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**Alexander Mackay-Smith
Papers**

Name: Alexander Mackay-Smith (1903-1998) MC 0040

Materials: Correspondence, Photos, Printed Material

Dates: 1747 - 1995

Volume: 12 cubic feet (16 document boxes)

Donation: Gift of Alexander Mackay-Smith 1995

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Biographical Note

Alexander Mackay Smith (1903-1998) Author, scholar, sportsman, his life spanned all but five years of the 20th century. His passions embraced music, history, art, literature and social change. He was the most prolific author of equine sporting scholarship that North America has produced.

While editor of the Chronicle from 1952 to 1976, Mr. Mackay-Smith played an integral part in shaping the horse world by founding or co-founding numerous organizations or institutions. They include: The United States Pony Club, the U.S. Combined Training Association, the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association Inc., the Cleveland Bay Society, the Morven Park International Equestrian Institute, the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, the American Remount Association, the Museum of Hounds and Hunting and the Clarke County Historical Association.

In 1954 he and George Ohrstrom Sr. founded the National Sporting Library. Mr. Mackay-Smith was the curator and a director until his death. He also served as a director for Virginia of the Masters of Foxhounds Association.

By the late 1930's, he was hunting with both the Blue Ridge and the Rock Hill hunts. After the United States entered World War II, Mr. Mackay-Smith became MFH of both the Blue Ridge and Rock Hill.

Scarcely a remote corner of our sporting world exists where Alexander Mackay-Smith has not made important and long lasting contributions. Best known for his literary output, his many books on the sporting world have been enthusiastically received by the sporting fraternity. But one work of scholarship in particular, "The American Foxhound, 1747-1967" has achieved the status of classic under any definition of the term. It is quoted and referred to by every author of stature in American foxhunting, and it has taken its place among the ranks of other hunting classics published over the past two hundred years.

Collection Description

The Alexander Mackay-Smith Papers consist of materials related to his researching and writing several books and numerous articles for magazines such as "The Chronicle of the Horse." These papers consist of correspondence, photographs, magazine articles, hound pedigrees, original drafts of some of the books as well as plates and pictures from numerous magazines published in the nineteenth century.

The papers are arranged in seven series as outlined below:

I. "The American Foxhound 1747 to 1967"

There are four boxes of folders containing information on pedigrees, hound shows, articles on hounds, correspondence concerning publication of the book, and drafts of most of the Chapters. There are copies of articles on Hunts, hound breeding, hound shows, the "great Hound Match" and early hunting in America. There are original letters from B.F. Bywaters.

II. "The Songs of Foxhunting"

Boxes 5 and 6 contain drafts of songs, illustrations used in the book, articles on songs, as well as handwritten and typed drafts of the chapters in the book.

III. "A History of the Masters of Foxhounds Association"

Box 8 contains correspondence concerning content of the book, minutes of MFHA meetings, Masters Dinner invitations by Joe Jones, and typed drafts of the book.

IV. "The Race Horses of America. Paintings by Edward Troye."

Box 9 contains letters requesting information and location of Troye paintings, correspondence and articles about Troye.

V. Articles by Mackay-Smith for The Chronicle et al

Boxes 10, 11, and 12 contain articles on hounds, foxhunting, agriculture, and field trials. There are many copies of articles from magazines and newspapers published between 1800 and 1875

VI. Articles and Correspondence on Cleveland Bay Horses

Box 13 contains letters, pedigrees, stallion articles and information on importing Cleveland Bay horses. There are several articles on light draft horses and their use in agriculture.

VII Misc. Articles, Photos and Magazines.

Boxes 7, 14, 15 and 16 contain an assortment of information, magazine articles and photographs concerning hounds, horses and foxhunting in the 19th century. There are also a number of plates from Porters and Wilkes's "Spirit of the Times" magazine.

Container List
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I. The American Foxhound 1747 to 1967

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	1	Letters to AMS Congratulations on being elected Pres. Amer.Foxhnd Club	1965
	2	Letters concerning publication of the Book and lists of hunt members.	1968
	3	Letters about publication	1968
	4	Letters about costs of publication	1968
	5	Letters of inquiry about book	1969
	6	Subscriptions to book.	1969
	7	Lists of Subscribers	1969
	8	Requests for photos	1967
	9	Letters concerning photos & content	1968
	10	Letters about pedigrees	1967
	11	Lord Fairfax's Hounds	1946
	12	George Washington articles	1967
	13	History of red fox	1942
	14	"Mountain" & "Muse" history	1941
	15	Hound pedigrees	1967
	16	Chichester Family history	1830
	17	Early hunting in Va. Green and Payne	1755
	18	Colonial hunting in Va. Warrenton	1750
	19	Warrenton Hunt, Maddox, Payne, Hitchcock	1900
	20	B.F.Bywaters letters, clippings	1922
	21	Great Hound Match. Grafton, Middlesex	1905
	22	Amer.Foxhnd Club beginnings	1913
	23	Hound standards for judging	1885
	24	Brunswick Mass.Hound Show	1906
	25	Beginnings of MFHA. Letters H. Smith	1907
	26	Hound Shows. Kennel Stud Book	1915
	27	Hound Show planning. Prizes, Classes	1913
	28	Hound Shows. Riding Club Show	1934
	29	Hound Shows. AKC letters	1942
	30	Middleburg/Piedmont Hunts. D. Sands	1939
	31	Piedmont Hunt. J. Thomas diaries	1915
	32	J. Thomas. P. Rainey letters	1968
	33	J. Thomas hound pedigrees	1900
	34	J. Thomas hound pedigrees & list	1900
	35	Joe Johnson pedigrees	1924
	36	Orange County Hunt pedigrees	1967
	37	Millbrook Puppy Show	1968
	38	Brandywine Hounds pedigrees/history	1935
	39	Foxcatcher Hounds pedigrees	1934
	40	Essex Foxhounds pedigrees	1968
	41	Quansett Hounds pedigrees/history	1968

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
02	1	Rose Tree Pedigrees	1920
	2	Rose Tree Pedigrees	1921
	3	Rose Tree Pedigrees	1925
	4	Rose Tree Pedigrees	1932
	5	Rose Tree Pedigrees	1933
	6	PMD pedigrees W. Hubbard, Jeffords	1930
	7	PMD history, Rose Tree, pedigrees	1940
	8	Mr. Jeffords Hounds pedigrees	1914
	9	Mr. Jeffords Hounds pedigrees	1925
	10	Bryn Mawr Hnd Show	1937
	11	Hnd Shows Bryn Mawr, Va.	1950
	12	Hnd Shows Va, Bryn Mawr, Montpelier	1935
	13	Va Foxhound Club By Laws	1956
	14	Studbook history, Bibliography	1966
	15	Rappahannock hound breeders	1920
	16	Racing in America illustrations	1860
	17	Bywaters pedigrees	1928
	18	Braxton Sawyer. Genetics, Standards	1971
	19	Hnd articles, stud book, early history	1930
	20	Hand written pedigrees, Eastham	1900
	21	Hound pedigrees, Bywaters, Eastham	1900
	22	Pedigrees, Joe Thomas	1900
	23	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Thomas	1920
	24	Pedigrees, J. Johnson, Bywaters	1930
	25	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Harry Smith	1920
	26	Pedigrees, whelped before 1920	1920
	27	Pedigrees, Thomas, Eastham, Johnson	1946
	28	Pedigrees, Dallas Watson, Johnson	1916
	29	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Johnson et al	1925
	30	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Johnson et al	1925
	31	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Johnson et al	1925
	32	Pedigrees, Bywaters, Johnson et al	1925
	29*	Pedigrees, Thomas, Maupin	1920
	30*	Strains of hounds. July, Goodman et al	1976
	31*	Strains, Trigg, Walker, Maupin	1958
	32*	Walker Kennels, Paint Lick KY	1926
	33*	Strains, Whitlock Shaggies	1924
	34*	Strains, Byron, Avent, Bennett, Brooke	1924

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03	1-9	Pedigrees hounds bred in Rappahannock	1920
	10	Photos, Bywaters, Daniell, houses	1970
	11	Photos, houses, Thomas, Welbourne	1970
	12	Photos, Oakland, Mtn & Muse, Birdsong	1920
	13	Photos, hounds, J. Walker, Ky hunting	1910
	14	Photos, hound shows, J. Thomas	1930
	15	Photos, hounds, Chadwell,	1940
	16	photos, hounds, hunt maps	1940
	17	Photos, PMD hounds, Rose Tree	1928
	18	Photos, Masters, Stud Book	1940
	19	Notes, Preface, Biblio, Illus.	1968

20	Chapt. I Original draft	1968
21	Chapt. II Original draft	1968
22	Chapt. III Original draft	1968
23	Chapt. IV Original draft	1968
24	Chapt. V Original draft	1968
25	Original draft. Walker & Trigg Hnds	1968
26	Chapt. VI Original Draft	1968
27	Chapt. VII Original Draft	1968
28	Chapt. VIII Original Draft	1968
29	Chapt. IX Original Draft	1968
30	Chapt. X Original Draft	1968
31	Chapt. XI Original Draft	1968
32	Chapt. XII Original Draft	1968
33	Chapt. XIII Original Draft	1968
34	Chapt. XIV Original Draft	1968
35	Chapt. XV Original Draft	1968
36	Chapt. XVI Original Draft	1968
37	Chapt. XVII Original Draft	1968
38	Chapt. XVIII Original Draft	1968
39	Chapt. XIX Original Draft	1968
40	Chapt. XX Original Draft	1968
41	Chapt. XXI Original Draft	1968
42	Chapt. XXII Original Draft	1968
43	Chapt. XXII Original Draft	1968
44	Chapt. XXIII Original Draft	1968
45	Appendix Information	1968
46	Index and Addenda	1968
47	Index of Owners & Breeders	1968

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
04	1	Original Draft Chapter I	1969
	2	Original Draft Chapter VI	1968
	3	Original Draft Chapter XII	1968
	4	Original Draft Chapter XV	1968
	5-17	Original Drafts of Chapters	1968
	18-19	Indexes and Footnotes Draft	1968
	20	Letters of congratulations on book	1969
	21	Book reviews	1969
	22	Drafts of partial chapters	1968
	23	Magazine articles included in book	1968

II The Songs of Foxhunting

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
05	1-4	Illustrations used in book	1974
	5-7	Drafts of songs	1974
	8-9	Articles on songs. Horn calls	1974
	10-14	Drafts of songs	1974
	15-17	Illustrations used in book	1974
	18-23	Hand written & typed drafts	1974
	24	Japanese Songs	1974
	25	Card Catalog, authors, songs et al	1974
6	1	Illustrations & drafts of songs	1974

III A History of the MFHA

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
08	1	Transparencies & Illustrations	1977
	2	Letters concerning content of book	1977
	3	Letters on pictures and content	1977
	4	By-Laws MFHA	1962
	5	J.Thomas vs D.Sands, disputes	1919
	6	Nat.Steeplechase AssocHunt recognition	1933
	7	Hunt Rosters	1932
	8	Foxhound Kennel Stud Book	1956
	9	Early hound shows	1903
	10	MFHA Laws, booklets from 1923	1945
	11	Govt. of Sport. J. Thomas reprimand	1922
	12	MFHA Constitution changed	1923
	13	Letters concerning former Presidents	1948
	14	MFHA Office operation	1951
	15	Hunt Servants Benefit Foundation	1976
	16	Panel Discussions, Annual Meetings	1977
	17	MFHA Annual Dinner Invitat.cartoons	1945
	18	Public Relations. Meeting Minutes	1964
	19	MFHA Meeting minutes.Letters. Pub Rel	1948
	20	MFHA Meeting min. Huntlists time line.	1976
	21	MD & DE hunt maps. Sunday hunting	1976
	22	VA Hound Show Judges 1979. Loudon Hnt	1979
	23 - 36	Drafts of book	1977

IV The Race Horses of America. Paintings by Edward Troye

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
09	1	Letters requesting location of art	1979
	2	Letters requesting facts on Troye	1979
	3-15	Requests for Troye information	1979
	16	Letters thanking slide donors	1981
	17-20	Requests for Troye information	1980

21	Painting Locations, Residence lists	1980
22	Magazine articles about Troye	1926
23-31	Lists of potential buyers	1980
32	Permission to reproduce	1980
33	Book Review by Stella Walker	1980
34	Plates of Edward Troye artwork	1874

V. Articles by Mackay-Smith for The Chronicle et al

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
10	1	Race horse list 1885-89 hand written	1885
	2	Senator George Hearst. CA racing	1875
	3	Sen. Hearst. Articles on his racing	1890
	4	Racing articles Amer Turf. Tracks	1890
	5	George Hearst race winners	1875
	6	Lists of George Hearst winners	1890
	7	CA racing stables	1890
	8	Photos Hearst jockey's	1890
	9	Photos of Cal Race owners	1890
	10	CA photos & drawings	1890
	11	Chronicle Quiz Questions & Answers	1946
	12	Farming articles by AMS in Chronicle	1945
	13	Grass Roots articles by AMS	1945
	14	Over The Pasture Fence articles AMS	1945
	15	Racing articles in Chronicle by AMS	1946
	16	Tack Room Bench articles by AMS	1946
	17	Hunter breeding articles by AMS	1946
	18	Letters to Chronicle concern articles	1946
	19	Letter concerning grazing article	1949
	20	Drafts.Horsmanship,Shows, SteepleChase	1948
	21	Draft of Play. "Manmade Mircle"	1947
	25	Articles. Hound breeding seminar	1977
	26	Articles. Feeding hounds seminar	1975
	27	Articles. Hound judging. Canada	1978
	28	Notes on hounds. Southern hound	1927
	35	Notes & Bibliography on hounds	1920
	36	Articles on Organized foxhunting	1920
	37	Articles on Beginnings of Hunting	1897
	38	Articles on early hunting	1917

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
11	01	Amer Turf Reg Hounds/hunting articles	1895
	02	Hunting articles from Horse & Hound	1976
	03	American Farmer 1827 articles	1840
	04	Amer Turf Reg Midwest hunting	1882
	05	Rider Driver. New England hunting	1892
	06	Amer. Field New England hunting	1895
	07	Amer. Field NC hunting	1870
	08	Spirit of Times articles on Hunts	1874
	09	Amer Turf Reg articles	1850
	10	Turf Field & Farm hound articles	1881
	11	Horse & Hound Daphne Moore	1975

12	Hunt histories. ODH, Green Spring	1968
13	BlueRidgeHunt property & financial	1944
14	Thank-you notes to AMS of Blue Ridge	1947
15	RockHill Hounds correspondence	1941
16	Woods Walker. G. Washington articles	1956
17	American Foxhound Club 1951	1951
18	National Foxhunters field trials	1933
19	Virginia Foxhound Club	1955
20	American Farmer Sporting Olio	1825
21	American Turf Register articles	1829
22	KY hound show Newspaper articles	1970
23	Col. Fred Skinner articles	1953
24	The Red Ranger. Five magazines	1925
25	Rider & Driver. Excerpts	1896
26	Col James Gordon "Pious Jeemes"	1873

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12	01	Red Ranger fox hunting articles	1921
	03	American Stallion Register	1750
	04	Amer. Stallion Register, Arabians	1766
	05	Amer. Stallion Register	1780
	06	VA Gazette, Stallion descriptions	1774
	07	Amer. Stallion Register descriptions	1790
	08-09	Cleveland Bay Stallion sires	1935
	10	George Washington Mule Breeding sires	1790
	11	MD Gazette Quarter Horse Racing	1750
	12-26	GSB Stallion Sires Amer. Stallion Reg	1830
	27	Notes on equine breeding	1970
	28	Dumblane & ChevChase Hunts. Rider Drive	1892
	29	Pony Club history	1950
	30	Cross country riding USCTA	1970

VI Articles and Correspondence on Cleveland Bay Horses

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
13	01	Cleveland Bay stallions	1939
	02-12	Cleveland Bay history in US	1939
	13	Cleveland Bay articles	1942
	14-15	Cleveland Bay articles and owners	1941
	16	Cleveland Bay purchasing letters	1943
	17-24	Cleveland Bay General letters	1940
	25-26	Cleveland Bay pictures	1941
	27	Cleveland Bay importing	1946
	28-29	Cleveland Bay purchase letters	1945
	30	Cleveland Bay Gypsy Maid letters	1940
	31-38	Cleveland Bay breeding/purchases	1940
	39	Cleveland Bay pedigrees	1934
	40	Cleveland Bay pictures	1952
	41-42	Light/general horse articles	1935
	31A	Cleveland Bay, Thomas Waddle NY	1940
	32-35A	Cleveland Bay sires	1887

43	General Purpose Horse Association	1942
44	Percheron crosses	1936
45	Draft Horse Crosses	1943

VII Misc. Articles, Photos and Magazines

Box	Folder	Content	Date
14	01	The Chase Magazine. 10 copies 1931-35	1935
	02	The Sportsman's Review, foxhunting	1906
	03	F.G.Skinner Cincinnati Times fox hunt	1880
	04	Newspaper articles hunting in KY	1975
	05	Paul Rainey hound pedigrees	1925
	06	Chronicle information	1950
	46A	Agricultural conservation letters	1949
	47A	Fox raising. Transportation	1926
	48A	Newspaper articles on Polo	1926
	49A	Fox rabies in Clarke County Va	1952
	50A	Coyote and wolf hunting	19

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
15	01	National Field Trials KY pictures	1926
	02	Virginia Field Trials Petersburg VA	1926
	03	NC Field Trials, pictures	1925
	04	Gray Fox pictures 8x10 Lee Rue	1968
	05-06	Red Fox pictures 8x10 B/W Lee Rue	1969
	07	Red Fox pictures 8x10 B/W	1974
	08	Red Fox pictures 4x5 color	1965
	09	Photos misc. hunting hounds	1947
	10	Photos Robt. Walker others B/W	1925
	11	Photos VA Foxhound Club Montpelier	1959
	12	BrynMawr & Litchfield Hound Shows	1954
	13	Hound pictures B/W	1926
	14	Hound cartoons B/W	1967
	15	Photos B/W Almy, Ayer, Bowman, Collins	1950
	16	Photos B/W Hardaway, Haight, Harper	1950
	17	Photos b/w Vaughn, Stewart, Wadsworth	1969
	18	Photos b/w Hunters no names	1950
	19-20	Photos b/w Stallions no names	1950
	22	Alvin Fisher (artist) Bio, Photos	1863
	24	Early American Artists, Atwood, A-CL	1850
	25	Early American Artists D-He	1887
	26	Early American Artists J-Ri	1871
	27	Amer. Turf Register Vol I-IV plates	1830
	28	Amer. Turf Reg. Plates of horses	1830
	29-30	Amer. Turf Reg. Plates of horses	1837
	31	Carolina Sports. Plates Devil Fish	1859
	32	Gentleman's Vade Mecum plates	1836
	33	The Horse of America. Plates	1857
	34	Indexes. NY Sporting Mag. Annals of American & English Turf 1833-1836	

35	NY Sporting Mag. Plates	1834
36	Index US Sporting Mag.1835-36	1835
37	US Sporting Mag. Plates of horses	1835
38	Porters Spirit of the Times plates	1857
39	Porters Spirit of Times plates	1850
40	Porters Spirit articles & mast heads	1849
41-44	Porters Spirit articles & plates	1850
45-58	Wilkes' Spirit Times plates& article	1859

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
16	01	French postcards Bayeux Tapestry	1900
	02	Nat. Wildlife. Color Pictures of foxes	1976
	03	Blue Ridge Hunt "Clark Courier"	1950
	04	Amer Foxhound pictures of type	1970
	05	Hunting dog improvement. Shows	1841

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
07	01	Misc. Hound Show photos from BrynMawr, & Virginia 1970 thru 1992. The Bombay Hunting Country photos. MFHA dinner photos	

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