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H. L. M. van Schaik Papers

Name: Henri Louis Marie van Schaik **MC0063**

Materials: Letters, photographs, articles, booklets

Dates: 1961-1991

Volume: 2 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Carol van Schaik, 2006; Robin Bledsoe, 2009.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Henri L. M. van Schaik (1899-1991) was born in Holland and served as an officer in the Dutch cavalry in the 1920s and 1930s. His early equestrian career focused on show jumping and he represented his country many times, including in the 1936 Olympic Games on Santa Bell as part of the silver medal team.

After World War II, van Schaik settled in the United States and opened a riding academy in Cavendish, Vermont. His interest gradually shifted to dressage and van Schaik became a passionate advocate of classical horsemanship. Over the next four decades, van Schaik taught countless students and wrote several books and many articles in defense of classical riding principles. In 1986, he wrote the book, *Misconceptions and Simple Truths in Dressage*.

Van Schaik died on August 19, 1991.

Collection Description

The H. L. M. van Schaik Papers are comprised of letters, photographs, booklets, and comments to sporting competitors from 1937 to 1991.

Series and Subseries

- I. Correspondence** **23 folders**
General correspondence of to and from van Schaik many letters and papers regarding clients of his riding academy as well as letters to sporting organizations and individuals regarding classical horsemanship, dressage, judging, and other topics.
- II. Photographs** **1 box, 1 folder**
Personal photographs of van Schaik, including slides and unidentified transparencies. Most photographs are of van Schaik at his riding academy in Vermont.
- III. Clippings and Miscellaneous Materials** **6 folders**
Clippings and typescripts of articles written by or of interest to van Schaik. This series also includes papers and pamphlets related to van Schaik's travel to Europe.
- IV. Booklets** **1 box**
Booklets in Dutch and German belonging to van Schaik on topics related to horsemanship, including dressage, judging, jumping, and driving. Acquired by NSLM in 2009, the gift of Robin Bledsoe.

**Container List
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I. Correspondence

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| J55 | 02 | Letters and Clippings | 1960-1963 |
| J55 | 03 | Letters | 1964-1965 |
| J55 | 04 | Letters | 1966 |
| J55 | 05 | Letters | 1967 |
| J55 | 06 | Letters | 1968 |
| J55 | 07 | Misc. Letters | 1965-1967 |
| J55 | 08 | Letters | 1969 |
| J55 | 09 | Letters | 1970 |
| J55 | 10 | Letters | 1971 |
| J55 | 11 | Letters | 1972 |
| J55 | 12 | Letters | 1973 |
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II. Photographs

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III. Clippings and Miscellaneous Materials

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IV. Booklets

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| L89 | -- | Rijden over Hindernissen (Jumping) | 1937 |
| L89 | -- | Turnier-Ordnung (Judge's Manual) | 1938 |
| L89 | -- | 24 Verschillende Dressuurproeven | 1950 |
| L89 | -- | Voorschrift voor nationale dressuurpr...n | 1950 |
| L89 | -- | Programma's voor Dressuurproev...Caprilli | 1953 |
| L89 | -- | Wedstrijdvoorschrift (Competition Rules) | 1954 |
| L89 | -- | Die Weltreiterei und wir (Essay) | 1957 |
| L89 | -- | Dressuurproeven (Dressage Tests) | 1958 |
| L89 | -- | Dressuurproeven | 1959 |
| L89 | -- | Handleiding (National Riding Manual) | 1963 |
| L89 | -- | Dressuurproeven | 1968 |
| L89 | -- | California Dressage Society Rosters | 1969-1971 |
| L89 | -- | Dressurrichterfibel (Judge's Handbook) | 1982 |

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