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Collection on Figure Roller Skating
1941 and undated

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 065-04

Title: Collection on Figure Roller Skating

Creator: Unknown

Dates: 1941 and undated

Quantity: 4 items

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Purchased, 2013.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Unknown.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2017 by Angela DiVeglia.

Conservation: None.

Language: Materials are in English.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material: None.

Published descriptions: Not applicable.

Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	Roller skating. Roller skating--Handbooks, manuals, etc. Roller skating--Pictorial works.

SEE ALSO

Not applicable.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Materials included within document the popular culture surrounding roller skating in the early- to mid-20th century. Roller skating was hugely popular in the 1930s and 1940s; the first official U.S. Amateur Speed Skating championships were held in 1937, while the first roller skating Dance Championship and Figures Championship were held in 1939.

Two of the four items in this collection were authored by Perry B. Rawson, an avid skater and retired stockbroker who helped create a uniquely American style of skate dancing in the years before World War II. Rawson built a skating rink at his estate in Asbury Park, N.J., and frequently hosted lessons and demonstrations there.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection contains four items related to figure roller skating: a short pamphlet showing positions for figure skating, a sheet of paper with handwritten diagrams showing two dances, and two large folded sheets with photographs and diagrams documenting dances. The published materials were all produced by Skating Review Magazine.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These materials remain in the order in which they were received.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Item	Title	Date	Folder
1	Pamphlet: Hudson, R. L. <i>Figure skating by position</i> . Chicago, IL: Skating Review, 1941.	1941	1
2	Manuscript: Handwritten diagrams for "Mohawk Waltz" and "Continental Waltz"	n.d.	1
3	Bulletin: <i>Perry B. Rawson's instructions for The Quickstep</i> . Chicago, IL: Skating Review.	n.d.	1
4	Bulletin: <i>Perry B. Rawson's instructions for the 14 Step</i> . Chicago, IL: Skating Review.	n.d.	1

