

Horse Thieves Collection
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Historic Red Hook
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Title

Horse Thieves Collection

Extent

One document box.

Dates

1912-2017 [inclusive]

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No restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

Written Histories of the Constitution of the Horse Thieves Society, History and Presentations. Article of the Birth of the Horse Thief Societies from an unknown publication, Ledger Book of Minutes of meetings (1943-2014), Account Book (1912-1953) Independent Horse Thieves, Flyers, Ads, Invitations, Scholarship awards, Thank yous and Criteria. Minutes from Annual meetings (2014-2017), 1933 Laminated Order of Business, Account book (1906-1948) Horse Thieves Society, Memberships, Horse Shows, News Clippings, Other Horse Thieves Societies, Correspondence (1995-2012), Membership Fines and Bank Statements (1994-2017)

Biographical/Historical Note

The Red Hook Society for the Prevention of Horse Thieves is the oldest continuously operating Horse Thieves Society in the United States. It meets annually to this day, gathering members for a dinner and talk on a horse related topic.

Provenance

The entire collection of this box was donated by Trilby Sieverding, former secretary, and Todd Baright, president of the Horse Thieves Society.

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Horse Thieves Collection 2018.002 BOX 2**Independent Society for the Detention and Apprehension of Horse Thieves in the Lower Village of Red Hook****Housed in the Story Studio Box 2018.002 Box 2**

Ledger leather bound 12.5”H x 8” W x 1”D, 300 pages, pages 1-205 hand written, pages 298-299 Roll Call, pages 206-297 blank.

Handwritten on the First page:”The Red Hook Society for the Apprehension and Detention of Horse Thieves

Minutes from October 5, 1943. Includes Minutes of Meetings, Treasurer’s Reports and election of officers 1943-2014.

Cloth Bound Accounts Book for the Horse Thieves and International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), 9.5” H x 8” W x .75”D, 200 pages, pages 1-117 Notes on Horse Thieves, 150-166 Meeting minutes of IOOF.

Hand Written on the first page are Notes from November 7 (?)

Folder 1

Copy of the Constitution Presentation of the Red Hook Society for Detection and Apprehension of Horse Thieves.

Copy of the Presentation given by Elizabeth Brooks in Memory of Mr. Mrs. Albert Kerley-evidence that it was written in 1936 by Mr. Kerley

Copy of Presentation for October 3, 2017

Egbert Benson Historical Society Fall 2002 Newsletter Article on Horse Thieves- The Lone Ranger Returns.

Mimeograph History of the Upper Red Hook Horse Thief Society given by Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks. (1973)

Copy of Maynard Ham's Red Hook Journal (January 15, 1915)

Article on Disbanding the Horse Thieves

Folder 2

"The Birth of American Horse Thief Societies" (unknown publication)

Folder 3

Horse Thieves Minutes 1943-2014 Ledgerbook (Fair Condition)

Folder 4

Account Book (1912-1953)- Independent Horse Thieves- Poor Condition

Folder 5

Flyers, ads, Ect. Horse Thieves 1995-2017

Ad to purchase Official Society Pin

Ad for Echo Valley Farm "Welcome Horse Thieves" no date

Certificate to Commemorate members (blank)

Invitations to attend Annual Meetings (1995-2017)

\$500 Scholarship Criteria for 2007

Folder 6

Minutes Horse Thieves 2014-2017

Minutes of Website Committee (November 14, 2014)

Minutes of the website Committee (July 8, 2015)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting (October 8, 2013)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting (October 11, 2016)

Order of Business 2017

Scholarship Awards for June 27, 2017

Folder 7

1933 Laminated Order of Business

Folder 8

Account Book 1906-1948 Horse Thieves Society

Folder 9

Membership Horse Thieves 2000s

File Cards

Blank Application Form

Filled in Application Forms

Citations of Horse Thieves

Membership Mailing Addresses

Names and Addresses on loose leaf paper

Folder 10

Horse Show 1956, 1959

1956 Booklet

1959 Booklet

1960 Correspondence from E. Rathbun Leonard to Harriet (?)

Folder 11

Scholarship Thank You notes

Information Form

Folder 12

News Clippings Red Hook Horse Thieves

Horse Thieves Group Slates Annual Posse

Hardscrabble Day Parade Picture "Sheriff dragging Thief"

Press Release (2005)

Press Release (2010)

Folder 13

Other Horse Thief Societies

News Articles

Article about Kinderhook Society

Booklet of Northeast Peruvian Horse Club

Pamphlet on Horse Thieves Greenfield, Milton, Galway, Hadley

Meeting Notice for Horse Thieves Kinderhook

Meeting Notice and History for Horse Thieves Dedham MA (2009)

News Article Actor Stephen Lang Kinderhook

Constitution Horse Thieves Kinderhook

News Article on Jackson Corners Horse Thieves

Woody Klose invitation by Kinderhook Horse Thieves (1997)

Historical Highlights- Sand Lake Horse Thieves

Invitation to Kinderhook Horse Thieves (1998)

Saratoga Annual Meeting Invitation (1996)

Member Certificate Kinderhook

Press release on Kinderhook Horse Thieves

Folder 14

Correspondence 1995-2012

Letter to Jane Knobloch from Woody Klose (March 21, 1995)

Letter to Jane Knobloch from William Fraleigh (September 24, 1996)

Letter to Vicky Doyle from Woody Klose (September 26, 2000)

Letter to Rockwell Irons from Woody Klose (August 22, 2001)

Letter to Jane Knobloch from Woody Klose (August 22, 2001)

Letter to Fred Van Nostrand from Woody Klose (September 17, 2002)

Thank You Card from Beth Mead

Letter to Mrs Thorley from John Cioffi (September 22, 2009)

Invite from Elmore Fraleigh to Jan Knobloch (October 4, 1994)

Thank You Note from Marea Delleo

Note from Martha Townsend (October 2, 2009)

Note from Christopher Klose to Al Trezza (January 28, 2011)

Letter to Members from Al Trezza (March 29, 2011)

Letter to Paul Laibach from Trilby Sieverding (October 24, 2012)

Letter to Tribby Sieverding from L Edward Moore (October 6, 2015)

Folder 15

MEMBERSHIP (1994-2011)

1994 Membership Fines/ Treasurer's Report/Attendance

1995 Attendance/Dues Collected Member List

1996 Fines Report/Member List

1997 Membership List

1998 Fines Report

1999 Fines Report

1999/2000 Report of Membership/ Addresses

2000 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2004 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2005 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2006 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2007 Fines

2007 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2008 Fines

2008-2010 Bank Statements

2009 Treasurer's Report/ Bank Statement

2009 Access letter for Al Trezz and Paul Laibach to Bank Account

2010 Treasurer's Report

2010 Fines

2010 Bank Statements

2012 Invite letter to Sarah Hermance/Emily Major

Oct 2012 Express Letter from Trilby Sieverding to Paul Laibach

April 2012 Letter thanks from Claudine Klose to Al Trezza

2012 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

2012 Menu and cost for SARHT Dinner

2013 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

2014 Expenses Letter from Trilby Sieverding to Paul Laibach

2013/2014 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

2014/2015 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

2015/2016 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

2016/2017 Treasurer's Report/Bank Statement

1999-2001 Members

2000 Members List

2001 Members List

2007-2010 Membership Lists

2012-2017 Members Lists (No 2016 list)

2014 List of Deaths of members (Hand Written)

1996 Reservations (Hand Written)

2000 Reservations (Hand Written)

2002 Reservations Hand Written)

2011 Meeting Notes

ECT Hand Written Notes and Different Notes.