

Henry Steele Wardner (1867-1935)
Morgan Horse Collection, 1893-1917
MSA 249

Introduction

This is a collection of pamphlets and photographs of Morgan horses from the period 1893 to 1917 collected by Henry Steele Wardner of Windsor, Vermont, first president of the Morgan Horse Club. The collection was originally part of the VHS library's printed collection and cataloged as X636.1 W219. It was reprocessed as an archival collection in 2006. The collection is housed in one archival flip top box and occupies .25 linear feet.

Biographical Sketch

Henry Steele Wardner (1867-1935), collector of these pamphlets and photographs, was born in Windsor, Vermont on July 8, 1867 and died in New York City on March 5, 1935. He was the son of Henry and Caroline Paine (Steele) Wardner. Henry married Lillian Millard Darrah and had no issue. Henry was a Harvard-educated lawyer and historical writer. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1892 and served for ten years as assistant United States Attorney for the southern district of New York, while maintaining a home in Windsor, Vermont. After 1901, he was general counsel for the New Jersey Zinc Company. Wardner and his cousin attorney Maxwell Evarts challenged the constitutionality of the federal corporate tax in *Flint v. Stone-Tracy Company*. An active breeder of Morgan horses, Wardner in 1909 became the first president and founding member of the Morgan Horse Club, a group organized to perpetuate and preserve the original Morgan horse type. Wardner was also an active promoter of the Green Mountain National Forest, which was approved by the federal government in 1927 to 1928. Wardner was the author of *The Birthplace of Vermont: A History of Windsor to 1781* (Scribners, 1927).

Scope and Content

This collection is composed primarily of photographs of Morgan horses and catalogs of Morgan stock available either in Vermont, or in the Midwest between 1910 and 1917. There are also annual publications of the Morgan Horse Club, including the first issue and constitution in 1910. Also included is a government circular about breeding horses for the army.

Related Collections

Additional Morgan horse material can be found at the VHS library in the printed collection (using the main catalog), the photograph collection (under F-AN-Horses, Morgan), in the manuscript collection (under Morgan horses), and in the broadside collection (under Horses).

The VHS collection also contains other material collected by Henry Steele Wardner which can be found in the manuscript collection (under MSC 43, 46, 47, Doc 70-71).

Inventory

I. Publications

- MSA 249:01 Morgan Horse Club Annuals, 1910, 1912-14
- 02 Catalogs, Morgan horse farms, Vermont, 1907-1916
 Cahoon Farm, Lyndonville, 1907
 Cahoon Farm, Lyndonville, 1911
 Edge View Farm, Brandon, 1910
 Edge View Farm, Brandon, 1913
 Edge View Farm, Brandon, 1917
 Mountain View Farm, East Burke, 1911
 Mountain View Farm, East Burke, 1912
 Windsor Stud of Morgan Horses, Windsor, 1914
- 03 _____, _____, out of state, 1889-1909
 Morgan Horse Farm, Plainfield, Iowa, 1912-13
 Cotton Hill Stock Farm, Rochester, Illinois, 1909
 J. Prentiss, Walpole, New Hampshire, (*The True Morgan Winford*,
 19090)
 Joint Catalogue of Morgan Horses owned separately by Elmer A.
 Darling, East Burke, Vt.; Miss Sue Evarts, Juniper Hill
 Farm, Windsor, Vt.; J. Rich Steers, Port Chester, N.Y.;
 C.C. Stillman, Cornwall, N.Y.; Charles A. Stone,
 Plymouth, Mass.; Henry S. Wardner, Windsor, Vt., 1916
- 04 United States Department of Agriculture Circular, *Breeding Horses for*
 the United States Army, 1911.

II. Photographs

- 05 Morgan horse photographs, undated
Croydon Prince
Welcome
Hawkeye
Solicitor 1025
Streeter
Gold Thorn, 27196
And other unnamed horses
- 06 _____, undated

Set taken by L. Stranger, photographer, Philadelphia

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