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**National Beagle Club of America, Inc., Archives**  
1890-1987

Name: National Beagle Club of America, Inc. (est. 1890s) **MC0085**

Materials: Letters, clippings, scrapbooks, minute books, photographs

Dates: 1890-1987

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**National Beagle Club of America, Inc., Historical Note**

The National Beagle Club of America, Inc. (NBC) was established in the late 1880s. Original goals included: holding field trials and improvement of the breed. The first field trial was held in 1890, the first National Beagle Club Specialty Show was held in 1891.

In 1916, James W. Appleton, Harry Peters, George W. Post, Chetwood Smith, Ted Lucas, H.C. Phipps, and C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., formed the Institute Corporation in order to purchase Institute Farm in Aldie, Virginia, which became NBC's headquarters.

**Collection Description**

The NBC archives consists of bound volumes, scrapbooks, letters, ephemera, photos, and a ledger. The majority of items are collated Field Trial records for specific years. The letters have been organized chronologically. The minute books chronicle the beginnings of the NBC.

**Series and Subseries**

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| <b>I. History</b>   | <b>1 volume</b>  |
| Handwritten records (incomplete) of the NBC once installed at Institute Farm-Aldie, Virginia from 1916-1925, 1949-1951. |                  |
| <b>II. Minutes</b>  | <b>2 volumes</b> |

Minutes of meetings of the National Beagle Club from 1890-1898, and from 1898-1910. Minute books include member lists, member accounts, Secretary reports, Treasurer reports, list of judges for field trials and bench shows, executive reports, field trial committees, annual meetings. Occasionally, pages are pasted in the pages of the minute books.

- III. Official Documents** **1 volume**  
Handwritten Cash Book of the NBC from 1907-1917, 1957-1958
- IV. Field Trials & Show of Beagles** **5 volumes**  
Handwritten and typed records of the NBC Field Trials and Show of Beagles from 1905-1923.
- Official documentation, results, and ephemera from the NBC's Field Trials and Show of Beagles: 1905-1912 (handwritten), 1912-1916 (printed), 1917-1923 (printed), 1913 (printed). Occasionally, other documents have been inserted into the pages, such as: annual report, letters.
- V. Pedigrees** **1 volume**  
Somerset Beagle pedigrees, 1895-1918. Alphabetized sections indexed, individual pedigree tables for select Beagles, correspondence, pedigree sheets inserted.
- VI. Scrapbook** **1 volume**  
Oversize folio of photos and printed materials of NBC Field Trials and Show of Beagles from 1949-1956.
- VII. Correspondence** **6 folders**  
NBC letters from 1896-1908.

#### Container List

##### I. History

<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR B 561.N285 1916	Book	1916-1925, 1949-1951
MS RBR B561.I57	Document: The Institute Corp.	n.d.

##### II. Minutes

<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR C 561.N285 1890	Minute book	1890-1898
MS RBR C 561.N285 1898	Minute book	1898-1910, 1987

##### III. Official Documents

<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR B 561.N285 1907	Cash book	1907-1917, 1957-1958
<b>IV. Field Trials &amp; Shows</b>		
<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR B 561 .F445 1905	Scrapbook	1905-1912
MS RBR B 561 .N285 1912	Records	1912-1916
MS RBR B 561 .N285 1917	Records, Vol. 2	1917-1923
MS RBR B 561 .N285 1912	Records, Inst. Farm	1912-1917, 1919-1920
MS RBR B 561 .N285 1913	Records	1913
<b>V. Pedigrees</b>		
<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR B 561 .S664 1895	Somerset Hounds pedigree book	1895-1918
<b>VI. Scrapbook</b>		
<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
OVR RBR FOLIO 10A	Scrapbook	1949-1956
<b>VII. Correspondence</b>		
<u>CALL #</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MS RBR B 561 .S345 1896	Letter: to Schillhass	1896
MS RBR B 561 .W437 1898	Letter: Wharton to American Kennel Club	1898
MS RBR B 561 .T777 1899	Letter: Turpin to Schillhass	1899
MS RBR B 561 .T777 1907	Letter: Turpin to Appleton	1907
MS RBR B 561 .T777 1907	Letter: Turpin to Appleton	1907
MS RBR B 561 .T777 1908	Letter: Turpin to Appleton	1908

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