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**Piedmont Fox Hounds
Archives
1915-1930**

Name: **Piedmont Fox Hounds (est. 1904)** **MC0009**

Materials: Archives

Dates: 1915-1930

Volume: 0.5 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Gift of Mrs. George Slater and Miss Ann Gochnauer, 1975

Usage: Unless otherwise stated by NSL staff, these records are open for research without restrictions.

Historical Note

The Piedmont Fox Hounds were formally recognized by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association in 1904, although the origins of the pack can be traced back to 1840 to Confederate hero R. H. Dulany of Upperville, Virginia. Harry Worcester Smith is considered to be the first MFH of the Piedmont. The organization merged briefly with the Middleburg Hunt for the 1919-1920 season, but a rivalry between the two MFHs, Joseph B. Thomas and Daniel Sands, caused an irreparable rift between the two hunts in 1922. The separation was followed by a lengthy conflict over hunt country. However, the Piedmont Club was reorganized and Waugh Glascock served as its first MFH. Since then, the Piedmont Fox Hounds have thrived and built a reputation as one of the most famous hunt clubs in America. Members have included Paul Mellon, William Langley, and Raymond Guest. Several books have been published which chronicle the adventures of the Piedmont Fox Hounds.

Collection Description

The Piedmont Fox Hounds Archives consists of one-half cubic foot of papers pertaining to club business. These materials are arranged into three series: Correspondence, Financial Materials, and Miscellaneous. The correspondence discusses all matters of club business such as membership, officers, and the dispute over hunt country. The second series, Financial Materials, contains items such as bills and receipts, while the Miscellaneous series contains membership lists, minutes, and certificate of incorporation.

Series and Subseries

- I. Correspondence, 1916-1925** **8 folders**
 Letters between members of the club, as well as with the Middleburg Hunt and the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, concerning club business, membership, and territory disputes. Arranged chronologically.
- II. Financial Materials, 1915-1925** **3 folders**
 Bills, receipts, and invoices, particularly several that document the expenses of maintaining the pack and kennels. Arranged chronologically.
- III. Miscellaneous, 1920-1930** **2 folders**
 Papers of club business such as membership lists, minutes of committee meetings, fixture cards, and by-laws.

Container List MC0009

I. Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K04	37-44	Letters re: club business	1916-1925

II. Financial Materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K04	45-47	Receipts, Bills, and invoices	1915-1925

III. Miscellaneous

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K04	48	Certificate of Incorporation, By-laws, Minutes, and Resolutions	1920-1930
K04	49	Membership lists, Fixture cards, Miscellaneous	1921-1925

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