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Collection Information

Abstract : This collection contains the Meeting Minutes of the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club (1890-1925). The Meeting Minutes outline club bylaws and activities, the elections of officers, and score reports for each hunting season. Also contained in the collection are an assortment of newspaper clippings regarding the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club and its members, and a scrapbook containing newspaper articles related to the club and the life and career of Dr. Frank J. Washburn, Jr.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository. Item level description.

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Worcester Fox Club was founded in Worcester, MA in 1890 as the Worcester Fur Company. There were 18 founding members of the club, and the original officers were as follows: A.B.F. Kinney served as the club's first President, Hon. John R. Thayer was the 1st Vice-President, Nathan S. Harrington served as the 2nd Vice-President, and E.S. Knowles was the first Secretary/Treasurer. Immediately after the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club's formation, a committee was chosen to outline the bylaws. A constitution was written, declaring the intent: "The intent of this company shall be to advance by mutual cooperation the true interests of the sport of fox hunting for all." The constitution also outlined the responsibilities of club officers, requirements for membership, and the duration of the hunting season (which ranged from October 1st to March 1st). Each season the club would host a Grand Hunt, the date to be decided at a special meeting, which would be followed by a banquet. Club officials would be elected once a year at the Annual Meeting (typically held on the first Thursday in November). In December 1906, the club changed its name to the Worcester Fur Club. The club officially changed its name again on January 2, 1915 to the Worcester Fox Club.

Scope and Content

This collection contains Meeting Minutes from the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club dating from the club's formation in 1890 until 1925. The collection also contains newspaper articles dating back to January 21, 1902 until the year 1920, and a scrapbook that had formerly belonged to Dr. Frank J. Washburn, Jr., former President of the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club. The scrapbook contains various photographs and newspaper articles relating to Washburn's life and medical career, as well as news regarding the sport of fox hunting, the Worcester Fox Club and the club's members.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Scrapbooks

Series 2: Meeting Minutes

Series 3: Miscellaneous Clippings

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Series 1, Scrapbooks

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1	1	2014.47.1.1	Scrapbook containing articles related to the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club (1902-1917) AQP
	BV	2014.47.1.2	Scrapbook containing articles related to the Worcester Fox (Fur) Club (1921-1933)

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Series 2, Meeting Minutes

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1	BV	2014.47.2.1	Worcester Fox (Fur) Club Meeting Minutes (1890-1914) Volume contains constitution and by-laws.
1	2	2014.47.2.2	Worcester Fox (Fur) Club Meeting Minutes (1914-1925) (105 pages)

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Series 3, Miscellaneous Clippings

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1	3	2014.47.3.1	Miscellaneous Clippings related to the Worcester Fox Club