

Archives & Manuscript Collections  
National Sporting Library  
Middleburg, VA

**John H. Daniels Archive**

Name: **John Hancock "Jack" Daniels** **MC0051**

Materials: Correspondence, Photograph Albums, Slides, Publication

Dates: 1978-1993

Volume: 2 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: John and Martha Daniels, 1996.

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

**Biographical Note**

John Hancock "Jack" Daniels (1921-2006) was a man who loved sport and all books connected with it. A voracious book collector and active sportsman, Daniels was a longtime supporter of the National Sporting Library & Museum, and its mission. He served on the NSLM Board of Directors from 1987 to 2004, and was an honorary member from 2004 until his death in 2006.

Daniels was MFH of the Camden Hunt (S.C.), and co-founded and served as Joint-MFH of the Long Lake Hounds (Minn.), and the Old Stonington Hunt (Ill.). He was on the boards of the Carolina and Colonial Cup steeplechases and the National Steeplechase Museum. He was a 1942 graduate of Yale, where he captained the Yale polo team; he continued to play and follow polo after his graduation. Daniels was president and later CEO of Archer Daniels Midland, Inc., headquartered in Minnesota, until his retirement in 1972.

Daniels collected sporting books on many topics: fly fishing, foxhunting, horsemanship, veterinary medicine, shooting, dogs, coaching, sporting art, dueling and many others. His collection includes manuscripts by Irish authors Edith Somerville and Martin Ross, and a collection of correspondence from sporting artist Sir Alfred Munnings. The 5,000-volume collection, which represents more than 30 years of careful acquisition, doubled NSLM's book collections upon its donation in 1999.

Daniels was the author of several books, including his 1999 book, "Affectionately H: A Tribute to Helen Burt Hennessey." "Affectionately H" compiles 20 years of letters between Daniels and one of his favorite booksellers, telling the story of the development of the collection and the thrill of the chase for a title.

### Collection Description

The John H. Daniels Archive is comprised of book purchasing correspondence between Daniels and James Cummins Bookseller in New York and letters and documents related to Daniels' membership in the National Sporting Fraternity. Also included are two oversized photograph albums chronicling the exhibition of Daniels' sporting book collection at the Minneapolis Museum of Arts in 1992, and a commemorative publication by Daniels on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 738<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion's activation.

### Series and Subseries

- I. **Correspondence with the National Sporting Fraternity**      **6 folders**  
Correspondence between Daniels and the National Sporting Fraternity, including the condition of purchased books. Correspondence dates from 1980-1994.
  
- II. **Book Purchase Correspondence with James Cummins**      **x folders**  
Correspondence between Daniels and James Cummins Bookseller in New York concerning purchases to build Daniels' sporting book collection. Correspondence dates from .
  
- III. **Bound Materials**      **3 objects**  
Two oversize photo albums commemorating a 1992 exhibition of Daniels' sporting books at the Minneapolis Museum of Arts and a lecture Daniels gave there. Also included is an oversize commemorative magazine modeled after the U.S. Army weekly magazine "Yank." This publication commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the activation of Daniels' unit during World War II: the 738<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion.

**Container List  
MC0051**

**I. Correspondence with the National Sporting Fraternity, 1980-1994**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J44	07	NSF Correspondence	1980-1981
J44	08	NSF Correspondence	1982
J44	09	NSF Correspondence	1983
J44	10	NSF Correspondence	1984-1985
J44	11	NSF Correspondence	1986-1988
J44	12	NSF Correspondence	1988-1994

**II. Book Purchase Correspondence with James Cummins, 1978-1984**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J44	13	Correspondence and Invoices	1978-1982
J44	14	Correspondence and Invoices	1983
J44	15	Correspondence and Invoices	1984
J44	16	Correspondence and Invoices	1985
J44	17	Correspondence and Invoices	1986
J44	18	Correspondence and Invoices	1987-1988
J44	19	Correspondence and Invoices	1989-1990
J44	20	Correspondence and Invoices	1991-1992
J44	21	Correspondence and Invoices	1993
J44	22	Correspondence and Invoices	1994

**III. Bound Materials, 1992-1993**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0051 01	Photo Album, Minneapolis Lecture	1992
MC0051 02	Photo Album, Minneapolis Exhibition	1992

  

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L43	"Yank," Celebrating the 738th Field Artillery Battalion	1993

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