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**Rombout Hunt Archive**

Name: **Rombout Hunt** **MC0070**

Materials: Letters, booklets, newsletters, photographs, public documents, maps, manuscripts, kennel lists, pedigree lists, directories

Dates: 1929-2000

Volume: 3.75 cubic feet

Donation: Gift of Norma Dolan, 2014

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

**Historical Note**

In 1925 Homer B. Gray, Everett Blake, and Dwight R. Sedgewick of Poughkeepsie, NY began hunting and kenneling hounds. On October 29, 1929 the Rombout Riding and Hunt Club was organized with Gray elected as Master and Huntsman. Officers included M. Glenn Folger (President), Elias Vail (Vice President), Helen Kenyon (Secretary), and Donald Haggert (Treasurer). The first Annual Meeting was held in April 1930, followed by a Horse Show in May. In 1931, the club was granted recognized status and was renamed the Rombout Hunt in 1946.

**Collection Description**

The Rombout Hunt collection includes information about meetings, organizational documents such as booklets, maps, and letters, directories, information about hounds, photographs, and public documents such as newsletters and obituaries related to the Rombout Hunt, Inc. The materials in each series are arranged chronologically.

**Series and Subseries**

**I. Meetings, 1934-2000** **13 folders**  
This series includes typed up notes regarding decisions and occurrences at Rombout Hunt, Inc. meetings, a DVD of the minutes from 1934-1940, and the typed up annual meeting reports from 1965-2000. The meeting minutes come first, followed by the DVD

and annual meeting reports. They are arranged in chronological order.

**II. Organizational Documents, 1929-2000** **10 folders**

This series includes budgets, by-laws, booklets, drafts, fixtures and caps, maps, letters by Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr., drawings of kennel specifications and new kennel paperwork. Budgets include papers regarding the amount of money spent on various purchases and events. The by-laws are various laws created by Rombout Hunt, Inc. regarding the hunt and the hounds used in those hunts. There are various booklets regarding the history of fox hunting and Rombout Fox Hunt, Inc. itself. Included next are handwritten and typed drafts of various writings about the history of fox hunting and fox hunting itself. It includes a rough draft and notes from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet of the Rombout Hunt, Inc. Also includes a draft of a piece written by Peter Winants entitled "Rombout Hunt-Doing Well With Transitions." The maps include both north and south Rombout hunt countries. Kennel specifications include a letter from John H. Daniels about the kennel drawings, the drawings themselves, and a list of general conditions for the Rombout hunt kennel.

**III. Directories, 1964-1998** **5 folders**

This series includes lists of members of the Rombout Hunt, Inc. from 1964-1987. Directory booklets are included in chronological order.

**IV. Hounds, 1959-2001** **20 folders**

This series includes drafting sheets, kennel lists, pedigrees, hound sales, "The Miracle of Warden," and papers about puppy shows. The pedigree charts include Penn-Marydel, American, and Crossbred hounds. The hound sales include emails, letters, handwritten notes and postal receipts regarding the buying and selling of hounds. "The Miracle of Warden" is a story of a particularly spectacular Rombout hound. Puppy Shows includes emails, newspaper articles, photographs, and booklets about puppy shows from 1977-1989.

**V. Photographs, 1940-1995** **3 folders**

This series includes three folders of photographs from 1940-1995. The first two folders are hunting photographs, and include photographs of opening meets, Betty Davis, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr., various hunts, RF Meyer, and Bill Canver. The last folder includes photographs from hound shows dating from 1969-1995. It includes photographs from the Bryn Mawr Hound Shows and the Rombout Show. Photographs are in chronological order.

**VI. Public Documents, 1945-2000** **3 folders**

This series includes three folders of newsletters, publicity, and obituaries. The Rombout publicity includes articles and the April 2000 issue of the magazine "Quest." These are in chronological order. The final folder in this series includes the obituaries of Richmond F. Meyer and Homer Gray.

**Container List**  
**MC0070**

**I. Meetings**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J36	01-09	Board Meeting Minutes	1968-1993
J38	13	DVD of Pictures of Minutes	1934-1940
J38	14-16	Annual Meeting Reports	1965-2000

**II. Organizational Documents**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J36	10	Budgets	1971-1979
J36	11	By-Laws	1963-1971
J36	12	Booklets	1929-1979
J36	18	Fox Hunting Drafts	1978-2000
J38	18-19	Fixtures and Caps	1978-1994
J38	22	Maps	1974, 1990
J38	23	Letters by Franklin Roosevelt Jr.	1975-1978
J38	24	Kennel Specifications	1976
J38	26	New Kennels	1975

**III. Directories**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J36	13	Membership Committee Lists	1964-1987
J36	14	Color Lists	1984-1991
J36	15-17	Membership Directories	1976-1998

**IV. Hounds**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
J37	01-10	Drafting Sheets	1959-1995
J38	01	Drafting Sheets	1996-2001
J38	02-03	Kennel Lists	1964-2000
J38	04	Hound Pedigrees (Penn-Marydel)	1969-1976
J38	05-06	Hound Pedigrees (American)	1964-2000
J38	07	Hound Pedigrees (Crossbred)	1982-1996
J38	08	Hound Sales	1972-1989
J38	09	"The Miracle of Warden"	1989
J38	21	Puppy Shows	1977-1989

**V. Photographs**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
J38	10-11	Hunting Photographs	1940-1979
J38	12	Hound Show Photographs	1969-1995

**VI. Public Documents**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
J36	18	History of Foxhunting Materials	N/A
J38	17	Rombout Newsletters	1968-1999
J38	20	Rombout Publicity	1945-2000
J38	25	Obituaries	1952, 1994

This collection was processed by Lauren E. Garcia, June 2015.