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**Eleanor Weller Reade Collection**

**Name:** Eleanor Weller Reade **MC0075**

**Materials:** Scrap books, photographs, clippings, ephemera

**Dates:** 1881-2009

**Volume:** 4 cubic feet

**Donation:** Eleanor Weller Reade, 2017.

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

**Historical Note**

The Elkridge Fox Hunting Club was formed on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1878. The club was formed in Elkridge, MD, located near Baltimore City, MD. The initial group consisted of 40 members, nine of whom were women. Some of the first hunts by the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club took place in Roland Park and Guilford, now urban districts in Baltimore. Early meetings of the Club often took place at the base of the Washington Monument at Mount Vernon Place. In December 1934 the Elkridge Hunt and the Harford Hunt (of Harford County, MD) combined under the title of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club.

**Collection Description**

This collection is comprised of photographs, correspondence, obituaries, newspaper clippings, and ephemera related to foxhunting in Maryland, including the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt, and sporting and notable equestrians in Maryland. The collection was compiled by Eleanor Weller Reade, who donated the collection to the National Sporting Library & Museum in 2017.

**Series and Subseries**

- I. Photographs and Printed Images** **1 folder**  
Photographs and images clipped from newspapers. These images are related to the Elkridge Kennel Club, the Duke of Windsor, Polly

Potts, various hunts and horse shows, special events, and social gatherings, dates ranging from 1945-1979.

- II. Scrapbooks** **6 objects**
- This series contains multiple scrapbooks. The scrapbooks are composed of photographs, scanned documents, manuscript, ephemera, and correspondence related to sporting in Maryland.
- A. Elkridge-Harford Scrapbook**
- Two 11 inch by 14 inch, red and gold scrapbooks and one 12 inch by 10 inch, green and gold scrapbook. These scrapbooks contain scanned newspaper articles, facsimiles of the E.H.H.C. Constitution and By-Laws, photographs, manuscript, ephemera, and correspondence, dated from 1881-1978.
- B. Equestrian Scrapbook**
- One 14 inch by 12 inch, turquoise and gold scrapbook. This scrapbook contains newspaper articles, magazine articles, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera related to horsemanship, sporting, and competition in Maryland from 1976-1979.
- C. The Carrollton Hounds**
- A 5 inch by 9 inch, brown scrapbook. This scrap book contains photographs and manuscript captions. The captions date the images from 1902-1941.
- D. Scrapbook Page Copies**
- Scanned copies of pages from scrapbooks in series II, subseries A, B, and C. Dates range from 1882-1950.
- III. Obituaries and Memorials** **1 folder**
- Obituaries for notable equestrians appearing in magazines, online blogs, newsletters, and newspapers. Also contains programs for memorial services. Publication dates ranging from 1968-2009.
- IV. Notable Sportsmen** **1 folder**
- Clippings and scanned pages of newspapers, magazine clippings from The Maryland Horse, printed articles, and Photostat related to notable sportsmen of Maryland. A few prominent names include Jock Dett, Billy Barton, Russell Jones, Joe Hall, and Carroll Bassett. Publication dates ranging from 1929-2008.
- V. Historical Articles** **1 folder**
- Content related to the history and formation of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt. This series consists of scanned and original newspaper articles, clipped magazine articles, scanned pages from published journals, and typed notes from 1916-1981.

- VI. Correspondence** **1 folder**  
 Greeting cards, invitations to personal events and events hosted by the Elkridge-Harford Hunt, postmarked envelopes, and manuscript notes from 1937-1980.
- VII. Published Media** **4 folders**  
 Includes published content that makes reference to the Harford Hunt, the Elk Ridge Hunt, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt, the Maryland Hunt Cup, the Green Spring Valley Hounds, and horsemanship in Maryland.
- A. Newspaper Articles**  
 Copied and original newspaper articles on the Elk Ridge Hunt Club, the Harford Hunt Club, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, Maryland horse racing, the Maryland Hunt Cup, the Green Spring Valley Hunt, John Dorsey, and Charlie Fenwick. Publication dates ranging from 1882-1981.
- B. Magazine Articles**  
 Articles and cover stories of published magazines. Publications include *The Maryland Horse*, *Maryland Historical Society News*, *Style*, *Mason-Dixon Arrive*, *Baltimore Magazine*, *Spur*, *Town and Country*, and *TIME* magazine. The articles include content regarding fox hunting, horsemanship, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, horse breeding from 1967-2009.
- C. Elizabeth Ober Column**  
 Copies and original newspaper articles written by Elizabeth Ober. "A Horsewoman's Diary", or "Diary of a Horsewoman" is a newspaper column that explores horsemanship and firsthand experiences of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club. The publication dates of these articles range from 1938-1950.
- D. Journal Publications**  
 Journal publications created by recognized organizations. Organizations include the National Steeple and Hunt Association and the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club. Publications range from 1972-1993.
- VIII. Ephemera** **5 folders**  
 Ephemera items include napkins, matchbook covers, name place cards, menus, programs, a scanned calendar page, and Elkridge-Harford Club materials.
- A. Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Centennial**  
 Contains a schedule of events, a song list and lyrics, homemade facemasks, an invitation list, an RSVP spreadsheet, and dinner menus. All items are directly related to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, which took place on Nov. 11, 1978.

**VIII. Ephemera (Cont.)****B. Programs**

Programs for Point-to-Point Races, the Maryland Hunts Horse Show, Steeplechase Races, the Elkridge Hounds Horse Show, the Elkridge-Harford Hunt and Livestock Fair, and the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Program dates range from 1922-2009.

**C. Special Events and Memorabilia**

A menu for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, Elkridge Club matchbook covers, name place cards, a 1974 E.H.H.C. membership roll, a 1980 E.H.H.C. list of Governors, Officers, and Committees, a scan of a 1934 calendar including a hand drawn illustration of the Harford Field, letterhead for the Harford Hunt, a scanned ad for the Maryland Ballet, a list of events for the Honeymoon Horse Show, a news update from the Winterthur Museum and Gardens, and an event poster. Items dated from 1934-2003.

**D. Maps**

Maps of Maryland Hunt Cup Course (undated), Baltimore and Harford County Point-to-Point Races, Deer Creek Hills Country, and Green Spring Valley Hounds Hunting Country. Farm maps and indexes for Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties. Dates on maps range from 1934-1949.

**E. Exhibit Notes**

Scanned notes for a 1978-1979 exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society. The exhibit covered the topics of cockfighting, the Hunt Cup, and the Hunt Dinner Dance.

**IX. Music and Lyrics 1 folder**

Undated pamphlets containing sing-a-long songs about hunting. One handout containing songs about Dallas Leith, sung at a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on December 13, 1980.

**X. Mule Race and Pony Club 1 folder**

A brochure for the Pony Club Cup and newspaper clippings regarding a Mule Race and the Pony Club. Dates range from 1944-1960.

**Container List  
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**I. Photographs and Printed Images, 1945-1979**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	01	Photographs and Printed Images	1945-1979

**II. Scrapbooks, 1881-1979**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0075 01	E.H.H.C. Scrapbook	1881-1978
MC0075 02	E.H.H.C. Scrapbook	1881-1978
MC0075 03	E.H.H.C. Scrapbook	1881-1978
MC0075 04	Equestrian Scrapbook	1976-1979

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J17	31	The Carrollton Hounds	1902-1941
K16	02	Scrapbook Page Copies	1882-1950

**III. Obituaries and Memorials, 1968-2009**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	03	Obituaries and Memorial Programs	1968-2009

**IV. Notable Sportsmen, 1929-2008**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	04	Content on Notable Maryland Sportsmen	1929-2008

**V. Historical Articles, 1916-1981**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	05	Historical Articles and Content	1916-1981

**VI. Correspondence, 1937-1980**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J17	32	Correspondence	1937-1980

**VII. Published Media, 1882-2009**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	06	Newspaper Articles	1882-1981
J17	33	Magazine Articles	1967-2009
K16	07	Elizabeth Ober Column	1938-1950
J17	34	Journal Publications	1972-1993

**VIII. Ephemera, 1922-2009**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
K16	08	Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Centennial	1978
J17	35	Programs	1922-2009
K16	09	Special Events and Memorabilia	1934-2003
K16	10	Maps	1934-1939
J17	36	Exhibit Notes	1978-1979

**IX. Music and Lyrics, 1980**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J17	37	Music and Lyrics	1980

**X. Mule Race and Pony Club, 1944-1960**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J17	38	Mule Race and Pony Club	1944-1960

This collection was processed by Olivia Shea, June 2017.