

**American Legion: Sudbury  
Post #191 Collection,  
1919-1945**

**1986:06:1**



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### Collection Overview

Extent: .21 linear feet

Creator: Forrest Bradshaw, Alfred Bonazzoli

Dates: 1919-1945

Language: English

Reference Code: 1986:06.1

Abstract: A collection of ledgers, correspondences, and newsletters that document the activities of the American Legion: Sudbury Post #191 from the end of World War I until the end of World War II.

### Information for Users

Repository: Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA 01776

Acquisitions History: The collection was donated to the Goodnow Library by George Dom Max with the approval of R. Griffin in June of 1986.

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### Subject Headings

The following terms from the Library of Congress Subject Headings suggest topics, persons geography, etc. interspersed through the entire collection.

- American Legion -- United States
- Veteran's services -- United States

- Bradshaw, Forrest
- Bonazzoli, Alfred

### Historical Note

The American Legion is a veteran's organization. Organized by American soldiers in France following World War I, the organization was chartered by the United States Congress in 1919. Although a national organization, the Legion is comprised of local chapters, or posts. The Sudbury American Legion, post 191, was organized in 1919. Shortly after the local chapter was founded, the town approved use of the old Wadsworth School building as the Legion's meeting hall. As a veteran's organization, the Sudbury Legion provides services to local veterans and the broader community. These services include: providing a social community for veterans, advocating for legislation, organizing scholarships, and helping the town commemorate holidays like Memorial Day. Today, the local post is still active at its current location along Boston Post Road in Sudbury.

### Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials related to the planning and management of the Sudbury chapter of the American Legion. Materials include meeting minutes, newsletters, membership forms, financial records, and correspondence. These materials provide insight into the needs and interests of veterans of both World War I and World War II, and also highlight activities of various community organizations from the town of Sudbury. The collection is arranged in two series.

### Arrangement

Series I American Legion 1930-1933

Series II Sudbury Legion 1919-1945

### Collection Contents

#### Series I American Legion 1930-1933

Extent: 2 folders

Scope note: Materials in this series include notices and correspondences that connect Sudbury's local American Legion post with state and national divisions of the organization.

Arrangement: Items are in chronological order, followed by those without dates.

#### Folder Title

#### Box : Folder

American Legion Forms and Notices

1 : 1

American Legion Correspondence

1 : 2

## **Series II Sudbury Legion 1919-1945**

Extent: 6 folders

Scope note: Materials in this series include meeting minutes, membership forms, financial records, and newsletters. The bulk of materials in this series include materials dated from 1919 – 1932. The newsletters cover news of active service members from Sudbury and surrounding communities during World War II and are dated from 1944-1945.

Arrangement: Items are in chronological order.

<b><u>Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Box : Folder</u></b>
Sudbury Legion Activities	1 : 3
Treasurer's Book / Meeting Minutes Book	1 : 4
Meeting Minutes Book	1 : 5
Member Forms	1 : 6
Sudbury Legion Newsletters	1 : 7
Sudbury Legion Newsletters	1 : 8