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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 884

CREATOR: Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt

TITLE: Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt records

DATES: 1825-1954

BULK DATES: 1877-1940

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of secretaries' minutes, correspondence, subscriber lists, narrative reports of hunts, and records for Hunt-sponsored events such as the annual judging of the young hounds and the Hunt Ball, steeplechases, and Gamekeepers' and Earthstoppers' lunches and shoots. The material primarily dates from 1877, when the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt was reorganized, but also contains some records from the Lothians' Hunt period. The material was used by Hunt secretary James H. Rutherford for his 1911 volume *The History of the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt, 1775-1910*.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Julian Browning on the Jonathan O. Bulkley Fund, 1998.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt Records. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Formerly classes as Uncat MS Vault 818; further organization and description was carried out in 2012.

Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt

The Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt, Scotland's oldest country hunt, was organized in 1775. Between 1869 and 1877 it merged with the Lothians' Hunt and operated under the latter name; after 1877 it was revived as the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Administrative Records, 1825-1948. II. Correspondence, 1872-1940. III. Events Records, 1885-1954.

Collection Contents

Series I: Administrative Records, 1825-1948

12 Folders

b. 1, f. 1	Minutes of meetings With list of subscribers of 1825 tipped in the index pages between V and W. Also contains hunt reports clipped from newspapers and other ephemera documenting hunt activities	1825, 1869-1887
b. 1, f. 2	Minutes of meetings	1923, 1935
b. 1, f. 3	Blank ledger book	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Letters of financial guarantee	1912-1915
b. 1, f. 5	List of subscribers and expenses for 1810-1814	1922
b. 1, f. 6	Lists of subscribers	1877-1887
b. 1, f. 7	Lists of subscribers	1921-1932
b. 2, f. 8	Lists of those to whom cub-hunting cards are sent (subscribers)	1934-1937
b. 2, f. 9	Copies of newspaper reports and cuttings from <i>The Scotsman</i> for season 1933-1934	1933-1934
b. 2, f. 10	<i>Report and Accounts for Season 1947-1948</i> Four copies of a published report	1948
b. 2, f. 11	Stamp book (postage accounts)	1924-1931
b. 2, f. 12	Miscellaneous papers	1915-1945

Series II: Correspondence, 1872-1940*7 Folders*

b. 2, f. 13	Letterbook	1872-1875
b. 2, f. 14	General correspondence	1910-1924
b. 2, f. 15	Letterpress copybook	1927
b. 2, f. 16	General correspondence	1931-1940
b. 3, f. 17	Letters regarding the kennels and hounds	1903-1938
b. 3, f. 18	Letters regarding Golfhall Kennels and the Edinburgh-Glasgow Road widening project	1924-1929
b. 3, f. 19	Unused letterhead	undated

Series III: Events Records, 1885-1954*20 Folders*

b. 3, f. 20-27	Gamekeepers' and Earthstoppers' subscriptions and Lunch and Shoot records	1885-1939
b. 4, f. 28-31	Hunt Ball	1926-1954
b. 4, f. 32-33	Hunt date cards (recording dates of hunts)	1927-1940
b. 4, f. 34-39	Young Hounds judging and luncheon (Puppy Show)	1927-1941

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Fox hunting -- Scotland
Hunters -- Scotland
Hunting -- Scotland

Geographic Names

Linlithgowshire (Scotland)
Lothian (Scotland)
Stirlingshire (Scotland)

Genres / Formats

Minute books -- Scotland -- 19th century
Minute books -- Scotland -- 20th Century

Occupations

Hunters -- Scotland -- 19th century

Names

Rutherford, James H.
Rutherford, James H. (History of the Linlithgow
and Stirlingshire Hunt, 1775-1910)

Corporate Bodies

Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt
Lothians' Hunt

Contributors

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