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**Gerald B. Webb, Jr.
Photograph Albums
1935-1961**

Name: **Webb, Gerald B., Jr. (d. 1947)** **MC 0010**

Materials: Photograph Albums

Dates: 1935-1961 (bulk dates 1937-1941)

Volume: 1.5 cubic feet (Document boxes 1-3)

Donation: Unknown

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

Biographical Note

Gerald B. Webb, Jr., a longtime horseman and foxhunter, was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the son of former Colorado governor and expert on tuberculosis Dr. Gerald B. Webb and his wife Varena Hayes Webb, a descendant of Jefferson Davis. After graduating from the University of Virginia, Webb took a job as the managing editor of *The Fauquier Democrat*. However, he left that position to found *The Middleburg Chronicle* with fellow foxhunter Stacy Lloyd; Webb served as managing editor. Published on September 17, 1937, the first issue of the weekly briefly discussed local politics on the front page before devoting the following seven pages to equestrian news. The focus would eventually become equestrian sports throughout the world as the weekly's popularity and circulation grew; Lloyd and Webb soon shortened the name to *The Chronicle*. Webb joined the military in 1942 but returned to *The Chronicle* in 1945. Unfortunately, Webb would not enjoy the journal's success for long. On April 19, 1947, Gerald Webb was killed while competing in the Fox Hunters Challenge Cup. His horse crashed while attempting a jump and Webb's spur caught in his leathers; he was dragged by the horse for half a mile. He never regained consciousness, and died later that evening at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Collection Description

The Gerald Webb Photograph Albums consist of 16 albums containing photographs of various equestrian events throughout the Middleburg area from 1935 to 1941. However, a few photographs date beyond Webb's death; presumably the scrapbooks were continued by members of *The Chronicle's* staff. The sequential numbering of the albums appears to reflect a rough chronological order, and some photographs seem to be grouped according to subject matter. Thus, the albums have been arranged according to their assigned numbers, with the unlabeled album housed first.

Series and Subseries

I. Scrapbooks, 1935-1961

16 scrapbooks

16 scrapbooks containing photographs, many of which were published in *The Chronicle*. Many of the photographs are labeled. Subjects include hunts, horse shows, steeplechase and point-to-point races, and the individuals, owners, trainers, and jockeys at the races, mostly from the Middleburg area.

1. Scrapbook (unlabeled), c1930-1937: Staff of the *Fauquier Democrat*, Warrenton, VA, Middleburg and Warrenton Hunts, Chincoteague, Saratoga (NY) races
2. Scrapbook I, 1935-1939: Warrenton Hunt and races, Middleburg Hunt and races, Old Dominion Hounds, Piedmont Hounds
3. Scrapbook IA, 1937-1938: Middleburg, Piedmont, and Orange County Hunts; Battleship, Tinagel, Petee *wrack, Pompey, Milkman, and Oracle II
4. Scrapbook IB, c1938: Middleburg Hunt, featuring F. Ambrose Clark and nephew, Virginia Gold Cup
5. Scrapbook II, 1937-1948: Maryland Hunt Cup (1948), New York Hound Show
6. Scrapbook III, 1938-1940: Washington Horse Show, Upperville, International Polo, Meadow Brook Hounds, Reading, PA Horse Show
7. Scrapbook IV, c1938-1939: National Steeplechase Cup, Meadow Brook Race meet, Rolling Rock (PA) Hunt Cup, Belmont Park
8. Scrapbook V, 1939: Middleburg Horse Show, National Horse Show, Piedmont Hounds, Potomac Hunt
9. Scrapbook VI, 1937-1940: New York Hound Show, Essex Fox Hounds (Far Hills, NJ), Middleburg Bowl, Warrenton Point-to-Point, Waynesburg (PA?) Horse Show
10. Scrapbook VII, 1939-1940: Miscellaneous hunt, National Steeplechase Cup, Millbrook Hunter Trials, Belmont Park, Meadow Brook Cup
11. Scrapbook VIII, c1940: Rolling Rock Hunt Cup, Virginia Fox Hounds 7th Annual Bench Show, Reading Horse Show, Monmouth County (NJ) Hunt meet, Essex Founds Hounds
12. Scrapbook IX, 1940: Miscellaneous female steeplechasers
13. Scrapbooks X, 1940: Maryland Hunt Cup winner Blockade, Virginia Gold Cup, Middleburg Races

Series and Subseries (cont.)**I. Scrapbooks (cont.)**

14. Scrapbook XI, 1940-1961: Jersey Shore, Monmouth County, and Bryn Mawr Horse Shows, Mrs. John Hay Whitney (1961)
15. Scrapbook XII, c1940: Smiths' Jumpers, Christmas cards featuring hounds and hunters, Essex Fox Hounds, Meadow Brook
16. Scrapbook XIII, 1941: Maryland Hunt Cup winner Coq Bruyere

Container List
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I. Scrapbooks, 1935-1961

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Unlabeled scrapbook, Scrapbooks I, IA	1935-1939
2	Scrapbooks IB, II, III, IV, V	1938-1948
3	Scrapbooks VI, VII, VIII, IX, X	1937-1940
4	Scrapbooks XI, XII, XIII	1940-1961

This collection was processed by Robert Weber, April 2001.