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National Sporting Library
Middleburg, VA

**Chapman Family Angling Collection
1944-2009**

Name: **Chapman, George and Mary** **MC0052**

Materials: Booklets, directories, magazines, pamphlets, catalogs, ephemera.

Dates: 1944-2009

Volume: 1.50 cubic feet

Donation: From George and Mary Chapman, 2011

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

Biographical Note

George "Chappie" Chapman was a skilled fly-tyer and well-known in the fly fishing community, particularly in Southern California, where he and his wife Mary resided after retiring from the U.S. Navy. Their guest room was usually found occupied as they often hosted authors, speakers, and others connected with the fly fishing world at their home. Chappie's patterns and flies have been published in the books of Lefty Kreh, who told him he had put the "biggest eyes on a small fly that I've ever seen!" He was a prominent member of the Sierra Pacific Flyfisher's group, was featured in an article in the California Fly Fisherman in 2002, and tied flies at The Fly Fishing Show for several years. He and his wife moved to North Carolina and later retired from fly tying in 2011. His unparalleled library collection of 2000+ fly fishing books, periodicals, and fly plates came to the National Sporting Library and Museum in 2011.

Collection Description

The Chapman Family Angling Collection consists of the letters, brochures, photographs, catalogs, pamphlets, guidebooks, and other ephemera that were donated by George and Mary Chapman in 2011. Many items were found tucked in the front pages of several books donated by the Chapmans. Items generally connect with the work in which they were found and include letters from well-known names in the fly fishing community such as Lefty Kreh, Craig Mathews, Gary Borger, and Dick

Talleur. The Chapmans hosted several of these authors in their home and many of the correspondences indicate several of the books as gifts for their hospitality. Many items also relate to the organizations with which George Chapman was involved, such as the Sierra Pacific Flyfisher's group and The Federation of Fly Fishing.

Series and Subseries

- I. Ephemera, 1946-2009** **36 Folders**
 Cards, letters, brochures, postcards, photographs, and other ephemeral items, organized by date and include a catalog printout of the book in which they were found (as applicable).
- II. Informative Materials** **31 folders**
 Pamphlets, booklets, reports, directories, magazines, calendars, maps, newspapers, articles, pamphlets, and catalogues.

Container List MC0052

I. Ephemera, 1946-2009

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J32	05	3 Fishing Club Cards	1946
J32	06	2 Gary Borger Letters	1987-1988
J32	07	2 Flytyers of CA Postcards	1989
J32	08	1 Craig Mathews Letter, 2 Maps	1990
J32	09	3 Dick Talleur Cards	1991
J32	10	Ed Shenk Cards	1992
J32	11	1 Deke Meyer Letter	1992
J32	12	Gary Borger Correspondence, Pamphlet	1992, 2004
J32	13	2 Ralph Cutter Letters, 1 Ad	1992-1994
J32	14	6 Eric Leiser Letters	1993
J32	15	2 Ed Engle Letters	1994, 2004
J32	16	2 Dave Whitlock Letters, 2 Printouts	1994, 2001
J32	17	Skip Morris Autograph	1995
J32	18	1 Jennifer Olsson Letter	1995
J32	19	1 Postcard	1995
J32	20	Emails	1995-2002
J32	21	1 Press Powell Card	1996
J32	22	Various Mel Krieger Correspondence	1996-2009
J32	23	Cathy Becks Card, Brochure, calendar	1997
J32	24	1 Craig Mathews Letter	2001
J32	25	2 Lefty Kreh Cards	2002, 2004
J32	26	1 Chappie Chapman Letter, 1 Brochure	2003
J32	27	2 Brian Horsley Letters	2005
J32	28	1 Jim Schollmeyer Email	2009

J32	29	1 NYT News Clipping	n.d.
J32	30	1 Dave Ames Postcard	n.d.
J32	31	1 Handwritten Note	n.d.
J32	32	1 Trapper Badovinac Card, 1 Bookmark	n.d.
J32	33	1 Jim Schollmeyer Card	n.d.
J32	34	1 Joe Humphreys Letter	n.d.
J32	35	1 Ken Hanley Envelope	n.d.
J32	36	1 'Fishing Tips' Pamphlet	n.d.
J32	37	1 Photograph	n.d.
J32	38	1 C. Boyd Pfeiffer Letter	n.d.
J32	39	1 Sheet of Negatives	n.d.
J32	40	2 Cheloniidae Press Ads	n.d.
J32	41	1 Book List	n.d.

II. Informative Materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J32	42	7 Fishing Pamphlets	1944-2009
J32	43	4 Flyfishing Booklets	1948-1973
J32	44	Materials Signed by Authors	1951-2004
J32	45	14 Flyfishing Booklets	1953-1994
J32	46	9 Flyfishing Booklets	1965-2007
J32	47	3 Fly casting guides	1966-1986
J32	48	1 Report and Proposal	1973
J32	49	4 Maps	1975-1991
J33	01	Misc. Fishing Materials	1976-2002
J33	02	19 Membership Directories	1977-2008
J33	03	8 Magazine supplements	1981-2004
J33	04	Misc. Materials	1982-1996
J33	05	FFF Materials (4 items)	1983-1988
J33	06	South Coast Sport Fishing	1986
J33	07	7 Pamphlets on Fishing in U.K.	1986-2004
J33	08	South Coast Sport Fishing	1987
J33	09	South Coast Sport Fishing	1988
J33	10	South Coast Sport Fishing	1989
J33	11	7 Calendars	1987-2007
J33	12	3 Joe Malat Pamphlets	1993-2004
J33	13	Signed Mel Krieger Paper	2000
J33	14	8 Dale A. Darling Pamphlets	2004-2006
J33	15	Misc. Magazine Articles	n.d.
J33	16	1 Fly Casting School Syllabus	n.d.
J33	17	'Sporting Books' #12 & #14	1985
J33	18	3 'Angler's Art' Catalogs	1988; n.d.
J33	19	2 'Meadow Run Press' Catalogs	1997
J33	20	'John and Judith Head' Catalog	1998
J33	21	Misc. Bookseller's Catalogs	v.
J33	22	3 Tony Lyons Catalogs	n.d.