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**Dorothy Neyhart
Scrapbooks
1922-1935**

Name: **Neyhart, Dorothy (c1905-c1990)** **MC0011**

Materials: Scrapbooks

Dates: 1922-1935

Volume: 1.5 cubic feet

Donation: Gift of Mary P. Stephenson, 1994

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

Biographical Note

Dorothy Neyhart was the daughter of wealthy Boston businessman Adnah Neyhart. As part of the Boston social elite, Dorothy and her sister Ruth helped to promote equestrian sports at Framingham Center just outside of Boston, a crossroads of sporting estates like the Neyharts' own Redgate Farm as well as those of sportsman such as Bayard Tuckerman, John Macomber, and Charles F. Adams. Inheriting her love of sporting from her father, Dorothy was a champion steeplechase rider (both astride and sidesaddle) and tennis star. All the Neyharts were members of the nearby Millwood Hunt; Adnah was vice president for many years and Dorothy served as joint-MFH with Reginald Bird for nearly three years between 1925 and 1928. The family hunted with the Norfolk Hunt as well. Dorothy also took responsibility for the Hunt's kennels, and enjoyed great success in its breeding program, having purchased hounds from such prominent kennels as those of Joseph Thomas.

During a sojourn at the sporting estate of Bective House in County Meath, Ireland in the summer of 1926, Dorothy and Ruth purchased five Irish hunters to be brought back to the family farm in Massachusetts. One of these, a Bay gelding named Iollan, turned out to not only be a very capable hunter, but proved to be a champion steeplechaser and flat racer as well. Dorothy traveled frequently to watch Iollan race and win, often as the favorite. She herself continued to ride, schooling horses at Macomber's Raceland estate for the Country Club races annually held there. A good friend of the

Macomers, Dorothy was able to help salvage personal belongings when a fire destroyed the original Raceland buildings in 1930.

Dorothy continued to enjoy Iollan's success on the racing circuit, but his career would be cut tragically short. In July 1934, Iollan was competing in a steeplechase at Aqueduct. He was in the lead going into the thirteenth jump, when he landed badly and cleanly broke his leg. His stunned owner ran to his side, but the veterinarian on hand dictated that the horse be put down. The animal was returned to Redgate for burial.

Shortly after Iollan's death, Dorothy purchased a 23-acre tract called "Sunnyside" in Warrenton, Virginia, where she had often summered and hunted. She would remain at Sunnyside until her death. She never married.

Collection Description

The Dorothy Neyhart Scrapbooks were donated by her niece, Mary Pyemont Stephenson and consist of three albums. Two of the albums are indeed scrapbooks, containing newspaper clippings and some photographs of Dorothy, her sister, and many of Boston's elite as well as race results and articles on the various hunts. Many of these include articles on Dorothy's success as a rider. The other album is a hunting diary of the Millwood Hunt for the 1925-1926 season, ostensibly in Dorothy Neyhart's hand. It includes details on who participated and the day's hunting as well as a few photographs of hunt members. The albums are in relatively good shape, and have been arranged by format and then chronologically.

Series and Subseries

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| I. | Scrapbooks, 1922-1935 | 2 boxes and 2 folders |
| | A. Scrapbook 1, 1922-1927 | 1 album, 1 folder |
| | Contains clippings and photographs of the Millwood Hunt races and horse shows, the Norfolk and Myopia Hunts, various New England horse and hound shows, the Neyharts' trip to Bective House, Eastern Horse Club Race Week at Raceland (Macomber estate at Framingham Center), and the emergence of Iollan, the reformed jumper. Includes one folder of loose materials. | |
| | B. Scrapbook 2, 1928-1935 | 1 album, 1 folder |
| | Contains clippings and photographs of the Millwood Hunt Horse show, Race Week and fire at Raceland, racing results featuring Iollan and other Neyhart horses, and the death of Iollan at Aqueduct in 1934, which includes correspondence sent to Dorothy Neyhart afterward. Includes one folder of loose materials. | |
| II. | Hunting Diary, 1925-1926 | 1 album |
| | Descriptions of Millwood Hunt outings from October to January, including participants, results, and a few photographs of members. A few outings with the Norfolk Hunt are included. | |

**Container List
MC0011**

I. Scrapbooks, 1922-1935

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0011 01	Scrapbook 1	1922-1927
MC0011 02	Scrapbook 2	1928-1935

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K04	35	Loose materials from Scrapbook 1	1922-1927
K04	36	Loose materials from Scrapbook 2	1928-1935

II. Hunting Diary, 1925-1926

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0011 03	Hunting diary of Millwood Hunt	1925-1926

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