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**Bryn Mawr Horse Show
Register
1939**

Name: **Bryn Mawr Horse Show (est. 1895)** **MC 0020**

Materials: Register

Dates: 1939

Volume: 0.25 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: Gift of Bryn Mawr Horse Show Association, 1966

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

Historical Note

The Bryn Mawr Horse Show Association near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was organized in 1895; the first show was held a year later on the Bryn Mawr Polo Fields. Early leaders included Maskell Ewing, George Filler, and Edward F. Beale. At the height of its popularity, the show lasted for five days toward the end of September. In 1914 a hound show was added, making the event even more popular. The Bryn Mawr Horse and Hound Show was held annually, except for a hiatus during World War I in 1917 and 1918, until 1943. America's entrance into war again caused the suspension of the show. After the war, the hound show portion was the first of its kind to be revived, but the horse show was not resurrected. Today, having moved to the grounds of the Radnor Hunt Club, the Bryn Mawr Hound Show continues to be one of the most popular hound shows in the country.

Collection Description

The Bryn Mawr Horse Show Register consists of one item, a book of entries for the 1939 show. The collection has been divided into three series: General Business, Horse Show, and Hound Show, but remains in the original order in which the records were entered in the register. Sections were divided by labeled tabs, created by the original creators. Both the records of the Horse Show and the Hound Show are included in this register.

Series and Subseries

- I. General Business** **1 folder**
 Contains records of general business concerning the administration of the show, including measurements for grounds, bills and receipts, and lists of box owners, members, entries, and exhibit numbers.
- II. Horse Show** **3 folders**
 Handwritten entries and results for various classes, cups, and challenges, both team and individual, for hunting and jumping based upon age, sex, and size. Divided into sections labeled 1 through 90; housed in three folders.
- III. Hound Show** **3 folders**
 Handwritten entries and results for best individual animals as well as couples, based upon age, sex, and size. Divided into sections labeled 1 through 95; housed in three folders.

Container List MC 0020

I. General Business

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	General business records for show	1939

II. Horse Show

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	2-4	Entries and results, sections 1-90	1939

II. Hound Show

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	5-7	Entries and results, sections 1-95	1939

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