

Howard Browning Newsletter Collection

1978 - 1988

Summary Information:

Call Number: COLL 002

Extent: 0.2 linear ft

Inclusive Dates: 1978/10/19 -- 1988/03/31

Creator: Browning, Howard

Repository: McArthur Public Library
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Biddeford, ME 04005
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Abstract: "The Irregular" was a self-published newsletter by Howard Browning of Biddeford Pool. The newsletter was distributed to people of Mr. Browning's choosing, and ran from 1978 to approximately 1988. Mr. Browning used the newsletter as a vehicle express his opinions about local, state, and national happenings.

Biography: Howard Browning (1908-1989) was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Howard L. and Linore Hilberc Browning. He attended Cornell University until the stock-market crash of 1929 wiped out his college money and forced him out into the working world. After a brief stint selling cemetery plots, Mr. Browning tried his hand at journalism and then public relations. He worked at the War Information Office during WWII. He finally found his niche at the Swiss-American Association, where he worked from 1953 until his retirement as executive director in 1978.

Mr. Browning and his wife (Blanche Bray Browning) were long-time summer visitors to Biddeford Pool, and moved there immediately upon his retirement. In that same year, he began publishing a newsletter called "The Irregular", which he sent to "100 men and women chosen from leaders of business, finance, labor, the media, education, [and] politics in York County." Mr. Browning used his newsletter to voice his opinions and observances on things happening at the local, state, and national levels. Howard Browning died at the age of 81 in 1989.

Administrative Information:

Citation: Howard Browning Newsletter Collection, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford, Me.

Restrictions: None

Copyrights: Any copyright questions should be directed to the library's Director.

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Collection Information:

Arrangement & Processing Notes: This small collection is arranged into two parts: correspondence/clippings and then the newsletters themselves. All items are arranged chronologically. After vol. 8, no. 2 the newsletters were mislabeled – they are all off by one number. The correct and incorrect volume numbers are noted in the contents list.

Controlled Access Terms: Biddeford Pool (Me.) Newsletters.
Browning, Harold.
York County (Me.) Newsletters.
York County (Me.) History.

Scope & Contents: This collection was found in the bottom of a filing cabinet. It belonged to Jack Chisholm, a long-time employee of McArthur Public Library. Mr. Chisholm was one of the 100 recipients of The Irregular, as well as a friend to Mr. Browning. The entire collection was housed in one large pendaflex folder, and consisted of: the newsletters, a piece of correspondence from Mr. Browning with a copy of the first edition draft attached, a few press releases, and a newspaper article about Mr. Browning written shortly before his death. Mr. Browning's obituary can be found in the 22 Aug 1989 Journal Tribune; a copy is located in the control file.

Contents List/Inventory:

Box	Folder	Contents	Year
1	1	Newspaper clipping, Journal Tribune, July 15, 1989	1989
1	1	Correspondence to Jack Chisholm with copy of draft of volume 1 attached, Oct.19, 1978	1978
1	1	Copy of press release Oct. 23, 1980	1980
1	1	Correspondence soliciting opinions from newsletter circle, Aug 5, 1982	1982
1	1	Copy of press release c1982-3	1982-1983
1	1	Copy of correspondence to Biddeford mayor and various York County Boards of Selectmen, Feb 23, 1983	1983
1	1	Letter to Mr. Browning from state Division of Health Engineering, Nov 10, 1983	1983
1	1	Copy of letter regarding Nicaragua, Mar 4, 1985	1985
1	1	Copy of letter regarding Consolidated European and North American railway, Nov 13, 1985	1985
1	2	Newsletter, Nov 1978 -- No. 1	1978
1	2	Newsletter, Feb 1979 -- No. 2	1979
1	2	Newsletter, May 1979 -- No. 3 [2 copies]	1979
1	2	Newsletter, Jul 1979 -- No. 4 [2 copies]	1979
1	2	Newsletter, Sep 1979 -- No. 5	1979
1	2	Newsletter, Nov 1979 -- No. 6 [2 copies]	1979

1	2	Newsletter, Jan 1980 -- v.2, n.1	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Feb 1980 -- v.2, n.2 [2 copies]	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Apr 1980 -- v.2, n.3	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Jun 1980 -- v.2, n.4	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Jul 1980 -- v.2, n. 5	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Sep 1980 -- v.2, n.6	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Oct 1980 -- v.2, n.7 [2 copies]	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Dec 1980 -- v.2, n.8	1980
1	2	Newsletter, Jan 1981 -- v.3, n.1 [2 copies]	1981
1	2	Newsletter, Feb 1981 -- v.3, n.2	1981
1	2	Newsletter, Aug 1981 -- v.3, n.3 [2 copies]	1981
1	2	Newsletter, Sep 1981 -- v.3, n.4	1981
1	2	Newsletter, Nov 1981 -- v.3, n.5	1981
1	2	Newsletter, Jan 1982 -- v.4, n.1	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Feb 1982 -- v.4, n.2	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Mar 1982 -- v.4, n.3 [2 copies]	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Jun 1982 -- v.4, n.4	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Jul 1982 -- v.4, n.5	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Oct 1982 -- v.4, n.6	1982
1	2	Newsletter, Nov 1982 -- v.4, n.7	1982
1	3	Newsletter, Jan 1983 -- v.5, n.1	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Feb 1983 -- v.5, n.2	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Mar 1983 -- v.5, n.3	1983
1	3	Newsletter, May 1983 -- v.5, n.4	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Jun 1983 -- v.5, n.5	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Aug 1983 -- v.5, n.6	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Sep 1983 -- v.5, n.7	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Nov 1983 -- v.5, n.8	1983
1	3	Newsletter, Jan 1984 -- v.6, n.1	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Feb 1984 -- v.6, n.2	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Apr 1984 -- v.6, n.3	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Jul 1984 -- v.6, n.4	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Oct 1984 -- v.6, n.5	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Nov 1984 -- v.6, n.6	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Nov 1984 -- v.6, n.6A	1984
1	3	Newsletter, Feb 1985 -- v.7, n.1	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Mar 1985 -- v.7, n.2	1985
1	3	Newsletter, May 1985 -- v.7, n.3	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Jun 1985 -- v.7, n.4	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Jun 1985 -- v.7, n.4A	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Sep 1985 -- v.7, n.5	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Nov 1985 -- v.7, n.6	1985
1	3	Newsletter, Jan 1986 -- v.8, n.1	1986
1	3	Newsletter, Mar 1986 -- v.8, n.2	1986
1	3	Newsletter, Apr 1986 -- v.8, n.3 [mislabelled as v.7, n.3]	1986

1	3	Newsletter, Oct 1986 -- v.8, n.4 [mislabled as v.7, n.4]	1986
	3	Newsletter, Dec 1986 -- v.8, n.5 [mislabled as v.7, n.5]	1986
	3	Newsletter, Mar 1987 -- v.9, n.1 [mislabled as v.8, n.1]	1987
	3	Copy of letter to Postmaster General #1, Mar 1987	1987
	3	Copy of letter to Postmaster General #2, Mar 1987	1987
	3	Newsletter, May 1987 -- v.9, n.2 [mislabled as v.8, n.2]	1987
	3	Newsletter, Mar 1988 -- v.10, n.1 [mislabled as v.9, n.1]	1988

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