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Mill Creek Hunt Archive

Name: Mill Creek (Onwentsia) Hunt **MC0060**

Materials: Letters, clippings, photographs, member lists, hunting records

Dates: 1923-1967

Volume: 0.5 cubic feet

Donation: Dorr Bradley Carpenter, 2002.

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

Historical Note

The Mill Creek Hunt was founded in 1897 as the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest, IL. It began as a "paper chase" and was turned into a "drag" hunt around 1904. The hunt was re-established in 1920 and moved to Milburn, IL in 1930 under the name of the Mill Creek Hunt Club.

Mill Creek Hunt was fortunate to have among its membership the famous architect David Adler, who designed stables, a main house and kennels for the club. The hunt went dormant during World War II, and re-established regular hunting in 1947 and 1948. Located north of Chicago, Mill Creek today follows hounds over much of the same country it started with: over seven thousand acres of rolling, wooded farmland divided by creeks. Coops, log fences and post and rails dot the countryside.

The Mill Creek Hunt Archive was donated to NSLM in 2002 by Dorr Bradley Carpenter (1928-2009) of Stanardsville, Virginia, a longtime resident of Lake Forest. Dorr attended North Shore Country Day School, Proctor Academy, and graduated from St. Lawrence University. For many years he was a member of the Mill Creek Hunt Club. He was a pilot and FAA inspector, and was the author of books on antique Ryan airplanes, the history of Japanese submarines and numerous magazine articles on motorcycles and firearms.

Collection Description

The Mill Creek Hunt Archive consists of letters, clippings, photographs, official documents, and hunting records that document the activities of the Mill Creek Hunt from 1923 through 1967. Also included are membership lists of the Mill Creek Hunt, Longmeadow Hunt, Fox River Valley Hunt, Milwaukee Hunt, Oak Brook Hounds, and the Wayne-Dupage Hunt.

Series and Subseries

- I. **Hunting Records** **4 folders**
Typed records of Mill Creek Hunt meets from 1948-1967.

- II. **Membership Lists** **6 folders**
Membership lists of the Mill Creek Hunt, Longmeadow Hunt, Fox River Valley Hunt, Milwaukee Hunt, Oak Brook Hounds, and the Wayne-Dupage Hunt.

- III. **Horse Shows and Hunter Trials** **4 folders**
Official documentation and clippings of the Mill Creek Hunter Trials, a Modified Three-Day Event, and The Chicago Hunter Trials.

- IV. **Official Documents** **folders**
Correspondence, reports, financial statements, fixture cards, publications, and other documents of the Mill Creek Hunt.

Container List
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I. Hunting Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J58	01	Hunting Records	1923,1948
J58	02	Hunting Records	1950-1954
J58	03	Hunting Records	1955-1958
J58	04	Hunting Records	1959-1967

II. Membership Lists

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J58	05	Mill Creek Hunt	1948-1957
J58	06	Oak Brook Hounds	1954
J58	07	Fox River Valley Hunt	1953
J58	08	Wayne-DuPage Hunt	1950-1953
J58	09	Longmeadow Hunt	1948-1950
J58	10	Milwaukee Hunt Club	1949

III. Horse Shows and Hunter Trials

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J58	11	Documents: Mill Creek Hunter Trials	1957-1959
J58	12	Documents: Modified Three-Day Event	1953
J58	13	Documents: Chicago Hunter Trials	1953
J58	14	Clippings and Ephemera: Horse Shows	1949-1953

IV. Official Documents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J58	15	Correspondence and Reports	1948-1965
J58	16	Publications and Pamphlets	1949-1953
J58	17	Maps	1949-1953
J58	18	Hunting Fixture Cards	1948-1965
J58	19	Photographs	1924-1965

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