athletics had been dominated by the upper middle classes who had experienced athletics at public schools, at universities and in the army. However, during the 1860s and 1870s, athletics became a popular national sport and working men in the North and the Midlands in particular were drawn to the sport. Many local clubs, run by committees, were set up and these often held open meetings and competitions which attracted large numbers of spectators. The Amateur Athletic Club, founded in 1866, was one of the principal clubs and it organised an annual national championship. However, there was growing concern about malpractice and corruption in the sport arising out of betting practices and the requirement to make a clear distinction between amateurs and professionals. In 1879 representatives of northern clubs had established the Northern Counties Athletic Association (NCAA) in order to regulate the sport of athletics in the north of England. In February 1880, Frank Smith, the Secretary of the Birmingham Athletic Club invited clubs in the Midlands to send delegates to a meeting on 1 March to consider forming a Midland Counties Athletic Union to regulate

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similarly the sport in the midlands. The Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association (MCAAA) was established at this meeting.

Following the establishment of the MCAAA and the NCAA, Montague Shearman, a former President of Oxford University Athletic Club and a member of the London Athletic Club intervened to ensure that there was national coordination and leadership for the sport. He invited delegates from the MCAAA, the NCAA and athletic and cross country clubs in the south to a meeting in April 1880 at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford to establish a national governing body and the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) was formed. The Association was to be managed by a General Committee composed of representatives of various athletics organisations, including the NCAA and the MCAAA, and other elected members and it was also agreed that the annual championship meeting was to be held in different parts of England in rotation.

Athletics remained a sport for men until the 1920s when women entered the sport. The independent men's and women's organisations have now merged and the amateur-professional separation has been abandoned. In 1989, the MCAAA (founded in 1880) and Midland Counties Women's Amateur Athletic Association (MCWAAA, founded in 1925) amalgamated to form the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association. This now serves as the governing body for athletics within the Midlands

Sources: papers of the MCAAA; P. Lovesey, 'The Official Centenary of the Amateur Athletic Association', Enfield: Guinness Superlatives Limited, 1979; Richard Cox, Grant Jarvie and Wray Vamplew, 'Encyclopaedia of British Sport', Oxford: ABC-CLIO Limited, 2000

**Arrangement:** These papers have been arranged into the following four series:

Administrative records;

Financial records;

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Publications and printed material;

Miscellaneous.

18 standard boxes (comprising 21 volumes, 23 files and 96 items)

Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers.

**Notes:** Old Reference: MCAAA

**Physical description:** It is possible that gaps in this sequence of records occurred due to destruction caused by a fire as many of the volumes suffered from smoke damage and on occasion have clearly been burned.

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**Language:** English

**Custodial history:** This collection was previously in the custody of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL).

**Acquisition:** This collection was deposited in 1988.

**Related material:** Other archive collections, formerly held as part of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL), are catalogued as collections distinct from this collection. They comprise both institutional archives and collections of personal papers of athletes, athletics administrators, journalists and others associated with the athletics world.

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Catalogues of the institutional archives available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1880-1992. Finding No: ATH/AAA;

Midland Counties Cross Country Association: papers, 1898-1985. Finding No: ATH/MCCCA;

Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1958-1983. Finding No: ATH/SCAAA.

Catalogues of personal papers available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Abrahams, Harold Maurice (1899-1978), athlete, administrator, commentator and journalist: papers, 1902-1989. Finding No: ATH/HA;

Adam, George Mair (1898-1989), athlete, coach and athletics administrator: papers, 1909-1989. Finding No: ATH/GA;

Binks, Joseph (Joe) (1874-1966), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, [1920s-1950s]. Finding No: ATH/JB;

Cardew, Martin H. (b 1927), athlete: papers, 1964-1988. Finding No: ATH/MHC;

Cullum, Dennis Noel Johnson (1913-1985), athlete and coach: papers, [1930s]-1985. Finding No: ATH/DC;

Ives, Bert (1890-1975), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, [1920s-1970s]. Finding No: ATH/BI;

Jewell, John Christopher (1912-2001), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, 1897-2002. Finding No: ATH/JJ;

Lloyd-Edgley, Ralph: scrapbook, [c 1924]-[c 1931]. Finding No: ATH/RLE;

MacLean, Duncan (1884-1980), athlete and coach: papers, 1948-1977. Finding No: ATH/DM;

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Monk, Walter Harry (Wal) (1896-after 1965), athlete: papers, 1918-1961. Finding No: ATH/WHM;

Morgan, Wilf (b 1935), athlete and athletics historian: papers, 1937-2012. Finding No: ATH/WM;

Newton, Arthur Francis Hamilton (1883-1959), athlete: papers, [c 1904]-[1990s]. Finding No: ATH/AN;

Payne, Howard (1931-1992), athlete: papers, 1899-[c 1975]. Finding No: ATH/HP;

Percy, Joe W. (1912-2001), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, 1910-1997. Finding No: ATH/JWP;

Powell, Edgar Robert Leslie (Peter), (fl 1920s-70s), athlete: papers, 1813-1988. Finding No: ATH/ERLP;

Richards, Wilf (b 1906), athlete and journalist: papers, 1924-[mid-20th century]. Finding No: ATH/WR;

Roberts, Dave (fl 1930s-1990s), athlete and statistician: papers, [1930s]-1991. Finding No: ATH/DR;

Simpson, Colin J. (1929-2011), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, 1945-1990. Finding No: ATH/CS;

Tatham, Wilfrid George (Gus) (1898-1978), athlete: papers, 1908-1960. Finding No: ATH/WGT;

Thomas, Dr Philip, athletics administrator and coach: papers, [c 1900]-[late 20th century]. Finding No: ATH/PT;

Vargas, Charles Climaco (1905-1975), athlete: papers, 1921-31. Finding No: ATH/CCV;

Ward, Leonard H., athletics coach: papers, [mid-20th century]. Finding No: ATH/LW;

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Watman, Melvyn Francis (Mel) (b 1938), athletics journalist and statistician: papers, 1980-1993. Finding No: ATH/MW;

Wight, Robert M., athletics administrator: papers, [mid-20th century]. Finding No: ATH/RW;

Winter, Arthur E. H. (d 1990), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, [early 20th century]-1983. Finding No: ATH/AW;

Yarrow, Squire Stevens (1905-1984), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, 1938-1984. Finding No: ATH/SY.

ATH/MCAAAA/1                      Administrative records                      1900-1982

Records documenting the administration of the MCAAA.

19 volumes, 21 files and 8 items

Access: Open

**Physical description:** It is possible that gaps in this sequence of records occurred due to destruction caused by a fire as many of the volumes suffered from smoke damage and on occasion have clearly been burned.

ATH/MCAAAA/1/1                      Committee Minutes and meeting papers                      1900-1982

The minutes of committees contained within this collection are not comprehensive. Within the series are single minute books which are clearly part of a larger series, the whereabouts of which are unknown. It is assumed that some of these records have been lost due to fire.

16 volumes and 21 files

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/1                      General Committee                      1900-1982

The General committee had responsibility for the overall management of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association. Matters

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dealt with by other committees were fed into the meetings of the general committee which were held on a monthly basis, minutes and reports from other committees are therefore occasionally included in with the general committee minutes. Particular issues that arise during other committees are often deferred to the general committee meetings which then had the power to ultimately resolve the issue.

Amongst the committee's responsibilities are the election of association and committee officers, dealing with applications for race meetings and request for affiliation to the association by local clubs, the discussion of finances and association rules, as well as receiving reports from other committees. Issues arising in the AAA, the parent body, are also reflected within the minutes and the collaboration between the two bodies is illustrated such as with the National Cyclists Union debate, sporting fixtures, coaching and the olympic games.

Also contained within the volumes are the minutes of the district committees which were meetings held by area and which discussed and fed into MCAAA matters. District committees included in these minutes consist of: Leicestershire and Rutland District, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire District, South Derby and South Nottinghamshire District, Northampton, North Buckinghamshire, North Oxfordshire, and North District, North Gloucester, North Hereford and South Worcester District.

Discussion within the general committee minutes confirms that the MCAAA collection is lacking a number of committee papers representing the administration of the association.

4 volumes and 15 files

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAA/1/1/1/1

General Committee Minutes

1900-1906

This volume contains meeting minutes and

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agenda covering the dates May 10th 1900 to January 11th 1906. The minutes have been

printed professionally, pasted in the volume and signed as an official record at the subsequent meeting.

6 files

Access: Open

**Physical description:** This volume was broken down into 6 parts for preservation reasons

ATH/MCAAA/1/1/1/2      General Committee Minutes      1906-1911

This volume contains printed meeting minutes and agenda covering the dates February 8th 1906 to August 10th 1911. The volume also contains minutes for the Annual General Meeting and has the yearly statement of accounts and the Annual Report also pasted in. Other reports are also documented within the volume for example minutes from the Handicapping Board of Control, minutes of the Midland Championships sub-committee who had responsibility for organising the annual meet and minutes of the district committees e.g. Leicestershire and Rutland District, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire District, South Derby and South Nottinghamshire District.

3 files

Access: Open

**Physical description:** This volume was broken down into 3 parts for preservation reasons

ATH/MCAAA/1/1/1/3      General Committee Minutes      1911-1920

This volume contains printed meeting minutes and agenda covering the dates September 14th 1911 to May 13th 1920. Inserted in the volume is a pamphlet consisting of the programme and rules and regulations for the Stockholm Olympics of 1912 alongside an Amateur Athletic Association issued form concerning

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British competitors at the games. Statement of accounts, AGM minutes and agenda, minutes of the district committees, annual reports of the Board of Control and committee minutes, and finance sub-committee minutes are also included in this volume. The general committee was held on a bi-monthly basis as of May 1915.

1 volume

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/1/4

General Committee Minutes

1920-1926

This volume contains printed meeting minutes and agenda covering the dates June 10th 1920 to January 14th 1926, the committee meetings are once again held on a monthly basis. The volume also contains the annual statement of accounts and minutes of the AGM. A small number of news cuttings from local newspapers have also been pasted into the volume. These generally relate to the court cases brought by the AAA against athletes who fraudulently attempted to obtain race prizes under false pretences. For example, in December 1921 MCAAAA athlete David Aldous attempted to obtain a silver rose bowl, the prize for winning the three-quarter mile flat race at Rugby, under the name of a non-competing athlete William Walker of Hallamshire Harriers, the AAA took Aldous to court and he was eventually fined £5. The rear of the volume contains the General Committee minutes of a meeting held by the AAA and the minutes of meeting regarding the Inter county team and relay championships which was also held by the AAA.

1 volume

Access: Open

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General Committee Minutes

1926-1933

This volume contains printed meeting minutes and agenda covering the dates January 28th 1926 to January 12th 1933. Also included are the annual statement of accounts and AGM minutes, on occasion minutes circulated from

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AAA General Committee and AGM have also been inserted.

Matters of note include the jubilee celebrations of the MCAAA held in 1930 and the discussion of matters relating to Shropshire County AAA and their dissatisfaction with the handicapping board of the MCAAA. A pamphlet of all winners at the MCAAA championships up to 1930 from the beginning of the event has been pasted in, as have pamphlets containing a list of official referees, judges, starters, timekeepers etc. The volume also contains some local newspaper cuttings regarding local athletics and clubs including an advertisement for 'Ovaltine' as used to train by the long distance and cross-country runner J.E.Webster.

1 volume

Access: Open

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General Committee Minutes

1933-1940

This volume contains printed meeting minutes and agenda covering the dates February 9th 1933 to January 13th 1940. Also included are the annual statement of accounts and AGM minutes.

1 volume

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAA/1/1/1/7

General Committee Minutes

1954-1964

Minutes covering the dates 9th October 1954 to 10th November 1964.

**Arrangement:** These papers have been kept in original order, they were previously stored in a ring binder

2 files

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/1/8	General Committee Minutes	1967-1975
	Minutes covering the dates 1st December 1966 to November 1975.	
	<b>Arrangement:</b> These papers have been kept in original order, they were previously stored in a ring binder	
	2 files	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/1/9	General Committee Minutes	1976-1982
	Minutes covering the dates February 1976 to 7th January 1982.	
	<b>Arrangement:</b> These papers have been kept in original order, they were previously stored in a ring binder	
	2 files	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/2	Handicapping Board of Control	1910-1965
	Incomplete series of minutes of the Handicapping Board of Control. The earliest minute book of the committee is missing and the series begins in 1910, there is also a gap in the sequence from 1934-1955. The Handicapping Board of Control had responsibility for the issuing of handicapping licenses as well as the power to revoke them. The minutes of the meetings cover the administrative aspects required of the committee in dealing with applications from athletes for the licenses, and the granting and refusal of the licenses for all classes and types of racing. The minutes reflect the seriousness with which the rules of handicapping were taken and the enforcement of these rules which often lead to appeals made by athletes who felt they had been unjustly penalised by the handicapping board for misconduct. The committee received a significant number of appeals on a regular basis which were	

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considered and treated in a variety of ways, often leading to the reinstatement of the athlete, temporary suspension or the issuing of a warning. Athletes often attended the board meetings in person to defend the committee's claims of misconduct against them.

The proceedings of meetings arranged by the Amateur Athletic Association's Joint Board of Control Committee are also contained within these committee minutes. The Joint Board of Control was a committee meeting held between the handicappers of the Midland, Northern and Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association's as organised by their parent body whose handicappers were also involved. The meetings reflect the desire of the AAA to standardise the handicapping process and for there to be uniformity of practice across the regions. Often however, each region had its own way of handicapping events within their domain and generally fail to agree to adopt identical rules.

Additional information recorded within this series of minute books are details of those appointed as handicappers, occasional accounts of the fees paid to officers in the role of handicapper and details of correspondence between the MCAAA and other parties such as regional athletics clubs, individual athletes and the Amateur Athletic Association. The minutes from the 1950s tend to be broader in scope with regard to what is discussed and committee responsibilities clearly extend further than their initial remit. Additional business includes election of representatives on AAA sub-committees, organisation of championships or race meetings and appointment of officials. The meetings are generally held in Birmingham.

7 volumes and 1 file

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Handicapping Board of Control Minutes

1910-1918

This volume is clearly a continuation of a previous (missing) volume of minutes having referenced a meeting held on September 5th.

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This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates September 19th, 1910 - July 4th, 1918. Loose enclosures at the rear of the volume include a complete and blank entry form for the 'Victory' Cross Country Championship at Raynes Park, March 1st 1919, and a programme for the same event.

1 volume

Access: Open

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Handicapping Board of Control Minutes

1918-1926

This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates 22nd August 1918 to January 4th 1926.

1 volume

Access: Open

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Handicapping Board of Control Minutes

1926-1930

This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates February 1st 1926 to February 3rd 1930. This volume is partially but not comprehensively indexed and contains some blank sample entry forms for the MCAAAA Championships, June 15th 1929, as loose enclosures at the rear of the volume. The minutes of October 2st 1929 record that there was a case of one athlete impersonating another in the 880 yards and mile races at Croft sports. According to the programme of that event Keith Dixon of Kettering Town won the event, however, he emigrated to Australia in March the previous year. It was decided that the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant Secretary would travel to Kettering in order to identify the culprit.

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/2/4	Handicapping Board of Control Minutes	1930-1934
	<p>This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates March 3rd 1930 to May 25th 1934.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/2/5	Handicapping Board of Control Minutes	1955-1959
	<p>This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates May 2nd 1955 to October 5th 1959.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/2/6	Handicapping Board of Control Minutes	1959-1965
	<p>This file contains minutes covering the dates November 2nd 1959 to February 1st 1965. The minutes become typescript in February 1964 and also contains the minutes of the Area Executive Committee held on Monday 1st February. The Area Executive Committee appears to have developed from the Handicapping Board of Control assuming a new name and broader responsibilities.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/2/7	Reinstatements	1922-1954
	<p>Partially filled volume containing detailed entries of athletes who have broken association rules with regards to competition. The register details the athlete, the offence committed, the prize money they have won, the money forfeited and the decision of the Handicapping Board of Control as to whether the appeal made by the athlete for reinstatement be refused or approved. Loose inserts in the form</p>	

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of correspondence from the committee informing the athlete of their decision were stored at the rear of the volume.

1 volume and 1 file

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/3      Championships Committee      1927-1954

The Championships committee and sub-committee was responsible for the organization of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association championships at various competition such as Senior, Junior, Marathon, Steeplechase and other inter-club matches. The committee was responsible for every aspect of an athletic meet and issues discussed include officials, finances, programmes, equipment and the eligibility of athletes. The committee was also given the task to review the performances of the athletes in the Midland Championships and assess as to whether their performance warrants entry to the AAA national championships. A winning athlete did not automatically gain entry to the national championships, this decision was at the discretion of the MCAAAA officers.

2 volumes

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/3/1      Championships sub-committee minutes      1927-1939

Volume of manuscript minutes dated April 4th 1927 to November 11th 1929. The volume also contains minutes of the Marathon sub-committee. Loose inserts are enclosed at the rear of the volume.

1 volume

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| ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/3/2 | Championships committee and sub-committee  | 1940-1954 |
|                    | <p>Volume of manuscript and typescript minutes dated 15th April 1940 to October 25th 1954, the title championships committee and sub-committee appear to be interchangeable. Amongst topics discussed is the award of the John Urry Memorial Cup.</p>  |           |
|                    | <p>1 volume</p>  |           |
|                    | <p>Access: Open</p>  |           |
| ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4   | Various committee minutes and meeting papers   | 1928-1982 |
|                    | <p>This sequence consists of minutes from a variety of committees. Some of these volumes are clearly a part of a more complete series, it appears that some of these committees were long standing and that the existing minutes are only a partial reflection of its administration.</p>  |           |
|                    | <p>3 volumes and 5 files</p>   |           |
|                    | <p>Access: Open</p>  |           |
| ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/1 | John Urry Memorial sub-committee   | 1928-1950 |
|                    | <p>The volume opens explaining that the Midland Cycling and Athletic Club committee established the sub-committee to discuss the matter of a memorial to the late John Urry, the officers of this committee were members of the MCAAA including H.A. Butler and A.E. Machin. The volume is partially filled with manuscript minutes and contains typescript accounts of the memorial fund. Cups funded by the memorial were presented to many clubs and events within the midlands including the National Cyclists Union Midland Centre, Michelin Athletic Club, King Edwards Grammar School and Bournville Sports amongst others.</p> |           |
|                    | <p>1 volume</p>  |           |
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ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/2	Hard Cases and First Claim Qualification Committee minutes	1934-1966
	<p>Volume containing minutes for the Hard Cases committee 1934-1948 and the First Claim Qualification committee 1952-1966. Both committees were responsible for assessing the eligibility of athletes to represent their local club on certain conditions, such as whether they were resident within the catchment area for the club they wished to represent. The committee and the club in question were responsible for approving the validity of the athlete.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/3	First Claim Qualification Committee minutes	1962-1981
	<p>File containing papers dated April 2nd 1962 to 7th September 1981.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/4	Area Executive committee minutes	1965-1970
	<p>Volume containing typescript minutes dated March 1st 1965 to March 2nd 1970. The area executive committee discussed a large range of issues concerning the administration of the association. Athletics events within the midlands are discussed such as the British Universities Athletics Championship, the Birmingham Games, inter-area matches in addition to the senior, junior and indoor championships of the MCAAAA. Requests for affiliation were heard by the committee and complaints received from member clubs, the honorary treasurer also reported to the committee on the state of the association finances.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/5	Tug of War Association (Midlands Area) minutes	1979-1980
	<p>The Tug of War Association became affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Association in 1965, on the same terms as the English Cross Country Union and the Road Walkers Association. When tug of war was part of an athletic meeting within the midlands it was the responsibility of the MCAAA to collaborate with the Tug of War Association. The file contains general committee minutes, annual general meeting minutes and association newsletters.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/6	Various committee minutes	1959-1981
	<p>File containing incomplete minutes from the following committees: Indoor and Outdoor promotions committee; Centenary Celebrations committee; Amateur Status; Finance and Fincance and General Purposes committee; Coaching committee; Facilities committee; Five Star Award committee; Officials and Combined Officials committee.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/7	Various committee minutes	1965-1982
	<p>File containing incomplete minutes from the following committees: Area Executive committee; Track and Field League committee; Rules Revision and Records Committee; Development and Organisation committee; Also included is a list of committee members 1980-1982.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/1/4/8	Miscellaneous minutes, meeting papers and correspondence  Agendas, minutes, reports and meeting papers relating to the organisation of the Midland Counties Athletic Association, with much material covering 1959-1970. There are also typescript results, fixture lists, membership details and details of officer appointments across the region. Papers include Team Manager's Report for 1944; results of 1959 Championships; and some items of miscellaneous correspondence.  1 file  Access: Open	1944-1981
ATH/MCAAAA/1/2	Attendance Records  Attendance registers created separately from the committee minute books provide a thorough record of the personnel involved in the administration of the MCAAA.  3 volumes  Access: Open	1952-1971
ATH/MCAAAA/1/2/1	Attendance Book  This volume documents the date of the committee meeting, name of those in attendance and the office or club to which they belong. The meetings held clearly had good attendance rates.  1 volume  Access: Open	1952-1961
ATH/MCAAAA/1/2/2	Attendance Register  Volume documenting those in attendance at the following committees: Executive; First Claims; Coaching; Promotions; Development and Organisation; Officials; Indoors. The name of the committee member is noted and a tally made to indicate attendance or non-attendance.	1967-1968

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In addition to being organised by committee, the rear of the volume is also indexed alphabetically according to surname.

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/2/3      Attendance Register      1967-1971

Volume indexed alphabetically by surname of the attendee, the name of the committee meeting attended is not always noted.

1 volume

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ATH/MCAAAA/1/3      Reports of Annual General Meetings      1958-1967

Printed reports containing notice of meeting, agenda, reports presented at the meeting, statement of accounts and balance sheet. Comprises:

/1: 79th Annual General Meeting. For year ended 31 December 1958

/2: 80th Annual General Meeting. For year ended 31 December 1959

/3: 81st Annual General Meeting. For year ended 31 December 1960

/4: 82nd Annual General Meeting. For year ended 31 December 1961

/5: 83rd Annual General Meeting. For year ended 30 November 1962

/6: 84th Annual General Meeting. For year ended 30 November 1963

/7: 85th Annual General Meeting. For year ended 30 November 1964

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/8: 87th Annual General Meeting. For year ended 31 March 1967

8 items

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/2 Financial records 1925-1965

Small number of financial papers including balance sheets.

1 file

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/2/1 Financial papers 1925-1965

File of miscellaneous financial papers consisting primarily of balance sheets and accounts for the 1940s and a Lloyds bank account book covering entries from 1925 to 1936. Also includes surrender of land in Shaftmoor Lane, Hall Green, to the Corporation of Birmingham with associated correspondence, 1935; insurance policy on two memorial cups, 1947; and balance sheets relating to the Junior Championships held in Bedford, 5 July 1952 and the General Championships held in Perry Barr, 7 June 1952.

1 file

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ATH/MCAAAA/3 Publications and printed material 1911-1991

Publications and printed material published by, or for, the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association. This series includes a number of athletics programmes relating to meetings organised by the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association between 1911 and 1991; a small number of handbooks and constitutions; an Association history produced by Roy Mitchell [c 1980]; and a small number of newsletters.

85 items

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ATH/MCAAAA/3/1	Athletics programmes	1911-1991
	<p>Programmes of athletic events organised by the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association including a small number of programmes dated pre-First World War. The majority of the programmes relate to track and field events, but a small number relate to road racing. Some programmes have been annotated with placings and timings and some appear to be judges' and officials' copies. A large number of meetings were held at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham or at RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton.</p>	
	66 items	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/1	Athletics programme: track and field	19 June 1911
	<p>Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Championships' held at Villa Park, Aston.</p>	
	With manuscript annotations.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/2	Athletics programme: track and field	5 April 1912
	<p>Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Annual Amateur Athletic Sports' held in Cape Hill, Birmingham.</p>	
	With manuscript annotations.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
	<b>Physical description:</b> Programmes has loose pages	

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| ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/3 | Athletics programme: road racing   | 14 December 1912 |
|                  | Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association<br>'Novice Team Race' run from the Greswolde Arms, Knowle, Birmingham.                                   |                  |
|                  | With manuscript annotations.   |                  |
|                  | 1 item   |                  |
|                  | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/4 | Athletics programme: track and field   | 21 March 1913    |
|                  | Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association<br>'Annual Amateur Athletic Sports' held in Cape Hill, Birmingham.                                       |                  |
|                  | With minor manuscript annotations.   |                  |
|                  | 1 item   |                  |
|                  | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/5 | Athletics programme: track and field   | 19 July 1913     |
|                  | Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association<br>and Birmingham Centre National Cyclists'<br>Union 'Joint Championships' held at Villa Park,<br>Aston. |                  |
|                  | With manuscript annotations.   |                  |
|                  | 1 item   |                  |
|                  | Access: Open   |                  |
| ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/6 | Athletics programme: track and field   | 25 June 1938     |
|                  | Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association<br>'Championship Sports' held at St George's<br>Recreation Ground, Oakengates.                           |                  |
|                  | With minor manuscript annotations.   |                  |
|                  | 1 item   |                  |
|                  | Access: Open   |                  |

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- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/7-7a Athletics programme: track and field 29 June 1946
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Championship Sports' held at the City  
Transport Stadium, Kings Heath.
- Two copies, one with manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/8 Athletics programme: track and field 9 August 1947
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Midland Counties versus Southern Counties  
Athletic Match and Junior Inter-County Contest:  
Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset' held at St  
George Grammar School Ground, Whitehall,  
Bristol.
- With manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/9 Athletics programme: road racing 1 May 1948
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Marathon Championship' starting from  
Palethorpe's Recreation Ground, Tipton.
- Includes image of J. T. Holden, Tipton Harriers,  
1947 winner.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/10 Athletics programme: track and field 12 June 1948
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander  
Sports Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham.
- With manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/11 Athletics programme: track and field 26 June 1948  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Junior Championship Sports also Junior Women's AAA Championships' held at the Alexander Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/12 Athletics programme: track and field 25 June 1949  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander Sports Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/13 Athletics programme: track and field 20 August 1949  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Midland Counties AAA, Southern Counties AAA, Welsh AAA with Junior Inter-Counties Contest: Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Somerset' held at St George Grammar School Playing Fields, Whitehall, Bristol.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/14 Athletics programme: track and field 8 July 1950  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Junior and Youths' Championship Sports also Junior Women's AAA Championships' held at the Alexander Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/15 Athletics programme: track and field 7 July 1951
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Junior Marathon and Youths' Championships  
also MC [Midland Counties] Women's Junior  
Championships' held at the Alexander Ground,  
Perry Barr, Birmingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/16-17 Athletics programme: track and field 13 August 1951
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Visit of Famous USA Champions' held at  
Alexander Sports Stadium, Perry Barr,  
Birmingham.
- Two copies, one with manuscript annotations.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/18-19 Athletics programme: track and field 20 June 1953
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander  
Sports Ground, Birmingham.
- Two copies, both with manuscript annotations.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/19a Athletics programme: track and field 4 July 1953
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Junior and Youths' Championships also Senior  
Relays and Walking Championship' held at  
Orston Drive Playing Fields, Wollaton Park,  
Nottingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/20 Athletics programme: track and field 3 July 1954  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Junior and Youths' Championships also Senior  
Relays and Walking Championship' held at  
Alexander Sports Ground, Birmingham.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/21 Athletics programme: track and field 25 June 1955  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander  
Sports Ground, Birmingham.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/22 Athletics programme: track and field 23 June 1956  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander  
Sports Ground, Birmingham.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/22a Athletics programme: track and field 22 June 1957  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander  
Sports Ground, Birmingham.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/23	Athletics programme: track and field	21 June 1958
	Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Senior Championship Sports' held at Alexander Sports Ground, Birmingham.	
	With manuscript annotations.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/23a	Athletics programme: track and field	5 July 1958
	Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Junior and Youths' Championships also Senior Relays, Steeplechase and Walking Championships' held at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/24	Athletics programme: track and field	24 June 1961
	Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Senior Championship Sports' held at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/25	Athletics programme: track and field	23 June 1962
	Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Senior Championship Sports' held at British Timken Sports Ground, Duston, Northampton.	
	With manuscript annotations.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/26-27 Athletics programme: track and field [1964]  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Meeting incorporating MCAAAA Relay Championships and some MCWAAA Championship Events'.  
Two copies.  
2 items  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/28 Athletics programme: track and field 11 March 1964  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Athletics Meeting'.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/29 Athletics programme: track and field 20 June 1964  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Senior Championships also Junior Relay Championship' held at Hadley Playing Fields, Smethwick.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/30 Athletics programme: track and field 27 February 1965  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'1965 Midland Indoor Championships Men and Women' held at RAF Cosford.  
1 item  
Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/31 Athletics programme: track and field 20 November 1965  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/32 Athletics programme: track and field 18 December 1965  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/32a Athletics programme: track and field 4 June 1966  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Scottish AAA versus Welsh AAA versus  
Midland Counties AAA and Midland Counties  
Women's AAA Championship Events' held at  
Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/33 Athletics programme: track and field 19 November 1966  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Promotion' held at RAF Cosford.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/34 Athletics programme: track and field 17 December 1966  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/35	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Cosford Championships' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	28 January 1967
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/36	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Inter-County Indoor Match' held at RAF Cosford. With manuscript annotations. 1 item Access: Open	25 February 1967
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/37	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Indoor Inter-Area Match' held at RAF Cosford. With manuscript annotations. 1 item Access: Open	11 March 1967
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/38-39	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Indoor Open Meeting' held at RAF Cosford. Two copies, one with manuscript annotations. 2 items Access: Open	25 March 1967

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/40	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Indoor Athletics' held at RAF Cosford. With manuscript annotations. 1 item Access: Open	16 March 1968
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/41	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Indoor Athletics' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	7 December 1968
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/42	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Open Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	20 December 1969
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/43	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Indoor Inter-Area Match' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	21 March 1970
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/44	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Open Indoor Meeting'. 1 item Access: Open	21 November 1970

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/45 Athletics programme: track and field 12 December 1970  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Open Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford.  
With loose insert detailing results.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/46 Athletics programme: track and field 8-9 January 1971  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Cosford Games' held at RAF Cosford.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/47 Athletics programme: track and field 16-17 March [1973]  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'National Under 20 Indoor Championships and  
Open Events' held at RAF Cosford.  
With manuscript annotations.  
1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/48-49a Athletics programme: track and field 22-23 March [1974]  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'National Under 20 Championships and Open  
Events' held at RAF Cosford.  
Three copies, all with manuscript annotations.  
2 items  
Access: Open

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/50	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Open Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	16 November 1974
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/51	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Open Indoor Meeting' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	15 November 1975
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/52	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 'Open Meeting' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	11 December 1982
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/53	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association '1988 Omron Games' held at RAF Cosford. 1 item Access: Open	8-9 January 1988
ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/54	Athletics programme: track and field Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association '1988 Omron Games' held at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. 1 item Access: Open	17-18 June 1988

## Records of the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association

- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/55      Athletics programme: track and field      17 December 1988
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'Christmas Open Meeting' held at RAF Cosford.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/56      Athletics programme: track and field      6-7 January 1989
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'1989 Omron Games' held at RAF Cosford.
- Includes images of Barrington Williams; Kevin Liddington; Michael Rosswess, Ernie Obeng and Daley Thompson; Craig Mochrie and Mark Dalloway; Kim Hagger; Trevor Nash.
- With manuscript annotations.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/57      Athletics programme: track and field      16-17 February 1990
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'1990 Omron Games' held at RAF Cosford.
- Includes images of Martin Steele and Andy Myatt.
- With loose insert.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/58      Athletics programme: track and field      11-12 January 1991
- Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'1991 Omron Games' held at RAF Cosford.
- Includes images of Mark Thomas and Gary Cadagoan; Brendon Reilly; John Herbert; Linford Christie; Bev Nicholson.
- With manuscript annotations.

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- 1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/59 Athletics programme: road relay 6 April 1991  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
'24th Annual 12 Stage Road Relay and  
Veterans Six Stage' held in Sutton Park.
- 1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/1/60 Athletics programme: track and field [mid-20th century]  
Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association  
Coaching Committee 'Indoor Athletic Meeting'  
held at RAF Cosford.
- 1 item  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/2 Handbooks 1950-[1960s]  
Comprises items dated:  
/1: 1950-1951  
/2: [1963] with some later manuscript  
annotations  
2 items  
Access: Open
- ATH/MCAAAA/3/3 Constitutions [mid-20th century]  
Comprises:  
/1: 'Constitution Laws', revised 1965  
/2: 'Object of the League', founded after the  
AGM of the Midland CWAA 1970  
/3: 'Constitution Laws', revised 1977  
/4: 'Constitution Laws', revised 1980

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/5: 'Constitution Laws and Bye-Laws', [mid-20th century]

5 items

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/3/4 MCAAA History [c 1980]

History titled 'Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association 1880-1980' compiled by Roy Mitchell, Honorary Secretary. Details principal events in the Association's history.

1 item

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/3/5 Coaching and Development Bulletin [1960s]

Comprises issues dated:

/1: No.1, April 1964

/2: No.2, August 1964

/3: No.4, April 1965

/4: No.5

/5: No.6

/6: No.7

/7: No.8

7 items

Access: Open

ATH/MCAAAA/3/6 Prospectus 1971-1975

Comprises Prospectus dated:

/1: 1971, with loose insert

/2: 1974-1975, Indoor Prospectus

2 items

Access: Open

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ATH/MCAAAA/3/7	Newsletters	[c 1968]
	Comprises Newsletters dated: /1: 1 August 1968 /2: Undated 2 items Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/4	Miscellaneous	1930-1979
	Comprises Trust Fund correspondence; free permit stubs; championship records; and ephemera. 2 volumes, 1 file and 3 items Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/4/1	Trust Fund Correspondence	1934-1965
	File containing correspondence and financial records relating to the establishment and administration of the H.A. Butler and W.W. Alexander Trust Fund. The trust fund was established to commemorate H.A. Butler and W.W. Alexander after their deaths in 1933, they played significant roles in the MCAAAA and in the sport of athletics and so Butler's brother Sir William Water Butler set up the fund with £1000 enabling prizes to be awarded annually by the association and Birchfield Harriers. 1 file Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/4/2	Free Permit stubs	1934-1965
	2 volumes Access: Open	

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ATH/MCAAAA/4/3	Championship Records	[c 1969]
	Records for various events, 1895-1969.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
ATH/MCAAAA/4/4	Ephemera	1930-1979
	Comprises:	
	/1: Dinner menu card for 'Jubilee Celebration Dinner', 1 March 1930	
	/2: Centenary certificate awarded to participants in cross-country run held in Perry Park, Birmingham, 6 October 1979	
	2 items	
	Access: Open	