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Descriptive Summary

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1971-1999

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection includes the papers in the American Work Horse Museum Collection include newsletters, newspaper articles, letters, Board of Director meeting minutes, inventories, and receipts.

Creator

American Work Horse Museum (Lexington, VA)

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Henry "Buck" Buckardt was born October 24, 1904, and died December 25, 1996. He was born in DeKalb County, Illinois. Buckardt received his PhD in Agronomy at the University of Illinois. He married his wife, Mary, in 1937. In 1938, Dr. Buckardt took a government job in Washington, DC, to work in soil conservation. By 1947, Buckardt was employed by the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Korea. In 1950, he worked for Civil Service at the Pentagon. By January of 1956, Henry Buckardt became the Agricultural Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in Korea. In August of 1958, he and his family moved to Monte Vedeo, Uruguay, where he lived for 12 years and worked for the U.S. Embassy, again as an attaché. Throughout this time, Mary "Bucky" Buckardt worked for the American Cancer Society.

The American Work Horse Museum was conceived while the Buckardts were living in Uruguay, but, according to a 1971 letter by Buckardt, was incorporated on February 3, 1971. The museum grounds are on property purchased in Paeonian Springs, Leesburg, Virginia. Subsequently, artifacts and papers were donated to the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences during the tenure of Dean Swiger (1993-2003). The American Work Horse Museum was moved and re-opened at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, on September 26, 1998.

Scope and Contents

The American Work Horse Museum Collection is largely composed of equine agricultural materials from the collection of Dr. and Mrs. Buckardt. The Buckardts donated their workhorse artifacts to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech.

In addition to farming machinery and photographs still located at the museum in Lexington, the collection also contains newsletters from 1971 to 1981 featuring information on museum activities.

Other materials include an 1918 Army machine gun handbook, information on work horse teams, and a small collection of museum-related photographs.

American Workhorse Museum: <http://horsecenter.org/view.asp?id=workhorse>

Virginia Horse Center: <http://horsecenter.org/view.asp?id=home>

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title. Folder contents are in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Unit Date 1971-1989.

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Container 1 (folder)

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Association of Living Historical Farms & Agricultural Museums.

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Container 3 (folder)

Blacksmith Shop.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

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Unit Date 1971-1987.

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Unit Date 1971-1972.

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Unit Date July 19, 1997.

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Container 11 (folder)

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Container 12 (folder)

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Internal Revenue Service, Annual Reports,

Unit Date 1971-1979.

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Unit Date 1978-1979.

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Unit Date 1971-1972.

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Unit Date March 1918.

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National Geographic.

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Container 3 (folder)

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Newsletters, American Workhorse Museum (AWHM),

Unit Date 1971-1981.

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Container 5 (folder)

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Unit Date 1982-1990.

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Container 6 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings,

Unit Date 1971-1998.

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Nicaraguan Minister of Agriculture.

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Container 8 (folder)

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Container 11 (folder)

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Unit Date 1997-1998.

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Container 12 (folder)

Swiger, Andy, Correspondence,

Unit Date 1997-1998.

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Container 13 (folder)

Taxes.

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USDA—American Horse Record Association.

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Virginia History and Museums Federation.

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