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National Sporting Library
Middleburg, VA

Gordon Smith Papers

Name: **Gordon Grenville Smith** **MC0056**

Materials: Log books, clippings, photocopies, draft manuscript

Dates: 1923-2008

Volume: 2 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Estate of Gordon G. Smith, 2008.

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

Biographical Note

Gordon G. Smith (1937-2008) was born on May 6, 1937 in Montclair, New Jersey to Herbert L. Smith, Jr. and Natalie Sidman Smith. He graduated from Michigan State University with a BS in Agriculture and received an MBA from The University of Pennsylvania Wharton School in 1963. He

Smith served for four years as a paratrooper in the Army National Guard. His Career began with Johnson and Johnson as Group Product Director. He also owned and operated Smith Recreational Vehicles in Branchburg Township, NJ. Gordon then successfully developed the Somerset Medical Office Park in Somerville, NJ and consulted physicians in business management.

Smith was a passionate foxhunter, and he loved books. He was a member of the National Sporting Library, The VA Foxhound Club, the Old Dominion Hounds, the Warrenton Hunt and former president of the Bull Run Hunt. He served as Master of Fox Hounds for Amwell Valley Hounds in New Jersey for nine years prior to his move to Virginia in 1999. He worked extensively on a book project to chronicle the history of the Old Dominion Hunt.

Smith died on September 21, 2008 from injuries sustained while foxhunting.

Collection Description

The Gordon Smith Papers are comprised of log books, clippings, photocopies, and a draft manuscript, mostly research materials related to Smith's book project, "Hunting in Northern Virginia: A History of The Old Dominion Hounds." Also included are a collection of 1950s photo prints of the Old Dominion Hounds and the Warrenton Hunt.

Series and Subseries

- I. **Correspondence and General Foxhunting History** **5 folders**
General Correspondence of Smith, as well as foxhunting historical research materials not related to the Old Dominion Hounds. Includes one oversize folder containing a 1905 issue of "Bit and Spur."

- II. **Historical Materials on Old Dominion Hounds** **5 folders**
Historical research on the Old Dominion Hounds, photos, photocopies, clippings, and other ephemera, including two log books and a scrapbook/hound genealogy book. Series also contains one legal size folder of historical materials and pamphlets.

- III. **Materials for "Hunting in Northern Virginia"** **1 folder, 1 object**
Research materials compiled for "Hunting in Northern Virginia," Smith's book project chronicling the history of the Old Dominion Hounds. Includes a binder with an outline and compiled research for the project.

**Container List
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I. Correspondence and General Foxhunting History, 1905-2007

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J49	18	Correspondence on MFHA Centennial DVD	2007
J49	19	Clippings on Cobbler Hunt	1939-1943
J49	20	Photocopies, Foxhunting History	1905-1945
J49	21	Pamphlets, Foxhunting History	1990-2006
L54	01	"Bit & Spur," December 1905	1905

II. Historical Materials on Old Dominion Hounds, 1933-2007

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J49	22	ODH Hunting Logs (2)	1947-1948
J49	23	ODH History - Early History	1940-2007
J49	24	ODH History - General	1923-2007
J49	25	ODH History - Hinkley	1941-1945
J49	26	ODH History - Spindle	1976-1980
J49	27	ODH History - Larrabee	1933-1940
J49	28	ODH History - Great "Fun" Match	1968
J49	29	ODH/Warrenton Hunt Photos	1952
K04	50	ODH History - Legal Size Materials	1941-1978
L54		ODH Scrapbook/Genealogy Book	undated

III. Materials for "Hunting in Northern Virginia," 2007-2008

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0056 01	Binder - Outlines and Research	2007-2008

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J49	30	Outlines and Loose Materials	2007-2008

This collection was processed by John Connolly, September 2016.