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John Glass Archive

Name: **John B. Glass** **MC0061**

Materials: Letters, documents, data lists

Dates: 1954-1997

Volume: 2 cubic feet

Donation: Kerry Glass, 2015.

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

Biographical Note

John B. Glass (1929-2015), served as Clerk and Keeper of the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book for the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA) from 1973 to 1995.

Glass was the second of only three men to supervise the MFHA office in the 107 years since the founding of the association. Glass began his twenty-two-year career in the old MFHA headquarters on Water Street in Boston, moving to Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia, when the directors relocated the office. Glass was the first to recommend computerizing the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book, and he personally wrote the code and implemented the first computer program to do that. Glass' "Fox Book" program was used for years by the MFHA until commercial programs written in newer, higher-level language became available.

The son of a West Point army officer who served in two wars, Glass was born in Hawaii and spent his formative years in Virginia, Texas, Wyoming, Guatemala, and Germany. He majored in economics at Yale and earned a Ph.D. in archaeology at Harvard. Glass became an authority on Pre-Columbian hieroglyphic manuscripts, publishing numerous papers and books on the subject, most notably as a major contributor to the academic encyclopedia The Handbook of Middle American Indians.

Glass died on April 10, 2015, in Concord, Massachusetts.

Collection Description

The John Glass Archive is comprised of research materials used by Glass for histories of MFHA, organized foxhunting, as well as his "Fox Book" program.

Series and Subseries

- I. Historical Research** **3 folders**
Letters, documents, and other research materials to support Glass' research on the history of organized hunts in the United States as well as research projects on the history of MFHA and National Hunt Association.

- II. Research Projects** **4 folders**
Letters, documents, and support materials for special projects led by Glass, including the deployment of his "Fox Book" computer program, and indexes of recognized hunts.

- III. Data Compilations** **5 binders**
Data compiled by Glass, including active and inactive recognized hunts, as well as active and former MFHs.

**Container List
MC0061**

I. Historical Research

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J56	23	History of Organized Foxhunting	1969-1982
J56	24	MFHA History	1977-1980
J56	25	National Hunt Association History	1997

I. Research Projects

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J56	26	Baily's and Hunt Recognition	1954-1981
J56	27	Foxbook Information	1997-1998
J56	28	Index of Hunts	1980-1986
J56	29	"The Whipper-In"	1981

I. Data Compilations

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0061 01	Binder - Recognized Hunts Index Draft	1983
MC0061 02	Binder - Recognized Hunts (VA) Draft	1996
MC0061 03	Binder - Current and Former MFHs	1980-1992
MC0061 04	Binder - Draft Index of Active Hunts	N/A
MC0061 05	Binder - Draft Index of Disbanded Hunts	N/A

This collection was processed by John Connolly, October 2016.