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Guide to the Benjamin Levine Collection of Amateur Boxing Ephemera, 1902-1963

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Benjamin Levine Collection of Amateur Boxing Ephemera
Date:	1902-1963
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0435
Creator:	Levine, Benjamin, 1888-1978 (promoter) (Creator) Levine, Bertram
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A collection of amateur boxing ephemera collected by Bertram Levine.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Benjamin Levine's son Bertram Levine on February 7, 1991.

Separated Materials

Medals and other artifacts housed in the Division of Home and Community Life (now Division of Cultural and Community Life).

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Benjamin Levine was born in New York City on November 3, 1888. He was of Jewish origin, his ancestors coming from Germany and Lithuania. In 1902, at the age of 13 he went to work for James E. Sullivan, President of the Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union in New York. Beginning in 1911, he was a participant in and a witness to the development of amateur sports competition handling and promoting boxers. He staged the first Golden Gloves in 1927 and for many years thereafter. He was the assistant manager of the U.S.

boxing teams at the 1924 and 1928 Olympic games. He was an international jurist in boxing at the 1932 Olympics. He worked as an official for the Amateur Athletic Union until he retired in 1963 and served as a consultant until his death in 1978.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of newsclippings, photographs, event programs, correspondence, and a poster documenting the development of amateur boxing in the United States.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Boxing
- Boxing -- Tournaments -- United States
- Olympics

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Photographic prints
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Posters
- Programs -- Sports

Names:

- Amateur Athletic Union
- Olympic Games (9th : 1928 : Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Sullivan, James E.

Preferred Titles:

- Golden Gloves Tournament*

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Newspaper clippings, 1919-1963
Box 1, Folder 2	Miscellaneous correspondence, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Information regarding the "Track Meet", undated
Box 1, Folder 4	"The Crescent" - magazine, undated
Box 1, Folder 5	Photographs, undated
Box 1, Folder 6	United States Lines--Passenger List, undated
Box 1, Folder 7	Programs, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	Official entry blank, undated
Box 2, Folder 1	Poster, undated