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May 27, 2017

**THE
HUNTSMEN'S ROOM**

MUSEUM OF HOUNDS & HUNTING NA Inc

4:00 pm: Huntsmen's Room Induction

John J. Carle, II, ex-MFH
Chairman, Huntsmen's Room Committee

Honorees

James Lee Atkins, b. 1941
Presented by Tommy Lee Jones

Dr. G. Marvin Beeman, MFH, b. 1933
Presented by Mary Ewing, MFH

C. Martin Wood III, MFH, b. 1943
Presented by Dr. John B. Reynolds, MFH

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JAMES LEE ATKINS

b. 1941-2013

Old Dominion Hounds 1977-1987;

Piedmont Fox hounds 1987-1989;

Warrenton Hunt 1993-2005



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James Lee Atkins was born October 9, 1941, in Rappahannock County, Virginia. Jim's father, who was a farm manager for local horseman William G. (Dunny) Eastham, owned coonhounds, and Jim's early experience with hounds came from accompanying his dad at night. In those days, many local men kept foxhounds for night hunting. Any night of the week, the farmlands and mountaintops rang with hound music, and Jim was sure to be among those participating. As he grew older, Jim—a natural horseman—began breaking colts for Mr. Eastham. Following the horses' early education on the farm, these youngsters went hunting, Jim aboard, with the Rappahannock Hunt. In the summer, Jim rode the Eastham horses at many

of the local small shows that proliferated in those days. Often Tommy Lee Jones, now Huntsman of Casanova Hunt, and Jim competed against each other in jumper classes.

Jim was always a good hand at operating equipment and eventually established his own construction company while continuing to hunt with Rappahannock Hunt, often assisting his brother-in-law, Huntsman Billy Dodson, with Whipper-In duties. As the 1970s gasoline crisis hurt many small businesses, Jim considered other career options. Old Dominion Hounds was looking for a successor to aging Huntsman Ray Pearson. Mrs. Mary Jamieson, a Rappahannock regular, recommended Jim for the position. Throughout the 1976-1977 season, Jim whipped-in to Pearson, and upon Ray's retirement at season's end, took over the horn. It was immediately evident Jim was born to hunt and breed hounds. The pack he built showed outstanding sport. Membership at Old Dominion exploded and visitors clamored to join the fun. These were golden years for the hunt.

At Piedmont Fox Hounds in 1987, Huntsman Charlie Kirk was ready to retire and Randy Waterman, not yet MFH, approached Jim to take over Kirk's position. Piedmont's offer was too generous to refuse and Jim moved to Upperville. For two years, he and Waterman, by then Joint Master, hunted a split pack. A widening gulf of hunting philosophies finally convinced Jim to leave Piedmont. Former Piedmont legend and member of the Huntsmen's Room, Albert Poe, recommended Jim to Dr. Jim Gable as a farm manager where Jim could enjoy his second love, farming. His two-year sabbatical from hunting ended when Jim put together a small gem of a pack for Gable's private hunt, which he hunted for a while.

When Warrenton Hunt approached him to replace departing Huntsman Richard Buswell, Jim accepted. Completing the task Buswell had started, Jim rebuilt the Warrenton pack. For twelve years, Jim showed sport equal to that during the Bywater days, considered their halcyon years. Beloved by members and admired by his peers, Jim Atkins showed not only outstanding sport, he made it fun for everyone. Ever generous, he helped packs with drafts of good hounds. He never drafted a bad hound to another hunt.

Jim is also remembered as an excellent example of how a huntsman should handle landowner relations. His winning personality and unquestionable integrity won over many a landowner who might have otherwise been less inclined to welcome the hunt on their property.

At his side through much of his career, Jim was blessed with the perfect helper—his wife Katharine (KT) Atkins. KT whipped-in to Jim and schooled horses for masters and other hunt members. She continues to serve as a Whipper-In at Warrenton Hunt and is still schooling horses.

New huntsmen who came along during Jim's years benefitted from his advice and generosity. His quiet, patient handling of his pack taught many a beginner how to approach a complex job. Jim never indulged in hunt politics. If any upheaval occurred, he'd simply say, "Aw, let's go huntin'!" When he retired in 2005, James Lee Atkins was widely considered one of the best huntsmen in Virginia. Jim died in 2013. This true Virginia gentleman now takes his rightful place among his peers in the Huntsmen's Room.



RECOGNIZED 2017

DR. G. MARVIN BEEMAN, MFH

b. 1933

Arapaho Hunt 1986 - present



Marvin Beeman was born in Sedalia, Colorado in 1933. In 1934 the family moved to the Arapahoe Hunt kennels, where his father George Beeman was professional whipper-in. Marvin began to ride at age four and, by age six, was hunting with an uncle. In 1942 Marvin was made gate-boy for the hunt, and in 1943, age ten years, he was promoted to Whipper-In, when the rest of the hunt staff were called into military service. Marvin's father George was Huntsman by then, and the son turned hounds to the father for 42 years. In 1986 the roles reversed, until a hunting accident ended George's career. As a boy, Marvin's summers were spent breaking and making hunters and polo ponies for Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr., MFH, Arapahoe's founder. From Mr. Phipps Marvin learned polo, eventually carrying a three-goal handicap through college, veterinary school and for several years thereafter.

Marvin and Eunie married in 1955 while in college; following his graduation from veterinary school in 1957, they returned to the Arapahoe country. Both Eunie and Marvin whipped in to George Beeman, as eventu-

ally did their two children. Upon Marvin's appointment as Huntsman, all three turned hounds to him.

Marvin acquired the Huntsman position from his father at the same time the Arapahoe moved to a new country of 30,000 acres, all rolling plains with relatively few trees and virtually a constant wind of varying velocity, quite different from the hilly, rocky country generally covered with oak brush and a few pine trees that he had learned to hunt from his father. The coyotes are most often aware of the hounds at greater distances and are away. The scent does not hold very long; consequently the hounds have to be moved to the line quickly to get them settled. The wind has to be acutely studied to get the hounds back to the line when they check.

For many years, Marvin has been one of the most recognized and respected veterinarians in the country, specializing in equine lameness. His national positions and awards are legion. He is a past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, and has served on the board of the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Examiners. He has served on the United States Department of Agricultural Equine Advisory Committee and two terms on the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Committee. He is an inductee in several Halls of Fame, including those of the American Quarter Horse Association, American Farriers International Horseman's Hall of Fame, and Colorado Agricultural Hall of Fame, among others.

After succeeding his father as Huntsman at Arapahoe in 1986, Marvin was elected Joint Master in 1990. In 2008 he was elected president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, serving until 2011. Marvin distinguished himself as a "hands-on" president, and for his quick and quietly diplomatic solving of all problems great and small.

With Marvin carrying the horn, the Arapahoe's pack of English hounds continues to show to both members and myriad visitors some of the most renowned and consistent sport in the country. Incredibly, they've not suffered a blank day since 1972!

George and Marvin Beeman are the only father-and-son to be inducted into the Huntsman's Room. There are none more deserving.



RECOGNIZED 2017

C. MARTIN WOOD III, MFH

b. 1943

Live Oak Hounds 1974-2003



Marty Wood founded the Live Oak Hounds in 1974, as Master and Huntsman. He is blessed with an innate ability as a Huntsman; and with experience, he became an amateur on equal footing with the elite professionals, those with whom he will share wall space today. In 1974 he chose the perfect Joint Master, his wife, life-partner in all things and First Whipper-In, Daphne Flowers Wood. Together, they have set the standard for foxhunting done properly, from breeding an outstanding pack of hounds, who electrify afield and dominate “on the flags,” to introducing new people, young and old, to the sport and encouraging and educating younger, eager hound show judges. Hunt staff trained under Marty’s guidance have excelled in their field at other hunts country-wide. And Marty’s generosity to other hunts, through drafts from his kennel, has improved sport all over. Few of the top hunts in the U.S. and Canada are without the Live Oak name on their hound lists.

In 1990 Marty was elected president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, and thus began his most important and long-lasting work. Marty alerted the foxhunting world to the dire threat to the sport by the anti-hunting/animal rights movement, a far more powerful force than anyone previously realized, by baldly exposing the propaganda, the false “facts” and force-fed to the public. His insistence that all field sportsmen – deer, bear, coon, rabbit and bird hunters, as well as trappers and fisherman – join

together in a common cause to thwart the antis – a radical idea at the time – has become a universally accepted practice. Thanks to his understanding that by banding together and sharing the cost of lobbyists at the state level, many a restrictive bill has been either defeated outright or reworded to be an aid to animal welfare rather than an animal-rights weapon.

Marty spearheaded American support for British foxhunters in the days of political upheaval, not only raising significant funds for their foxhunter's cause, but by leading a group to join the thousands of people marching in opposition to the Hunting Act in London. In England, Marty is undoubtedly the best known and most respected American foxhunter and the only American asked to judge at the Peterborough Hound Show.

C. Martin Wood, III, MFH, has always been a leader in anything he has done, in business, in conservation, and in the foxhunting and sporting world. He rightfully takes his place with the giants of our sport.



H U N T S M E N ' S R O O M 2 0 1 5

The Board to establish the Huntsmen's Room chose the period 1907 to World War II as the starting point. During that period organized foxhunting and Morven Park, the home of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting, became closely related. In 1907 the governing body of foxhunting, the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, was organized by six distinguished Masters of Foxhounds, including Westmoreland Davis, who resided at Morven Park and later became Governor of Virginia. The Trustees of the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation and Museum Committee hope that the names and illustrious records of preeminent huntsmen of all periods will, in time, grace the walls of the Huntsmen's Room and that all huntsmen will feel equally honored to be among the same band of foxhunters who have earned the gratitude of those who follow hounds. This limited edition folio is dedicated to all those who have carried the horn with courage and honor in the United States and Canada.

We are delighted to add the names of three huntsmen to join the distinguished group of 35 that have been honored in the past.

Huntsmen's Room Committee

John J. Carle, II, ex-MFH, Chairman

Lt. Col. Robert N. Ferrer, Jr. USMC (ret), MFH

Margaret Grahame Haight

Sherman P. Haight, Jr., ex-MFH

Dr. John R. van Nagell, MFH



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William John White, Jr., 1946-1996
Presented by Molly Murphy White

Andrew T. Barclay, b. 1954
Presented by Ned Halle, ex-MFH

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ANDREW BARCLAY

b. 1954

Green Spring Valley Hounds 1981-2001



Andrew Barclay was born April 12, 1954 in Norwalk, Connecticut. When he was three years old, the family moved to the mountains west of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where his riding career began – albeit, very informally on a variety of backyard horses. Blessed with natural ability, Andrew's riding improved to the point that, at age fourteen, he took up eventing, a sport that held his attention until he discovered foxhunting.

The Rose Tree Foxhunting Club had moved to the York, Pennsylvania area, and here Andrew discovered the sport that was to become his life's work. However, Andrew's parents stipulated that he couldn't hunt until he could transport himself to meets. As soon as he turned sixteen and earned his driver's license, he was on his way. For two seasons, Andrew hunted with Rose Tree at every opportunity, serving often as Honorary Whipper-In, until his high school graduation. At this time, Mrs. Garnett Palmer, wife of Rose Tree's Joint Master, offered a job with her race horses. Since most of his time was spent at the track, Andrew had little chance to hunt for two years.

In 1974 the Green Spring Valley Hounds were looking for a professional whipper-in to turn hounds to Huntsman George Leslie Grimes, and Andrew's work at Rose Tree earned him a recommendation. Les Grimes was one of the country's best Huntsmen, whose excellent Crossbred pack had for years shown legendary sport. A perfectionist in all things and a stern taskmaster, Les Grimes instilled in his willing pupil a reverence for perfection in all aspects of his chosen vocation.

In his third season, Andrew was faced with the daunting task of carrying the horn when Les was hurt. It was apparent from the beginning that this young man was born to the task. In his fifth, sixth and seventh seasons, Andrew carried the horn after Christmas until the weather broke in March, when Les would resume the Huntsman's role. In 1981 failing health led to the end of Les Grimes's 35 year career, and he retired, handing the horn to young Barclay.

Thus began a legendary twenty-year career, during which the Green Spring

Valley Hounds set the standard for excellence throughout the foxhunting world. At home, in the field, and at competitions, they were exemplary. With Andrew Barclay at the helm, this pack showed astounding sport across the stiffest hunting country, followed by the most capable and demanding fields ever to crowd hounds' heels. But showing sport under such trying conditions comes at a steep price; and, in 2001, the cumulative effects from injuries incurred in some devastating falls led to Andrew's retirement. He left as his legacy excellence in all aspects of the Huntsman's vocation and a standard against which all hunts will long be measured.

"I was so damn lucky to fall in where, when and with whom I did," Andrew says. "All the World War II guys – the greatest generation – were still hunting. It was hunting at its best, with the best of people. I've been truly blessed."

In 2006 the Masters of Foxhounds Association began their Professional Development Program. Mr. Barclay was selected to serve as the chief instructor and mentor of those who enter the program, a position he holds today. No better teacher or role model could possibly be found.

Andrew Barclay is the third Green Spring Valley Huntsman to be inducted in the Museum of Hounds and Hunting's Huntsmen's Room, following Charles Carver in 1997 and George Leslie Grimes in 2001.

John J. Carle II, ex-MFH



RECOGNIZED 2015

SHERMAN P. HAIGHT, JR., MFH

b. 1922

Litchfield County Hounds 1948-1981



Sherman P. Haight, Jr. began his foxhunting career at an early age with his parents, following Connecticut's Watertown Hunt. A keen student of venerary with an intense appreciation for the Foxhound, Sherman was born to be a foxhunter. He followed Watertown Huntsmen Jack Prestage and Edward Drever until the outbreak of WWII, when he enlisted in the 7th Cavalry, serving through the South Pacific. A severe wound, followed by a year in hospital, ended Lt. Haight's army career.

During the war years, the Watertown Hunt faced disbandment; however, thanks to the foresight and generosity of local sportsman Walter Howe, the pack was saved – kenneled and maintained at the Howe farm. In 1948 Mr. Howe donated the pack to Sherman and his brother Freddie, and it became Mr. Haight's Litchfield County Hounds. In later years, Walter Howe's son Peter turned hounds to Sherman, who called him "the best whipper-in Litchfield ever had!" For thirty-four seasons, until 1981, Sherman carried the horn with distinction, showing excellent sport both at home and in Aiken, South Carolina. For many years, Boxing Day would find Mr. Haight's Hounds kenneled

with the Woodside Hounds in Aiken. Together with Woodside Huntsman Johnny Hosang, Sherman showed rousing, live sport throughout the winter. Since Sherman was instrumental in the formation of the U. S. Pony Club, many a youngster was introduced to foxhunting riding on Sherman's coattails.

Sherman has an uncanny eye for hound conformation, and for forty years was one of the most respected hound show judges in the country. In the 1960's a Standards Committee was formed to set the conformation guidelines for judging foxhounds. Committee members Sherman, Wilbur Ross Hubbard, Fletcher Harper, and William Almy (MFHA President at the time) met at Mrs. Haight, Sr.'s 5th Avenue apartment, where Peggy Haight presented two couple of Sherman's hounds as models. The Foxhound Standard that resulted stood for twenty years until the mid-1980's, when Sherman again headed a committee consisting of Bill Brainard, Ben Hardaway, and Jake Carle to make revisions. That standard remains in place today.

In 1978 Sherman was elected President of the MFHA. A born leader, his term was one of the most pleasant and successful in that organization's long history. During those three years, the MFHA reached its pinnacle of esteem.

In 1985 Sherman joined Dr. Joe Rogers and Paul Krauss to form the Museum of Hounds and Hunting at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia. Sherman not only founded the Huntsmen's Room, but also drew up the standards necessary for induction, ensuring that only the truly worthy are ever considered. It is so very fitting that Sherman Haight now joins his peers in his beloved Huntsmen's Room. A gentleman of "the old school" and a true sportsman in every sense of the word, Sherman epitomizes the standard recognized and honored today.

John J. Carle II, ex-MFH



RECOGNIZED 2015

WILLIAM JOHN WHITE, JR.

(1918-1996)

Brandywine Hounds 1946-1996



John White's dedication, service and loyalty to the Brandywine Hounds and the Mather family spanned nearly fifty years and ultimately helped Jane Mather Sullivan save the hunt after the death of her father, Gilbert Mather, in 1959. Through fifty years, masters, fellow huntsmen and generations of foxhunters from the United States and from across the pond would come to know and respect the quiet huntsman who loved his hounds and the sport of foxhunting.

"Johnny," as he was fondly called, was born in 1918 and was raised on a dairy farm. He shared the chores with his two brothers and five sisters. Johnny was an athletic young man, and in the early 1940's he found time in the spring evenings to play baseball for the Jacob's Mushroom Cannery baseball team. He was an ace left-handed pitcher and was scouted by and played for the Kingsport Cherokees, a semi-pro team. John played for them until his father called him back to the farm, thus ending a potentially promising baseball career.

In 1939 Johnny met and married Edith Landers. The newly married couple went to the farm to begin their life and family together. The eldest child, John Jr., was born in 1940, Richard was born in 1943, and Gerald was born in 1944. Brenda White was the final addition to the family and was welcomed into the world by Johnny and Edith in 1952.

When John was 27 years old he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After basic training he was shipped to the west coast to wait for his assignment to the Pacific theater. As luck would have it, military orders specified that fathers of three or more children were exempt from overseas duty. John served his country as a rifle instructor and was a distinguished marksman. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. His discharge came in December of 1945, seven months after the end of the war.

Once discharged, Johnny purchased a 120 acre farm along the Brandywine River in Pocopson Township. In 1946 Johnny answered an ad in the local paper for a stable hand at Brandywine Meadow Farm, home of the Mather family and the Brandywine Hounds.

The Brandywine Hounds were established in 1892 by Charles E. Mather, MFH 1890-1901. Charles passed away in 1928, and since that time his son Gilbert Mather was MFH and Huntsman. Johnny was hired and quickly worked his way from the barn to the kennel; by 1948 he was listed as a whipper-in on the Brandywine Hound list. Johnny was a quick study, and a bond of friendship and mutual respect rapidly formed between him and Gilbert. Every passing season brought improvement for Johnny in his whipping and hunting abilities. When Gilbert had to go into the office he would just pass the horn to

Johnny, and the hunt would continue seamlessly.

In 1959 it was Johnny who found Gilbert having a stroke in the kennel and carefully helped him back to the house. Gilbert finally succumbed to his stroke; Johnny could not bear to attend his funeral. Upon Gilbert's death, Jane M. Sullivan, his youngest daughter, became the third master of Brandywine Hounds. With Gilbert's passing, the decision by the family was to sell Brandywine Meadow Farm. Jane Sullivan and her husband Jeremiah John Sullivan III decided to continue with maintaining the Brandywine Hounds as a private pack and began searching for a location to build a new kennel. They started looking for a property where they could have a barn and a kennel. Four years passed with no luck. The horses were at the Renwicks' farm, but the hounds had no place to go and the new owners wanted them out of the kennels at Brandywine Meadow Farm.

Now it was 1964, and John was still milking cows on his farm, but he suggested to Mrs. Sullivan that maybe they could build a kennel on his farm. On March 29, 1965 Mrs. Sullivan bought ten acres from John and built the kennels. The kennel was built by Amish men using cinder block with cedar shingle roof. The exterior did not resemble the old Brandywine kennel, but the interior floor plan was identical to its model, the Belvoir kennels in England. When Johnny single-handedly roaded the pack from Brandywine to the new kennel, he remarked that the hounds went into their pens as if they had never lived anywhere else. The Brandywine Hounds had a new home!

By the end of 1964 the Whites sold the dairy cows and the hunt horses were moved in. Johnny, with the help of his daughter Brenda, managed the new hunt barn. During her service she performed many duties: barn manager, horse trainer, and groom along with that of whip, field master, and huntsman.

It wouldn't be until 1979 that Mrs. Jane Sullivan's daughter, Cindy Bedwell, would start her apprenticeship under Johnny. She would be listed as a whip by the 1984-1985 hunting season.

It should be noted that in 1959 after Gilbert's death, Johnny not only became the sole huntsman and kennelman for over seventy hounds; he also managed to continue with his farming operation and duties.

Johnny's busy schedule was dictated by the seasons. The summers were dedicated not only to mowing his farm, kennels, and neighbors' pastures, but also to bringing in hay and straw. He was also breaking hound puppies and walking hounds out twice a day. This would entail the entire pack sometimes taking a swim in the Brandywine River to cool off.

As summer gave way to fall it was time to clear paths, repair fences, and get horses and hounds fit for the coming hunt season. In August Johnny would start walking the whole pack to different places in order to test the young entries' preparedness. He always said, "Hounds must follow you on foot before they will follow you on a horse."

During the hunting season Johnny gave great attention to the fitness and contentment of his pack. Hounds were roaded to all meets as an added measure to complete their fitness and knowledge of their sense of where home was. Brandywine hunt country encompassed over 200 contiguous square miles and was divided into about ten different hunt meets. Johnny was known to put in long hunting days at any meet and would hunt every covert until the sun went down.

On good scenting days you had to be extra alert, because Johnny, being a quiet huntsman, would only blow his horn once or twice and then turn his horse into the woods and vanish. He had an uncanny ear for each hound's voice. This gave him the ability to know when to hark them forward or stop them. It was these skills that gave Johnny that ability to stay with his hounds and provide great sport.

At the end of a hunting day he would invite members of the field and friends back to his kitchen for some of Edith's wonderful homemade soup. She said he always asked her in the morning on his way to the kennel what kind of soup she had made.

Johnny pursued each activity in the same workmanlike manner; he was a gentleman and a friend to all who knew him. With these 50 years of dedication and hard work, he had not only allowed the Brandywine Hounds to survive but had provided fourth and fifth generations with a deep understanding and appreciation for the sport of fox hunting.

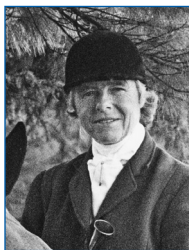
In the summer of 1996 Johnny died of lung cancer. On his final day at the kennel, Johnny passed his horn to Cindy Bedwell and stated that he would not be returning to the kennel, and it was her turn to hunt the hounds. Cindy replied in her actions by carrying that horn the entire first season. It was not because it was easy to blow, but because it gave her courage and the feeling that he was still near. Johnny did return to the kennel after donating his body to science – his ashes were spread on the kennel hill.



PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED HUNTSMEN



RECOGNIZED 2011



NANCY PENN SMITH HANNUM, MFH

1919-2010

Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds

MFH & Huntsman 1952-57, 1962-69, 1974-78

Nancy Penn Smith Hannum was born to be a foxhunter. Her mother's father, E.H. Harriman, founded the Orange County Hounds of New York, which subsequently relocated to Virginia, where both her parents became its Masters. Following the untimely death of her father, Richard Penn Smith, her mother remarried William Plunket Stewart, the founder and MFH of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds in Unionville, PA, and it was with this hunt that Nancy remained the rest of her life. In 1940, she married John B. Hannum 3rd. Upon the deaths of both parents in 1948, she inherited the Cheshire Hounds.

She was totally committed to a proper breeding program and was a firm disciplinarian with her pack. The future of the Cheshire Hounds was always in her head. Her approach to actual hunting fluctuated between scientific and mystical. She was well-known for her diligence in following a hunt to an end, but she always juggled the competing claims of the Field. It was a hard decision to move on before marking a fox to ground, but she knew the importance of maintaining enthusiasm in the Field. Sometimes it was important to seek fresh ground. After almost every hunt, she wrote down her reasoning for her actions and analyzed it for errors and insights. She continued the practice for the benefit of the huntsmen who replaced her after many injuries confined her to her jeep (which people swore she taught to jump.)

She was passionate about foxhunting; she was also passionate about preserving open space and took a strong stand against potentially threatening development. Ian McHarg, who designed the Plan for the Valley to preserve Green Spring Valley, Md., described Mrs. Hannum as "the informing spirit behind one of the most unique and successful conservation efforts in the nation." Perhaps largely because of her efforts, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds remains a strong fox hunt today.



ALBERT OLLIE POE

b. 1931

Piedmont Fox Hounds 1954-1974

Fairfax Hunt 1976-1980

Middleburg Hunt 1980-1995

Widely considered the best breeder of American Foxhounds of the 20th century, Albert O. Poe was born August 7, 1931 into a foxhunting family in Hume, Virginia. Albert's father, Ollie Poe, maintained a small pack of carefully bred American hounds of the Bywaters strain. Like all his siblings, Albert grew up riding; as a teenager, he became fascinated with hound breeding, and hunting was in his blood.

In 1946 his brother Melvin accepted the position of huntsman with the Old Dominion Hounds. Albert would bring his hounds along on hunting days when he whipped-in to his older brother. When Albert Hinckley assumed the mastership, he hired Albert to break and make hunters; desiring to improve his pack, he bought Albert's hounds. During this period, Albert whipped in gratis, and his reputation as an exceptional horseman and hound man flourished.

In 1954 the Piedmont Foxhounds hired Albert as First Whipper-In. At opening meet in 1954 Albert, at 23, became the youngest professional huntsman in the country. For the next 21 years, he bred the very best pack in the United States and produced great sport for its followers. With two young sons showing a keen interest in hunting, Albert also formed a beagle pack which met Saturdays to hunt rabbits. All the local children came mounted, and these meets became wildly popular, inspiring a new generation of hunting enthusiasts.

In 1975 Albert left Piedmont to train his horses with great success at Charles Town – until they were all claimed. Then Randolph D. Rouse, MFH, came calling: Fairfax Huntsman Mike Rowe was in failing health, and Albert was hired. The pack of English and Crossbred hounds needed improvement badly, and to this end Albert turned to his sources of Bywaters blood.

In 1980 Albert moved on to Middleburg, where almost every hound in the kennel traced its lineage back to Piedmont and the famous hounds Albert had bred. For 15 years he showed superior sport at Middleburg, restoring this pack's historic reputation. Upon retiring from Middleburg, Albert continued to hunt, often with brother Melvin.



RECOGNIZED 2011



MELVIN MORRISON POE

1920-2014

Old Dominion Hounds 1945-1962

Orange County Hunt 1962-1992

Bath County 1992-2014

Born near Hume, in the heart of Virginia's hunt country, Melvin and his nine siblings grew up riding, hunting and learning the ways of wildlife in the forest and fields near their home.

Hunting, jousting, and baseball, the passions of his youth, were interrupted by World War II. As a jeep mechanic he landed after the main invasion on Normandy and spent the next two years moving around France and Germany. Shortly after returning home from the war Melvin took the job as huntsman for the Old Dominion Hunt. He gathered enough hounds to hunt the season from brother Albert and others, and Master Colonel Albert Hinckley bought a few. For sixteen years Melvin built the Old Dominion into a hard running pack.

His career with Orange County spanned nearly 30 years. His first two seasons he served as whipper-in; the next 27 years, Melvin's "rebel yell" could be heard cheering hounds on across the grasslands of northern Fauquier County. Melvin's fox sense - knowing where to look after a loss - was legendary. His hounds absolutely loved him and would follow him anywhere. At hound shows his hounds won numerous championships over the years and a multitude of important five couple pack classes. He retired as huntsman from Orange County at 70 years of age.

After he served a few years as O.C. kennel huntsman, Melvin was hired as huntsman by George Ohrstrom, who formed a private pack in the abandoned Bath County country; 2010 marked Melvin's 20th season there.

A Tom Davenport movie titled *Thoughts on Hunting* features Melvin and wife Peggy, with selected passages from the Peter Beckford book of that title. Peter Winants also featured him in a book, *Foxhunting with Melvin Poe*. With his death in 2014, the foxhunting world lost a legend.



RECOGNIZED 2009



GEORGE BRICE

1871 - c. 1950

Brice Family Private Pack

Essex Fox Hounds

Huntsman 1914-1934

From Maryland's Eastern Shore to New Jersey and beyond, George Brice was a consummate hound man with considerable influence in Penn-Marydel circles. The scion of a long line of Eastern Shore foxhunters, he hunted his own private pack in Chestertown (Kent County) before being "imported" – bluetick hounds and all – by New Jersey's newly formed Essex Fox Hounds in 1913. There he enjoyed a successful 21 years as a huntsman. According to A. Henry Higginson, "These hounds...are mostly 'blue-tick,' good-looking, big-boned, sturdy hounds, with very beautiful deep voices and excellent noses."

Ex-MFH Joseph Thomas ranked Brice as one of the country's three greatest huntsmen, along with Jack Smith of the Brandywine and Virginia's Charlie Carver. His hounds also held their own at the early shows; in 1918, Brice exhibited four hounds of the Eastern Shore strain with great success at Westminster.

Brice continued as Essex's huntsman until spring of 1934. The pack itself was sold in 1935, but the bloodlines of Brice's hounds appeared in packs owned by the Abingdon Hills, Beaufort, Fairfield County, Genesee Valley, Orangeburg, and Woodbridge Hunts and Mr. Hubbard's Kent County Hounds.



BENJAMIN H. HARDAWAY III, MFH

b.1919

Midland Fox Hounds

MFH And Huntsman 1950-1994

Ben Hardaway serves as living proof that the hunting gene exists in human DNA. He certainly possesses drive, and no doubt many enthusiasts remember his cry when Midland hounds were all on and singing their distinctive chorus. His name is recognizable throughout the hunting world and his legacy will live on with cry, drive, and biddability in the Hardaway Crossbred Foxhound.

Mr. Hardaway claims he was born with the desire to hunt. When he was five, accompanied by his nurse, he started hunting rabbits with beagles in Florida. He moved to Georgia and discovered coonhounds and night hunting, thanks to the farm manager, Carl Herr. Then, when he was 12, "One pretty moonlight night, I heard this pack of hounds coming," he recalled. "I had never heard hounds running like that. I sat down and asked Mr. Herr, 'What are those?' He said, 'That's Mr. Robinson's foxhounds running a red fox.' I said, 'Let's take our hounds and go on home. That's what I want to do.' Their music sang through my entire being like something electric and changed everything it touched forever...It was that night...when the magic was born."

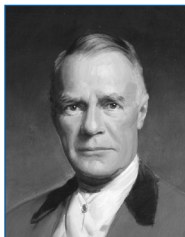
This passion for foxhounds made him a man with an enthusiastic mission. The advent of deer in his hunting country in 1966 prompted him to develop the Hardaway Crossbred. "It was a necessity – do something or quit hunting," recalled Mr. Hardaway. While hunting with the Golden's Bridge Hounds, he watched the pack run a fox right through a herd of deer. Golden's Bridge gave him a Penn-Marydel hound and a bitch in whelp, and he started crossing them with his July hounds. Before long, he brought in West Waterford and other crosses that proved to be deer steady.

"July hounds gave me the greatest thrill and my goal was to keep that cry and nose, but cross him out so he would be biddable enough to break off deer." It certainly proved a success. "We've sent our Crossbreds to England, Ireland, Australia – all over," he said proudly.

And such a strong enthusiasm for hunting did he have that even when he could no longer back a horse, he would follow the hunt in "the White Stallion" – his trusty Jeep.



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REDMOND C. STEWART, MFH

1873-1936

Green Spring Valley Hounds

MFH and Huntsman 1892-1914

In the annals of American foxhunting, there are few sportsmen as highly regarded as Redmond Conyngham Stewart. The co-founder, first Huntsman and first Master of Maryland's Green Spring Valley Hounds, Stewart served in this capacity for more than two decades. A gifted horseman, he was also one of the founding members of the ultimate timber race, the grueling Maryland Hunt Cup, in which he rode 15 times, winning it once, placing second five times, and third four times.

As a boy, he was profoundly influenced by John Bowen, a local legend who hunted a farmer pack of hounds believed to have descended from the Old Maryland strain. By the time he was 15, he had been hunting a five-couple pack for some years.

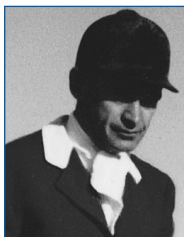
In the autumn of 1892, fourteen Baltimore-area residents gathered to form the Green Spring Valley Hounds. Few were surprised when Redmond was elected Green Spring's first Master of Foxhounds. Though just 18, he was also the obvious choice to carry the horn. And his horn of choice was a cow horn rather than an English metal one.

Stewart soon became renowned for his perseverance with his pack, his reputation as a hound man, and his love for the hills and dales of Maryland. He acquired hounds from various sources. His core pack was from John Bowen's ancient Maryland strain, to which he added English hounds from the Quorn; July, Birdsong, and Walker hounds from Hugh Davidson of Tennessee; and Brooke hounds from the Howard County and Patapsco packs. By the age of 20, he began hunting the joint packs of the Elkridge and Green Spring on occasion. He hunted the Green Spring pack for 22 years, continuing as Master an additional year, and retired in 1915.

During WWI he served as a staff officer in the First Division of the U.S. Army, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal. A successful lawyer, he also served in the Maryland legislation. Marriage to Katharine Latimer Small resulted in four children, to whom he passed on his love of sport.



RECOGNIZED 2003



HUGH D. BYWATERS

1911-2000

Warrenton Hunt

Huntsman 1939-1973

Dick, as he was known throughout the hunting world, carried on the generation of the famous Bywaters family; his father was Burrell Frank and his grandfather, Hugh, served as huntsman and Master of the Rappahannock Hunt. He continued to breed excellent hunting hounds and hunted the Warrenton pack for thirty-five years plus five seasons as a whipper-in for a total of forty years of loyal dedication to the sport. Hounds of particular note were Warrenton Rock, 1961, and Warrenton Finder, 1964. Rock sired two litter sisters, Potomac Thea, '64, and Tricet, '64, who became the Best Entered Bitch, Best Brood Bitch And Champion American Foxhound Bitch at the Virginia Foxhound Show in 1967. Also, together with Treet, '64, they accomplishing the same at the Bryn Mawr Show. Finder is well noted throughout the American Stud Book, particularly having sired Orange County Nemo, '68. In addition, Warrenton won the Virginia Hound Show Pack Class in 1974 with 5 couple bred by Dick. His main concern was the actual hunting ability of the hound and he favored meeting at Warrenton's adjoining St. Leonard's Farm because he could draw the whole country to Culpeper County's Brandy Station.

Hugh Bywaters was a most outstanding ambassador of foxhunting, respected by all, especially landowners, large and small, with particular concern for all aspects of the environment and the balance of nature.

Being a talented equestrian, he set an excellent example of turn-out and decorum. This mirrored how foxhunting should appear. Moderate in all respects of life, he was encouraged by his wife Ellen, his daughter and grandson.



MAJOR CHARLES M. KINDERSLEY, MFH

1900-1993

Eglinton Hunt and

Eglinton & Caledon Hunt, Canada

MFH and Huntsman 1947-1968

Charles M. Kindersley, MFH, was a wise and witty man with a great sense of humor. He was an outstanding soldier, hound breeder and foxhound judge. He was a teacher who shared his profound knowledge of foxhounds and pedigrees with anyone who asked.

While waiting to be called into the Royal Flying corps in World War I, he hunted a pack of beagles, which he felt was "the best school for understanding hound work under different scenting conditions."

In 1947 Major Kindersley became honorary whipper-in to Terence Morton, huntsman of the Eglinton Hunt. After a serious spill by the huntsman, Major Kindersley took the horn, which he carried for 21 seasons.

He was Master of the Eglinton Hunt, later renamed the Eglinton & Caledon Hunt, from 1949 until his death in 1993. Charles Kindersley often stated that "conformation of a foxhound is as important as it is to a horse," reinforcing that view by founding the Canadian Foxhound Show in 1956 and remaining its chairman until 1993.

Many of the packs of English foxhounds in Canada and the United States have pedigrees that go back to hounds he bred.

In 1977, Charles Kindersley was honored by the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and presented with a silver horn, symbolizing his many contributions to Canadian and North American foxhunting.

The influence of Major Charles M. Kindersley, MFH, throughout Canada, the United States and England place him among the most respected foxhunters of his time.



RECOGNIZED 2003



FELIX PEACH

1916-1991

The Hillsboro Hounds

Huntsman 1936 –1942, 1945-1958, 1959-1974

When Mason Houghland brought the Hillsboro Hounds to Boston, Tennessee, in 1933, Felix, then seventeen, swung up onto whipper-in John Sloan Sr.'s horse behind the saddle and rode the entire hunt with his arms around Sloan's waist, prompting Houghland to predict for him a great future as a huntsman. In 1936 Felix became huntsman of the Hillsboro Hounds and, except, for a stint in the army training guard dogs from 1942 to 1945 and a year off in 1958, continued as Hillsboro's huntsman until his retirement in 1974.

Felix was highly respected by the night hunters and field trialers and was elected president of the Tennessee State Foxhunters Association, continuing the historic connection between the Hillsboro Hounds and the field trialers.

Felix was a bold rider and a successful competitor at hound shows. He had a keen sense of humor and determination to show sport. With an uncanny intuition of where he was likely to find, he drew the thickets and the woodlands of Hillsboro's country until the race between the darkness and the good scent stole across its hills and hollows making him road hounds home in the moonlight. His long and colorful career left a legacy of light heartedness and laughter that endures in the culture of the Hillsboro Hounds.



ORVILLE ROBERTS

1876-1956

Pickering Hunt

Huntsman 1910-1939

Orville Roberts came from a dairy farming family that bred and hunted foxhounds near Garrettford, in Southern Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

In 1910, Mr. William Clothier asked Orville Roberts to give up the dairy farm and integrate his hounds with the fledgling Pickering Hunt. His younger brothers, Pearce and Harold, came with him as whippers-in.

In those days, rural Eastern Pennsylvania had few traveled roads, very few cars and with a good pack of hounds was as close as one could get to heaven on earth!

Mr. Clothier, MFH, described a January 12, 1912, wintry Saturday hunt: The field on that day included Redmond C. Stewart, MFH of the Green Spring Valley Hounds, W. Plunket Stewart, later to found the Cheshire Hounds, and others who rode to a location seven miles north of the kennels, and found a fox at noon. The fox was put to ground after a twelve-mile point in the Welsh Hills. There were many such entries in Orville Roberts hunting diary.

While serving as huntsman of the Pickering Hunt from 1910-1939, Roberts also served as huntsman of the Glen Moore Hunt, 1918-1928, and the Eagle Farms Hunt, 1919-1920.

After his retirement from the Pickering Hunt, Orville Roberts hunted a pack of his own hounds until his death in 1956. Orville Roberts was a fine horseman, with character, honesty, faithfulness and dedication, coupled with the polished art of hunting hounds for half a century and more.



RECOGNIZED 2001



GEORGE M. BEEMAN

1909-1992

Arapahoe Hunt

Born in that part of Colorado now known as Sedalia, George Beeman was descended from pioneering stock, his grandparents having arrived here by covered wagon in 1876. George Beeman's grandfather, James, had been a Union soldier in the Civil War and later a buffalo hunter with William B. Cody, providing meat for the railroad construction crews in Kansas.

Upon his father's death, George, then only fourteen, left school, and went to work to support the family. In 1930, an old schoolboy friend, working for the Arapahoe Hunt, told George that the hunt needed help. The year before, Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr. had reactivated the hunt, originally founded in 1908, at his Diamond K Ranch about twenty miles south of Denver. George replied, "I'll help out with the horses for two or three days, but I won't have anything to do with those damned dogs." So began George's career with the Arapahoe that was to last for sixty-two years! Starting in the stables, he was soon put to work as a whipper-in by the Scottish huntsman, David Thornton. In 1934, George succeeded Thornton as huntsman, a position he held until 1987 when he passed the horn to his son, Marvin, who had been whipping-in to his father for forty-four seasons from the age of ten.

Since the Arapahoe country was populated by coyotes to the exclusion of foxes, George Beeman was probably the first huntsman to regularly hunt coyotes. He trained numerous whippers-in, hunted hounds three days a week from September to mid-April, and exercised them every non-hunting day. He bred, trained and doctored the all-English pack and butchered to feed them. He broke and schooled the hunters, designed and managed the new stables and exercised the forty-odd active staff horses in one large herd every non-hunting day throughout the season. George Beeman is still remembered as the very heart and soul of the Arapahoe Hunt.



ALBERT "PUD" CROSSON

1911 - 1976

Cedar Croft and Bayard Taylor Hounds

Huntingdon Valley Hounds

Rose Tree Foxhunting Club

Whitelands Hunt

Pickering Hunt

Albert Crosson was born to a foxhunting family. He began hunting at the age of eight in the Unionville, Pennsylvania area where his father, Silas, hunted hounds extensively.

His first staff position away from home was the Cedar Croft and Bayard Taylor Hounds in Kennett Square. In 1940 he became huntsman of the Rose Tree Foxhunting Club. He enlisted in the Navy three years later and served his country until the end of World War II. After the war, he hunted the Huntingdon Valley Hounds until 1949 when he returned to Chester County and took over the horn for Whitelands. His final move was to Pickering Hunt in 1960 where he hunted hounds until his death in 1976. He died in the hunting field of a heart attack after his hounds completed a splendid run, marking their fox to ground.

It would be hard to find a hunttable acre of ground in Chester County, Pennsylvania, with which Albert Crosson was not familiar. He is renowned for developing a hard hunting, superb voiced, deer proof pack of Penn-Marydel hounds. A testament to his generosity was his influence in teaching young men and women the art of the whipper-in, some of whom became huntsmen or developed packs of their own. No matter the conditions, he gave the best of himself and the best of foxhunting he could provide to everyone who had the privilege of hunting with him.



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GEORGE LESLIE GRIMES

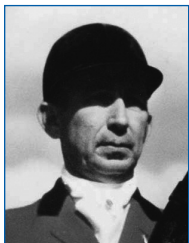
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Green Spring Valley Hounds

Leslie Grimes, huntsman for the Green Spring Valley Hounds, was born in Virginia on December 9th, 1919. His career with hounds began as a whipper-in to the Fairfield County Hounds in Connecticut. World War II claimed the young Grimes for several years, but in 1946, he was recruited by the Masters of the Green Spring Valley Hounds, John J. Shaw, Jr., and Daniel B. Brewster, Jr., to replace retiring huntsman Otis Hayes. Grimes became one of the youngest professionals ever hired to hunt a recognized pack.

Ultimately Grimes hunted the Green Spring Valley Hounds for 35 seasons until his retirement in 1981, establishing a phenomenal reputation for hunting acumen under the leadership of ten different Masters. Grimes was renowned as a complete horseman, a complete hound man, and a brilliant huntsman. His horn and voice cheering on his hounds was nothing less than extraordinary.

His successor, Andrew Barclay, who had been whipper-in to him for seven years, said of Grimes, "To observe this man hunting a pack of hounds was to watch a craftsman. An elegant horseman, his link with his hounds was magic, and his casting at a loss was effortless and almost always successful. He was a perfectionist in the hunting field and demanded the same from his staff. His 35 years of consistently breeding some of the best hounds in North America left a legacy that any huntsman would covet."



W. OZELLE MOSS, MFH

1902 - 1976

Moore County Hounds

The Moore County Hounds, Southern Pines, North Carolina, established in 1914 by the legendary James and Jackson Boyd, was their gift in 1942 to W. Ozelle Moss, with the hope that he and Mrs. Moss would maintain the sport at a level consistent with its past.

"Pappy" Moss carried the horn, ably assisted by his wife who acted as whipper-in, until his death in 1976. For the next few seasons, Mrs. Moss, as MFH, carried the horn.

During the thirty-four seasons that W. Ozelle Moss hunted this private pack of hounds, his popularity and the high level of good sport attracted large numbers of foxhunters and their families to hunt with the Moore County throughout the winter months. Many of the visitors became landowners.

With equal love of the land, W. Ozelle Moss and Mrs. Moss expanded their own land holdings, which later became the center piece of the Walthour - Moss Foundation, a land preservation of significant importance to Southern Pines and to the preservation of fox hunting in the area for years to come.

W. Ozelle Moss was widely known and highly respected among foxhunters throughout North America.



RECOGNIZED 1999



WILLIAM ALMY, Jr., MFH

1900 - 1979

***Quansett Hunt; Culpeper Hunt;
Warrenton Hunt***

William Almy, Jr. carried the horn for thirty-seven seasons as Master or Joint-Master of four separate packs of foxhounds. He organized the Quansett Hunt, Ma., in 1919 and hunted those hounds through 1930 and again from 1934 to 1956. In 1930, Almy joined Col. Albert E. Pierce as joint-master and huntsman of the Culpeper Hunt, Va. Following two years at Culpeper, he moved to the Warrenton Hunt, Va., as Joint-Master, hunting the hounds for two seasons. Returning to Quansett in 1934, Almy bred the third and what he considered the most brilliant pack of his career, cross-breeding Welsh and Fell blood with American Walker, Trigg and Virginia strains. He hunted this pack in the country where the Almy family had been large landowners since 1700. He was also considered one of the most knowledgeable hound show judges of his time. In 1960, Almy was elected president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, in which capacity he served until 1970.



OSCAR BEACH

1891 - 1963

Casanova Hunt

During 1927-1952 Oscar Beach served as honorary huntsman for the Casanova Hunt in Casanova, Virginia. He was a hound man, who hunted for nothing more than the pure joy of hunting. He possessed a keen fox sense and exhibited unmatched courage while traversing the countryside in pursuit of the fox. Hunting primarily American Hounds, he had a varicolored pack of any type hound that would hunt. This efficient pack of hounds consistently provided excellent sport to the Casanova followers for many seasons. His great wit, personality and diplomacy made him respected and admired in foxhunting circles and in the community. As one of the hunt's forefathers, he was instrumental in establishing the traditions of the Casanova Hunt which carry through today.



DOUGLAS M. BURGESS

1902 - 1975

Potomac Hunt

Douglas M. Burgess was the professional huntsman for the Potomac Hunt for 22 years. Before he arrived at Potomac, he started as a professional whipper-in for Orange County Hunt in Virginia. Barely five feet tall, Burgess was a familiar figure at many events held for various charities in the Washington area where the famous "lemon and white" hounds of the Potomac Hunt were exhibited. He won national acclaim in the sports world for the American foxhounds he bred and trained during his tenure with the Potomac Hunt. Some of the famous hounds that Douglas bred were Tweet-Tweet '56, five times Grand Champion American Foxhound, Truly '58, Treet '64, and Tulip '66. He retired in 1969.



RECOGNIZED 1999



FRANCIS "FRANK" MARION FRALEY

1912 - 1988

Goshen Hunt; Redland Hunt

Frank Fraley was a country man, born on a farm in Montgomery County, Md. As a boy, he would take hounds and go hunting on foot, many times barefoot. At eighteen, he was asked to hunt the hounds for Thomas T. Mott's Redland Hunt and did so from 1933 until 1957. In 1957, he helped start Goshen Hunt with William F. Carl as Master. Frank was committed to enhancing the field hunting abilities of his hounds. He relied on the Bywaters breeding of American foxhounds for the attributes he bred into his pack. His hounds were his family — he knew his pack and his country and landowners well. Frank was huntsman a total of 44 years; 24 with The Redland and 20 with The Goshen.



WILLIAM du PONT, Jr., MFH

1896 - 1965

Foxcatcher Hounds

William du Pont, Jr. was raised at "Montpelier" near Orange, Virginia. In 1912, when still a school boy, Mr. du Pont began a pack of his own. He selected the American Hound (Virginia Red-Bone type) as their size, keen nose, bold cry and ability to 'get through' the country made them the ideal hound for that mountain territory. These hounds were first named "Montpelier Hounds." The initial hounds were purchased from Dallas Watson, Joseph B. Thomas, Thomas Bywaters and Horace Garth. In 1917 the pack was referred to as the "Foxcatcher Hounds" still kenneled in Virginia. However, in 1926 the pack was divided and William du Pont took his hounds to Fair Hill, Md. Foxcatcher Hounds was recognized by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. The early hounds; Lightning, Mint, Maude, Macon, Red and Roebuck were shown in the Westminster Hound Shows, the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, etc. and went on to win the pack classes as well as the Bitch and Dog classes. During the following years hounds were bred for outcross to the Packs of Essex, Piedmont, Orange County and back to Montpelier Hounds. During Mr. du Pont's hunting career of fifty-seven years as Master, he hunted the Hounds for thirty-five years. He had a canny ken of the whereabouts of a fox, showing good sport to many foxhunters.



GROVER VANDEVENDER

1894 - 1974

Farmington Hunt

Grover Vandevender bred and trained horses in Albemarle County, Va. He taught the art of foxhunting to three generations of riders including William Faulkner. He became huntsman of Farmington hunt in 1929 and held that position for 32 years. The late Jack Rinehart, former MFH of Farmington, praised Mr. Vandevender as "one of the greatest huntsman I have ever known. He was endowed with a sixth sense when it came to handling hounds, horses and children."



RECOGNIZED 1997



THOMAS ALLISON

1882 - 1970

Meadow Brook Hounds

For forty years, 1911 to 1951, Thomas Allison served as huntsman of the Meadow Brook Hounds, Long Island, NY. Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, where he observed the ways of fox hounds from an early age, he moved to a sandy, generally poor scenting country where he bred a pack of hounds to suit the conditions, providing sport to the large Meadow Brook fields which earned his enviable reputation. Mr. Harry I. Nicholas, while Master of The Meadow Brook, commented that “no harder man to hounds ever sat a horse, no fence is too high for him and no day too long, and as a huntsman in the field and in the kennels, he has few equals in the country.”



HUNTON F. ATWELL, MFH

1904 - 1985

Piedmont Fox Hounds; Loudoun Hunt

Born near Evergreen Mill in Loudoun County, Va., Hunton Atwell was huntsman for the Loudoun Hunt from 1923-1934; the Piedmont Hunt, Upperville, Va., from 1930-1931; private pack 1937-1946; Master, carrying the horn for the Loudoun Hunt from 1948 to 1985. Through good years and bad — rabies epidemics, federal trapping, affluent and modest times — he hunted with dedication, good humor and a sporting mindset, enjoying a high degree of success. In the last season of his life, he hunted hounds twenty-eight times, leaving the country with a cadre of experienced and ardent foxhunters who understood the discipline of the hunting field.



CHARLES CARVER

1878 - 1951

Piedmont Fox Hounds; Mr. Thomas' Foxhounds; Foxcatcher Hounds; Green Spring Valley Hounds; Essex Fox Hounds; Vicmead Hunt

The forty year tenure of Charles Carver as huntsman included six packs of fox hounds. He served Mr. Joseph B. Thomas, MFH, Mr. Thomas' Foxhounds, Va., for twenty-two seasons, 1911 to 1932; Piedmont Fox Hounds, Va., from 1915-1919; Foxcatcher Hounds, De., from 1932-1933; Green Spring Valley Hounds, Md., from 1933 to 1934; Essex Fox Hounds, NJ., 1935-1937; and Vicmead Hunt, De., 1938-1951. Mr. Thomas, MFH, referred to Charles Carver's career as “the most clever huntsman within my ken . . . an indefatigable enthusiast in breeding, training and hunting hounds, he is the keenest man imaginable in his desire to account for a fox once found. Charlie, a bold rider, has been well mounted all his life, and consequently has probably seen more of hound work than any living American huntsman”. At Vicmead, wrote Alexander Mackay-Smith, “Charlie Carver was to bring to a close his career as perhaps the greatest huntsman and breeder of pack hounds in the history of American foxhunting”.



RECOGNIZED 1997



ELIAS CHADWELL

1894 - 1975

Millbrook Hunt

For twenty-two seasons, from 1928 - 1950, Elias Chadwell hunted a pack of American hounds for Millbrook Hunt, NY. Tall, thin, graceful and very soft-spoken, his patient skill with hounds and knowledge of fox-lore made him a legend in the field. His modesty, dignity and courteous manner impressed the observer as well.

Helping his hounds with an uncanny cast, cheering them with his melodious voice and crossing a challenging country with ease, he

stood out as a huntsman. His lovely level pack of tri-colour hounds was a joy to watch. He had been given that divine touch of being so good he did not know how good he was.



WILLIAM CHADWELL

1918 - 1986

Essex Fox Hounds

For forty-three seasons from 1940 to 1942 and 1944 to 1977, William (Buster) Chadwell hunted the Essex Fox Hounds in Peapack, NJ. He had earlier served as whipper-in at age sixteen. His many seasons of hunting at Essex were only interrupted by World War II service in Burma. Both in the field and on the flags, he added a lustrous page to the history of the Essex. The hounds

that were bred when he carried the horn often dominated the hound shows, but it was in the field they earned their reputation. William Chadwell was the most accomplished of the early band of huntsmen who successfully coped with the infusion of deer in many hunting countries following World War II. He bred and trained a pack of hounds thoroughly steady to riot. His quiet and affable manner, always professional in every respect, enhanced a reputation for giving brilliant sport of the highest order. Although he was not huntsman after 1977, he still hunted with the hounds.



HOMER B. GRAY, MFH

1893 - 1952

Rombout Hunt

For twenty-three seasons, 1929 until his death in 1952, Homer B. Gray, MFH, was also honorary huntsman of the Rombout Hunt, Poughkeepsie, NY. He possessed that rare ability to be "as one" with his hounds. They were joyfully obedient to him, even with the proliferation of deer, where a quiet word was all that

was needed to prevent riot. He had an uncanny sense of where to

recover the lost line of a fox, but only would he make a cast when his hounds had tried on their own and failed. An immense contribution to the extraordinarily consistent sport which he gave with his hounds was the unstinting support of the farmers and other landowners. Seldom would the day pass when he would fail to return to thank them for the hospitality of the day on their land. This relationship was critical in making Rombout Hunt an unforgettable experience for those who followed Homer Gray. Always well mounted, his hunters were a second love, giving further testament to his ability and understanding of horse and hound.



RECOGNIZED 1997



A. HENRY HIGGINSON, MFH

1876 - 1951

Middlesex Foxhounds; Cattistock

The influence of A. Henry Higginson, MFH, left an indelible impression on the foxhunting scene. He not only carried the horn on both sides of the Atlantic, but exerted substantial influence on the bloodlines of many packs in the U.S. and Great Britain. As Master of the Middlesex Foxhounds, South Lincoln, Ma., he hunted his hounds from 1907 to 1919 and, in England as Master of

The Cattistock, from 1930 to 1939.

In 1905, The Middlesex and The Grafton competed in the famous English-American Foxhound Match in the Piedmont country of Virginia. It was not unusual for A. Henry Higginson's pack of English hounds to hunt far from their home country. For varying lengths of time, by invitation, The Middlesex, with Mr. Higginson carrying the horn, hunted the countries of The Loudoun, Va., The Shelburne, Vt., The Meadow Brook, Long Island, The Millbrook, NY and The Harford, Md.

Before moving to England to become MFH of The Cattistock in 1930, Higginson served seventeen years as president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.



MASON HOUGHLAND, MFH

1888 - 1959

Hillsboro Hounds

Mason Houghland came to Nashville, Tn., where he was Master and Huntsman of the Harpeth Hills Hounds. He enjoyed the friendship of many of the most famous hound men of the day, including Joseph Thomas, whom he persuaded to locate the Grasslands Hunt at nearby Fairview in Gallatin. In 1932 Mr. Houghland started the Hillsboro Hounds with hounds from The

Grasslands, which had failed in the Depression.

Mr. Houghland began to breed competitive field trial hounds using celebrated American sires and dams, and procured a draft of refugee hounds from the North Cotswold whose master saw the war coming.

No comment about his career as huntsman, houndsman and master would be complete without reference to his place in the sport as an author. His Foreword to Joseph Thomas's book *Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages* (1937 Garden City edition) is a discerning observation of the differences between the night hunters' culture and the organized society of recognized packs. Mr. Houghland's own book *Gone Away* is also an enduring classic in a crowded field.

The gloss of whimsy and poetry over peril in his personality was reflected in his drawings, writings, gentle humor and courtly manners. It was also always present in his relationship with children from whom his rapt attention earned the reward of being included in their world of discovery, enthusiasm and wonder. As the founder of the Hillsboro Hounds and of the Iroquois Steeplechase, he left a legacy in our country to enrich us all.



RECOGNIZED 1997



STERLING LEACH

1897 - 1980

Orange County Hunt

Born in Fauquier County, Virginia before the turn of the century, Sterling "Duke" Leach lived a full life centered around horses, hounds and foxhunting near the center of Virginia horse country at The Plains. In October 1920, he was hired as a Whipper-in for Huntsman Edward (Ned) Chadwell of the Orange County Hunt, by the new Master of Foxhounds, Fletcher Harper. In mid-season 1924, he was given the horn to hunt hounds full time.

For the next 40 years, Duke Leach bred and hunted the Orange County hounds. By the time of his retirement in 1967, his breeding success was reflected in numerous and repeatedly-won trophies at major hound shows and by the fact that his bloodlines were found in scores of other packs. Leach officially retired in 1964 but remained in kennels as joint huntsman until 1967. He died in 1980 and his obituary ran side by side with one of the Joint Masters, Robert B. Young, MFH.

All through the years Fletcher Harper, MFH, and his huntsman, "Duke" Leach, were building up the distinctive pack of red ring necked hounds. They showed sport of the highest order.



DALLAS LEITH

1908 - 1990

Elkridge-Harford Hunt

Huntsman of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt of Monkton, Md., for thirty-seven years, Dallas Leith served from 1938 to 1978, with the exception of three years of active duty during World War II. Though he was a brilliant huntsman, Dallas Leith will be long remembered for the line of crossbred hounds which have provided so many memorable days in the field for The Elkridge-Harford.

In 1934, he bought American dog hounds from fellow Virginian Henry Matthews of Bull Run Mountain, and crossed them with imported English bitches. This was the beginning of his long and distinguished career as huntsman and breeder of foxhounds. When he passed the horn in 1978, he became an active Huntsman Emeritus, responsible for the care, breeding and training of hounds, until his death in 1990.



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ROBERT MADDOX

1892 - 1948

Middleburg Hunt

Robert Maddox was huntsman of the Middleburg Hunt, Middleburg, Va. from 1923-1948, following Arthur Kirby during the Mastership of Daniel C. Sands, and was succeeded in turn upon his death in 1948 by Charlie George. A particularly competent horseman, Robert Maddox stayed close to his hounds, quietly helping them only when necessary and at the last moment. During the twenty-five years that he carried the horn, a large number of hounds, outstanding in the field as well as on the flags, were bred at Middleburg. An account of a day in the field when Robert Maddox hunted hounds on cold, frozen ground, written by a well-known English visitor, expressed the opinion that the "Middleburg pack went as fast as any hounds to which I have ridden, an opinion that may surprise and even shock some of my English readers."



CHARLES SMITH

1889 - 1964

Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds

Charlie Smith began his apprenticeship in England. After serving with the Dragoons in World War I, he became whipper-in for the private pack of Major George Smith in Hertfordshire. In 1920 he came to America as first whipper-in for Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, Unionville, Pa. Upon the retirement of Frank Dare, he became huntsman. Charlie Smith knew his country like the palm of his hand, knew the habits of foxes and where they could be found, and most of all, he knew his hounds. Not only was he an outstanding huntsman, he was a superb showman in hound classes and brought home numerous championships for Cheshire. He was a good horseman and able to stay with hounds no matter what was in the way. He was an artist with the hunting horn.

A few of his famous and most memorable hunts are: The Great Lenape Run - February 6, 1932 - The Cheshire bitch pack ran 40 miles from Saw Mill Wood to Lenape and back to the foot of Powell's Hilltop - 5 hours and 20 minute run. At end of the day, only 3 people were left - Charlie Smith, W. Plunket Stewart, and J. Stanley Reeve. The Fox from Bailey's Hill - December 10, 1938 - The Cheshire dog hounds ran approximately 15 miles in an hour and forty minutes across the countries of Cheshire and Brandywine. Hounds were stopped on Georgia Farm - an historic hunt. The Bayard Taylor Memorial Hunt - March 9, 1940 - Head huntsman of combined packs consisting of Cheshire Hounds, Rose Tree, West Chester, Foxcatcher, Mr. Walter M. Jefford's Hounds, Vicmead, and Mr. Ely's Welsh Hounds consisting of 200 followers, 150 couple of hounds, and 10,000 followers on foot. Meeting at the magnificent Longwood Gardens, this was an unforgettable occasion. Lord Halifax visit - March 29, 1941 - a crowd of about 5,000 turned out.

He retired in 1949, after twenty-nine years with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds.



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HARRY WORCESTER SMITH, MFH

1865 - 1945

Grafton Hounds; Piedmont Fox Hounds; Loudoun Hunt

Harry Worcester Smith, MFH, huntsman from 1905 to 1917, is considered to be one of those foxhunters credited with having made a marked improvement in the American hound during his time. It was his own pack, the Grafton Hounds, North Grafton, Ma., which competed in the famous English-American Foxhound

Match in the Piedmont Valley of Virginia in 1905, and was judged the winner. At various times, his hounds hunted the countries of The Piedmont, The Loudoun, The Millbrook, The Genesee Valley, and his home country in Massachusetts. He was also the MFH of the Westmeath Hunt in Ireland, where he hunted his American pack on bye days during the season 1912-1913. He is due, more than any one man, the credit for the formation of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America in 1907.



WILLIAM P. WADSWORTH, MFH

1906 - 1982

Genesee Valley Hunt

Huntsman and Master of the Genesee Valley Hunt, Geneseo, NY, from 1932 to 1975, except for the interruption of World War II, when he served in France and Germany with the 101st Cavalry. An exceptional hound man, Bill Wadsworth began hunting with his father, Major W. Austin Wadsworth, at the

age of six, and started his training as a huntsman soon afterwards with a beagle pack of his own. His chief delight was always in the working of his hounds.

He served as President of the MFHA from 1970 to 1973, a position especially meaningful to him as his father had been its first president in 1907.

He is remembered for his kindness, and his patience with novice foxhunters and for the democratic way in which he ran his hunt. Though he recognized the traditions of the sport, emphasis was placed upon the genuine interest of those who rode with him, not on their social or financial position.



WILLIAM WOODWARD

1900 - 1977

Montreal Hunt

Will Woodward, to whom hunting is hereditary, was born at the kennels of the South Staffordshire Hunt in England where his father was whipper-in. He served at The Berkeley, wearing the brilliant yellow coat with the green collar in which he was painted by Michael Lyne before coming to the Montreal Hunt, Montreal,

Quebec in 1930. Apart from a tour of duty with the Toronto and North York Hunt during the years of the second World War, he served the Montreal Hunt from 1930 to 1967.

Will Woodward belonged to that line of long service huntsmen who have done so well for the Montreal Hunt. But for Sutcliffe and Jackson, of very short service, The Montreal has had only five huntsmen in one hundred and twenty-five years.

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- Preserve the rich North American heritage of hunting with hounds, for today and for the future.
- Acquire important artifacts before they are lost.
- Provide a repository for precious objects.
- By developing educational exhibits through research projects, promote understanding of hunting with hounds through the sport's historical, sociological, and cultural heritage.

Since its inception, the Museum has acquired an impressive collection of art, artifacts, and memorabilia related to mounted hunting in the US and Canada. Many of the items now part of that collection would no doubt have been lost over time if not for the efforts of Museum supporters and volunteers. Items entrusted to the Museum range from personal mementoes to valuable works of art and objects of considerable historical significance. Clothing, tack, books, furniture, diaries, and many more items representing the accumulated embodiment of foxhunting in North America since the Colonial Era have been donated by caring supporters.

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