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Ethel McLane Hoffman Archive Collection

Name: Ethel McLane Hoffman (1893-1948) **MC0074**

Materials: Log books, clippings, photocopies, draft manuscript

Dates: 1928-1954

Volume: 2 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Holly Bricken, 2013.

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Biographical Note

Ethel McLane Hoffman (1893-1948) was born on July 17, 1893. She is the daughter of Katharine Milligan McLane and William Henry Lawrence Lee. Ethel married Richard Curzon Hoffman, a business consultant, and had three children, Ethel Lee, Katharine "Kitty", and Richard Curzon Hoffman.

Hoffman was a homemaker and an avid equestrian. Hoffman won various titles throughout her career, was a member of the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, and chairman of the Maryland Hunts Horse Show. In fact, between 1930 and 1936 Hoffman won more than one hundred ribbons with her gelding, Alston.

Hoffman's daughters followed in their mother's footsteps. Ethel Lee worked as a horseback riding instructor at Garrison Forest from 1943 until her death in 1963. In 1960 Ethel Lee was named head of Garrison Forest's riding department. After the sudden death of Ethel Lee in 1963, caused by a hit-and-run driver on Reisterstown Road, Kitty stepped in and continued her sister's work. Similarly, Kitty became a well-respected member of the Garrison Forest staff and a well-known expert in riding and fox hunting.

Ethel McLane Hoffman died on May 20, 1948. She is buried in the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church Cemetery in Owings Mills, MD.

Collection Description

This collection is comprised of correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and horse show programs and catalogues. Also included is ephemera related to the Green Springs Valley Hunt Club (G.S.V.H.C.).

Series and Subseries

- I. Correspondence and Ephemera for G.S.V.H.C. 1 folder**
A 1931-1932 register for "Recognized Hunt Clubs of Eastern America", a 1932 New Year songbook, a dinner menu in the honor of John K. Shaw, Jr., a postcard event calendar addressed to Miss Katharine Hoffman, and a letter from the G.C.V.H.C. to members, requesting donations for the repair and maintenance of paneling around hunting grounds.
- II. Correspondence and Horse Show Ephemera 1 folder**
Letters between Ethel McLane Hoffman, William Wallace Lanahan, and the American Horse Show Association, a statement of finances for the Maryland Hunts Horse Show for September 1934 and April 1936, a list of "Rules and Regulations" for the Horse Show Association of Maryland, jockey programming mailing lists for the Horse Show Association of Maryland and the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, and other ephemera.
- III. Catalogues and Programs 2 folders**
Various catalogues and programs for horse shows between 1932 and 1947. Includes programs for the Devon Horse Show, the Bryn Mawr Horse Show, the Maryland Hunts Horse Show, the Green Spring Valley Hunters Show, and others.
- IV. Scrapbook and Photography 2 folders**
Newspaper and magazine clippings related to the Maryland Hunts Horse Show, the Worthington Valley Horse Show Grounds, and the Hoffman family. Photographs of show jumping.

Container List
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I. Correspondence and Ephemera for G.S.V.H.C., 1931-1954

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L87	01	Correspondence and Ephemera	1931-1954

II. Correspondence and Horse Show Ephemera, 1928-1936

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L87	02	Correspondence, Manuscript, and Ephemera	1928-1936

III. Catalogues and Programs, 1932-1947

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L87	03	Catalogues and Programs, A - G	1932-1936
L87	04	Catalogues and Programs, H - Z	1932-1947

IV. Scrapbook and Photography, 1934-1936

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L87	05	Hoffman Family Clippings and Photos	1935-1936
L87	06	Horse Shows - Newspaper Clippings	1934

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