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Middleburg, VA

**Paul Brown Archive**

Name: **Paul Desmond Brown** **MC0054**

Materials: Correspondence, Photographs, Photocopies

Dates: 1893-2007

Volume: 2 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Nancy Brown Searles, 2011.

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**Biographical Note**

Paul Desmond Brown (1893-1958) was an American illustrator of equestrian subjects. Brown was born in Mapleton, Minnesota, and his family moved to New York City in 1901 or 1902. Brown's father, Charles H. Brown, became a successful actor's agent in New York. Brown fell in love with horses at a trip to Madison Square Garden to see the National Horse Show in 1904.

Brown never completed high school, choosing instead to focus on drawing than other studies. He was never formally trained as an artist, but opened his own commercial art business at age 18. His business grew to prominence until Brown left to fight in World War I. After his return from the war, Brown married Harriett "Sallie" Smith in 1923 and build a house in Garden City on Long Island. They had three children: Geery, Whit and Nancy. Brown resided on Long Island the rest of his life.

Brown was prolific as an illustrator of horses and equestrian subjects. Although he is best known for his sketches and illustrations, Brown also experimented with other media, including oil paints. Brown also spent over three decades producing illustrations for Brooks Brothers catalogs, reportedly creating more than one thousand drawings for the catalogs.

Brown also began a writing career in the 1930s, writing and illustrating 32 books, 19 of which were intended for children. He drew illustrations for over 100 books authored by other writers.

### Series and Subseries

- I. Printed Artwork Samples** **6 folders**  
 Samples of artwork produced to illustrate various publications by Brown. Includes greeting cards, calendars, articles, and magazine covers.
- II. Personal Documents** **4 folders**  
 Correspondence, photographs, papers, and ephemera of Paul Brown and family members.
- III. Manuscripts** **1 item**  
 Catalogue of a Herbert Haseltine catalogue with a hand-written letter from Haseltine to Brown.

### Container List MC0054

#### I. Printed Artwork Samples

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L86	--	Michigan Fishing & Hunting Guide	1941
L86	--	The Ladies' Home Journal, March 1900	1900
L86	--	The Puritan, February 1897	1897
L86	--	Woman's Home Companion, March 1923	1923
L86	--	The Gazette, June 22, 2007	2007
L86	--	Collier's, September 13, 1930	1930
L86	--	U.S. Polo Association Fall Tournament	1929
L86	--	Equine Images, December/January 1992	1992
L86	--	Time Magazine, March 18, 1929	1929
L86	--	Brooks Brothers Holiday 2007	2007
L86	--	Brooks Brothers Holiday 2006	2006
L86	--	Photo album: steeplechase illustrations	N/A
L86	01	Photocopies of illustrations	N/A
J58	20	Miscellaneous illustration photocopies	1929-1987
J58	21	Greeting Cards	N/A
J58	22	Sporting Calendar	1991
J58	23	Brooks Brothers Christmas Cards	N/A
J58	24	Bumper Stickers	1991

#### II. Personal Documents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
L86	--	Oversized photograph of Paul Brown	N/A
J58	25	Brown Family Photographs	1893-1988
J58	26	Correspondence	1942-1988
J58	27	Photocopies of articles about Brown	1927-1947

#### III. Manuscript

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