

Horse Thieves Collection

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Red Hook, NY 12571

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Title

Horse Thieves Collection

Extent

One document box.

Dates

1796-1998 [inclusive]

1796-1942 [bulk]

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

Scanned files of minute books held at NYS Library, belonging to the Upper Red Hook Society for the Apprehension and Detention of Horse Thieves (1796-1855 and 1805-1942) and the Independent Society for the Detection and Apprehension of Horse Thieves in the Lower Village of Red Hook (1827-1914). Physical papers relating to the Upper Red Hook Society including member lists, treasurers' reports, dues records, newsclippings and photographs.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Upper Red Hook Society is believed to be the oldest continuously operating Horse Thieves Society in the country. It meets annually to this day, gathering members for a dinner and talk on a horse-related topic.

Provenance

The Lower Red Hook ledger was found in a box of papers belonging to past Society treasurers that was unveiled at the 2017 Annual Dinner. The Upper Red Hook Society's papers were in the same box. The Upper Red Hook ledgers were scanned by NYS Library in 2011.

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Independent Society for the Detection and Apprehension of Horse Thieves in the Lower Village of Red Hook

Ledger, leather-bound 14"H x 9"W x 2.5" D, 577 numbered pages (page 27-28 is cut out, pages 127-575 are blank,), handwriting on pages 1-126 and 576, most are two-sided.

Handwritten on first page: "The Independent Society for the Detection and of Horse Thieves in the Lower Village of Red Hook Organized November 15, AD 1827
Includes the Constitution and By-Laws transcribed from the originals pursuant to Resolutions passed Nov 18, 1879 and Nov 16, 1880 and accepted by the Society at the Annual Meeting held Nov 15, 1881"

Handwritten Minutes from Nov 20, 1883 to Resolution to Disband on Dec 15, 1914.
Handwritten index on last page (576)

(Ledger donated to NYS Library - Digital files added to Horse Thieves Collection.
(2018.002.2)

Found loose inside ledger (see Folders 12, 13, 14)

Upper Red Hook Society for the Detection and Apprehension of Horse Thieves

Two ledgers housed at NYS Library – digital files added to Horse Thieves Collection
(2018.002.3, 2018.002.4)

Housed in StoryStudio Box 2018.002

Bound paper folder, "Bicentennial Wagon Train, June 3, 1976" written on cover.
Photocopies of articles and hand-written notes about HorseThieves enclosed.
Some loose.

Folder 1:
Newsclippings (all photocopied from originals) 1919 -2021.

Folder 2:
Membership List and Treasurer's Reports, Misc. years 1977 – 2000

"The First National Bank -Interest Department" booklet (5 ½ x 3 ½)
Handwritten on front – Russell Clum Tr. 1935-1961

Folder 3:

Original member list
Membership Lists and Dues Information, 1938 - 1960
Computer printouts, 1986-92
Member Lists, 1991 – 1998
Dues Lists, 1992-1994
Mailing List
Anniversary Dates 1993

Folder 4:

Membership cards
Meeting Notices 1941, 1993-4
Certificates (blank)
Elmore Fraleigh, Secretary, Letterhead (blank)

Folder 5:

Misc Correspondence, 1948 – 1996

Folder 6:

Horse Thieves Histories
Bicentennial Wagon pamphlets 1976
Typewritten history (Original James Kerley address)

Folder 7:

Original news clippings about other Horse Thieves Societies

Folder 8:

Brochure: 1970 agriculture,
“New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund”

Folder 9:

Color prints and negatives from 1996 Bicentennial Celebration
Color prints of celebration in 1984

Folder 10:

Audiocassette marked “Horse Thieves 1982”

Folder 11:

Two CD's of digital files of ledgers housed at NYS library

Folder 12:

Misc notes and minutes found loose in Independent Society (Lower Village) ledger
(2018.002.2)

Folder 13:

Misc financial reports and receipts found loose in Independent Society (Lower Village) ledger (2018.002.2)

Folder 14:

Handwritten draft of 'resolution to disband' signed by Howard Ellsworth, on Red Hook Hotel stationery, found loose in Independent Society (Lower Village) ledger (2018.002.2)

Folder 15:

Small looseleaf notebook (9"H x 6 ¾")

List of members & dues paid 1947-1985

List of riders 1995 - thru 1992.

Folder 16:

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Folder 17:

Misc research notes

Folder 18:

Programs and speeches

Folder 19:

Woody Klose notes for speech, 1983.

Folder 20:

Extra copies of 1976 brochure, Awards certificate and membership cards

