Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Collection
McClung Historical Collection

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club (SMHC) Collection was placed in the McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library System, in 1956. The collection includes Board Minutes from 1929-1968, correspondence from 1929-1968, President’s Files from 1969-1997 and as received, “Happy Trails” (March 1992-August 1995), publications beginning February 1996 highlighting Appalachian Trail (AT or A.T.) news, Hike Notices (later known as Newsletters) from 1925, subject files, Ridgerunner Patrol Reports and Caretaker’s Reports (1990-1997, and as received), photographs and slides, and a complete set of Handbooks from 1926 to 1999 (and as received).

The arrangement of the earliest correspondence and Board Minutes of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Collection reflects a subject arrangement that had been in place prior to, and for a number of years after, their deposit with the McClung Collection. Starting with material created in 1969, the documents are filed under the heading “President’s Files” for the year in which the records were created, rather than being divided by correspondence and Board Minutes, as was done with the earlier records. The documents in the President’s Files are left in the same groupings in which they are received. The manuscripts are placed in acid-free folders upon receipt. To accommodate the active, growing nature of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Collection, the boxes are numbered within each category, instead of using a consecutive numbering system.

The club’s correspondence starts in 1929. In 1983, SMHC member Anne Broome (Mrs. Harvey Broome) made an itemized, chronological listing of the correspondence files for 1929 through 1968. A copy of her listing is included with each of those files. With the addition of material added to the SMHC Collection in 1999, these lists are no longer complete. Correspondence after 1968 is filed with the President’s Files.

Board minutes from 1929-1968 are filed under the heading ‘Board Minutes.’ Starting in 1969, the Board minutes are filed with the President’s Files by year of creation. The contents of the President’s Files are arranged in chronological order, with the exception of several years in the 1980s and 1990s, when the president’s arranged their papers under subject categories. The Board Minutes and President’s Files include the organization’s financial statements, agendas, conservation news, committee reports, and correspondence.

Subject files include information on the cabin in the Greenbrier, Fontana Road, the Olmsted report on “Wilderness Values in the Great Smoky Mountains,” the Greenbrier Cove report, and the 1966 Wilderness Hearings on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and many other topics. The 1937 charter of incorporation and the constitution and by-laws of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club are with the subject files, as is the record book signed by hikers to Mt. LeConte between 1922 and 1924. An itemized listing appears under the heading “Subjects” in the Finding Aid.

The copper box that originally held the Mt. LeConte record book is housed as an artifact with the SMHC Collection. Two copper engraving printing plates, the club emblem designed by Louise Smith in 1924 and a sketch of a moonlit trail designed by Robert Lindsay Mason, are found with the artifacts. There are two tape recordings in the collection: “A History of Cades Cove” by Henry R. Duncan in 1955, and talks by Duncan and others on Greenbrier Cove recorded in 1956. The 1956 tape recordings were transcribed in Spring 2000.
In 1999 the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club established a web page on the Internet. Much of the information in this finding aid may be viewed at www.smhclub.org.
Correspondence.  1929-1964. (COR Box 1).
1965-1968. (COR Box 2).
(Note: For 1953-1954-1955 correspondence, see also Folder 7 on Fontana Road, Dan Hale’s files; and Folder 9 on Dinosaur National Monument and Echo Park; both in Subject Files, Box 1).
(Correspondence after 1968 is found in the President’s Files).

Board Minutes.  1929-1956. (BDMIN Box 1).
1956-1968. (BDMIN Box 2). (Board Minutes after 1968 are found with the President’s Files).

President’s Files & Board Minutes.
1969-1971. (PF Box 1).
1971-1974. (PF Box 2).
1974-1976. (PF Box 3).
1980. (PF Box 5).
1989-1990. (PF Box 8).
1991-1992 (PF Box 9).
1994-1996. (PF Box 11).
1997-2004. (PF Box 12)
2005-2010 and as received (PF Box 13)


Handbooks.  1985-1999 and as received. (HB Box 2).

Hike Notices.  1925-1945. (HN Box 1).

Hike Notices.  1946-1964. (HN Box 2).

Hike Notices.  1965-1985. (HN Box 3).


**Artifacts.** Copper box which originally held the record book signed by hikers to Mt. LeConte, 1922-1924. (AR Box 1).

Two copper engraving printing plates: the club emblem designed by Louise Smith in 1924 and a sketch of a moonlit trail designed by Robert Lindsay Mason.

Received from Ken Warren, SMHC Handbook Editor, September 7, 1999. (His notes on the history of the copper engravings are with the items in AR Box 1).

T-shirt imprinted with Smoky Mountains Hiking Club name and logo. Dark green, XL. (recd. August 2008 via Claudia Dean). (AR Box 1).

**Ridgerunner Patrol Reports.**

- **1990-June 1996.** (RR Box 1).
- **July 1996-1997.** (RR Box 2).
- **2000** (RR Box 3)
- **2001-2003** (RR Box 4)

**Songbooks.** (SB Box 1). Includes large book with wooden cover. Two photocopies each of “SMHC Songs” and “Smoky Song Sheet for the SMHC.”

**Tape Recordings.** “A History of Cades Cove” by Henry R. Duncan in 1955, and talks by Duncan and others on Greenbrier Cove recorded October 21, 1956. Two reel-to-reel tapes, each approximately 1 1/2 hours. In June 1999, the McClung Historical Collection had the reel-to-reel tapes transferred to cassettes. (TR Box 1). (*See Subject Files folder 40 for transcription of 1956 tapes*).
Photographs. PH Box 1: (*See detailed list of photographs at end of Finding Aid*).
Loose prints. No date, 1924-1978.

Photographs. PH Box 2: (*See detailed list of photographs at end of Finding Aid*).
Large mounted prints. No date, 1929-1945.

Photographs. PH Box 3: (*See detailed list of photographs at end of Finding Aid*).
Large mounted prints. 1946-1963.

Photographs. PH Box 4: (*See detailed list of photographs at end of Finding Aid*).
Large mounted prints. 1993-- (and as received).

Slides. SL Box 1:
1946-1997. Slides taken by members of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. Most are of the Great Smoky Mountains, nature subjects, or club members. Many slides are identified, and some identification sheets were included with the slides. Slides includes winners of the annual Photography Contests. There are no slides for the 1987 contest, even though a list for that year was received. (Brought in by Mark Evans, 1997).

Subject Files. SUB Box 1:
Folder 1: Charter of Incorporation, 1937; SMHC Constitution and By-laws.
Folder 2: Record Book listing hikers to Mt. LeConte and their remarks, 1922-1924. Was kept for many years in copper box (see Artifacts). Also, loose notes and article about copper box and record book. (Received from Ken Warren, January 4, 1980).
Folder 6: The Greenbrier Cove Report, evolved from the Olmsted Report. 1951. (Received from Anne Broome, January 13, 1983).
Folder 7: Fontana Road. Dan Hale’s File. 1952-1953. (Received from Anne Broome, January 13, 1983).
Subject Files. SUB Box 1 (cont.):

Folder 11: Publications of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club re: Wilderness Hearings:


(See also: Subject Files Box 2 for transcripts of the Wilderness Hearings, Gatlinburg, TN, and Bryson City, NC, 1966).


“Rally to the Wilderness Act Hearings for the Great Smokies Park” issued by Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Ernest Dickerman, Conservation Committee Chairman. May 5, 1966. 3 pp.


Folder 15: Photographs from the Wilderness Society. Nine 8x10” B&W photographs. (Material in Folders 11-15 was added by Mr. Leroy Fox, February 1999).

Subjects Files. SUB Box 2:

Subjects Files. SUB Box 2 (cont.):

Folder 16: Duplicate copies of Smoky Mountains Hiking Club publications re: Wilderness Hearings. 1964, 1966. (One set of these publications is also found in Box 1 of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Collection, Subject Files: Folder 11: Wilderness Hearings.) (Material added by Mr. Leroy Fox, February 1999).

Subjects Files. SUB Box 3:


Folder 21: Songs and songbooks.

Folder 22: Notecards (blank) with mountain scene.


Subjects Files. SUB Box 3 (cont.):

Subject Files. SUB Box 4:
Folder 36: Trail stories written by SMHC members to commemorate the club’s Diamond Anniversary year (1999). The stories appear on the club’s WebPage at pageright.com/SMHC/stories as of January 1, 2000. Introductory page and the following stories: 900 Miler Theme Song by Dr. Carolyn Ebel; Always Go Prepared by Jim Quick; Posthumous Journal Notes of Barbara Wickersham, edited by Doris Gove; But Dan Said...by Lou Murray; The Infamous Impromptu Overnight by Charlie Klabunde; JR’s Accident by John Roberts; Lasting First Impressions by Philip A. Royer; LeConte by Lionel Edney; Lesson of Faith on Jenkins Ridge by Anna Marie Stefanick and Ron Stewart; Little River Vision by Philip A. Royer; My First Off Trail Hike...by Mike Harrington; My Worst Hike by Pat Bolz; Short Stories by Doris Gove; Two Voices on a Thirty-Something Backpack by Jennie Whited and Jodie Schneitman; How Far Is It? by R.E. Lockbaum. (Material added by Anna Marie Stefanick, December 16, 1999; and Elsie Dodson, August 2000). (Photocopies from the Internet added September 2000).
Subject Files. SUB Box 4 (cont.):


Folder 42: Newspaper articles (recd. August 2008 via Claudia Dean):


Folder 44: Two undated items (probably from 2044 to 2006, (recd. August 2008 via Claudia Dean)):
Thank you note to Mr. Ritter from CHS SPEAK members. 1 pc.
Great Smoky Mountains National Park Telephone Directory. 2 pp.


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Subject Files. SUB Box 4 (cont.):


(Folders 46-66 added in February 2014 from material received via Cindy Spangler).


Folder 49: Conservation Committee. 1970’s.


Subject Files. SUB Box 5


Folder 53: Clippings: Tellico Dam Project and Snail Darter. 1970’s.


Folder 55: Parkway System (“Master Plan.”).


Folder 57: Citizens for Eastern Wilderness (CEW), 1970’s.
**Subject Files.**  SUB Box 5 (cont.):


Folder 60:  Obed.  Includes ‘A Canoeist’s Guide to the Obed-Emory River System’ by George Waller III.

Folder 61:  Great Smokies Park Wilderness Advocates (GSPWA).


Folder 64:  Proposed Amended Charter of Incorporation of Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Inc.  1986.


Folder 66:  Miscellaneous.  Includes:  GSMNP brochure, rev. 1956 (2 copies); ‘A Day on Mt. LeConte” by W.J. Beecher; Carolina Mountain Club, no date; G.A.T.C. Membership List, Dec. 1951.
The following list of subjects of special interest arranged by year was compiled by Anna Marie Stefanick, Historian of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club in 1999, the year of the club’s 75th anniversary. The following entries will aid the researcher in identifying the major activities and club highlights during selected years. Updated in 2005 with notes provided by Jim Quick for material from 2000 to 2003 found in the President’s Files and Board Minutes. The President’s Files should be consulted for additional information. See also: Subjects category.

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| 1977 | Proposed general maintenance plan- GSMNP  
Highway proposals (Nantahala, Falls Branch, N.C. Corridor) |
| 1978 | National Trails Systems Act  
Joyce Kilmer - Slick Rock Wilderness Management Plan  
Wild Boar Management Plan  
Citizen’s Wilderness Proposal for Great Smoky Mountains  
Corridor K  
Appalachian Regional Development Act  
Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council minutes  
Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning  
Tellico Plains - Robbinsville Road |
| 1979 | Environmental Impact Statement - GSMNP  
Plans for 1981 Appalachian Trail (AT or A.T.) Conference in Maine  
Cherokee National Wilderness  
National Trails Assessment Planning effort  
Corridor resolutions |
| 1980 | New backcountry map  
Backcountry Management Plan  
The “Bare” Facts  
Backcountry campsite evaluation  
Cherokee National Forest Wilderness  
Wild and Scenic River- Land Acquisition Plan  
Wilderness Management Symposium  
Management Plan, Fontana to Wesser |

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1981: Appalachian Trail - National Trails System Act
Wilderness Bill - Sierra Club
Register of Copyrights
Appalachian Trail grants to club program
Memorandum of Understanding - Appalachian Trail and Cullowhee ‘81 Committee
Through Hiker permits
TERC Hiking Club
Appalachian Trail maintenance walk through

1982: Appalachian Trail leadership workshop
Rescue-Search team
VIP (Volunteers In the Park) work
Federal Register fishing regulations
Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning
Southern Trail crew
Appalachian Trail Southern Regional Directory

1983: Conservation correspondence re: Sawyer Creek timber sale of Cheoah District
VIP agreement
GSMNP Wilderness designation
Flat Fork Creek watershed area
Konnarock crew
National Trails System Act

1984: Harvey Broome Distinguished Service Award
Marshall Wilson Presidential Citation
Fifty year historical project
Greenbrier cabin

1985: Appalachian Trail - Club presidents meeting, April 27-28
SMHC cabin

1986: Harvey Broome Distinguished Service Award
Proposed amendments to charter of incorporation
Hiking Club survey
First Aid kit

1987: Hike roster
Long Range Planning Committee report
100 Favorite Trails of the Great Smokies… Donated by Thad Osborne, 8/2000.

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A.T. acquisition policy
National Trails System Act
Progress report: A.T. land acquisition
A.T.: Title 2300 (recreation management, administrative issues, resource issues, and visitor issues).

1990: Strategic Plan for A.T.
Ridgerunner application
Statistic summaries for permit use by month
GSMNP- Oconaluftee Visitor Center
GSMNP - Elkmont leases
GSMNP- Foothills Parkway
GSMNP- Deep Creek - Laurel Branch

1991: Donation by Lela Lee
Membership application
Duties of committee chairs
Guidelines for A.T. blazing
Konnarock correspondence
GSMNP Environmental analysis
GSMNP annual meeting with SMHC

1992: SMHC database
Survey of membership report
Planning Committee report
A.T. President’s report, Harper’s Ferry, WV. June 1992
Elkmont cabins / Wonderland Hotel
Cherokee National Forest lawsuit
A.T. logbooks
100 Favorite Trails...
Intermodel Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
Duties of Board members
Trail Boss projects
Maintainer Awards
Challenge Coat-Share Program
GSMNP annual meeting with SMHC
Agreement for sponsored voluntary services
Fish & Wildlife 2000
Backcountry permit system
Ridgerunner

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1992 (cont.):
Memorandum of Agreement between USNPS, ATC, & SMHC

1993:  
Elkmont leases  
Loan to SMHC  
Trail hazards  
Funding for recreational trails  
Leroy Fox Award  
Conservation Trust for N.C.  
Stewardship Society  
Ridgerunners and Caretakers Program and contract  
Cooperative agreement between GSMNP and SMHC  
NPS Challenge Cost-Share Program  
Checklist for hike leaders

1994:  
National Park Foundation grant application: Russell Field, Siler’s Bald  
Grant application: ‘Leave No Trace’  
Commercial aircraft  
Intermodel Surface Transportation Act  
Shelter Caretaker Program  
Conservation deed: Abrams Creek, Chilhowee Bear Reserve  
Trail Maintenance Handbook  
Trail Assessment Handbook  
Annual meeting notes between GRSM and SMHC, March 19, 1994

1995:  
Archival guidelines for preserving club history  
Ridgerunner program  
User fees  
Memorandum of Understanding - AT & GSMNP  
Agreement for sponsored voluntary services  
Memorandum of Understanding- Horse Use  
GSMNP A.T. Volunteer Shelter Caretaker Program

2000:  
Letters to Park Superintendent opinions on Newfound Gap Road Tunnel  
Construction and Highway 321 project;  
TN Dept. of Revenue Certificates of Exemption; Form letter to send to TN  
Senators and representatives regarding  
Air Pollution in the Smokies.
2001: Letter to Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton regarding the North shore Road; Foothills Parkway Extension proposals and information; Letters from Sen. Fred Thompson and Representative John Duncan on Ravensford/Land Swap; Information on proposed reconstruction of Greenbriar Road Issue - Nov. 15th.

2002: Letter from SMHC to CTC donating $1000.00 in the memory of Mike Lain; Information on the North shore Road, Ravensford/Land Swap, and Elkmont Cabin Issues.


SMHC Photograph Collection: 1924-1978: PH Box 1.
Folder 1: Seventeen unnamed individual and group photos of hikes and outings
LeConte from Pigeon Forge (old highway)
Roger A. Howell
Emert’s Cove: Scenic Contest, 1951 by Dutch Roth
35th Anniversary Jubilation, 1959
West Barber, Fred Beckman, Simon Mancovitch on Spence Field, 1962
White Rock (Mt. Cammerer), 1964
Abram’s Falls, T. Duncan, 1970
Sunlight and Shadows by Duncan, 1978
Icy Rocks - Helping Hands by Duncan, 1978
Executive Board, 50th Year, 1974
Folder 2: First Hike to Look Rock by Roth, 1925
Charles Cornforth, Charles Gibson, Walter Berry, Guy Frizzell, Harvey Broome,
Warner Hall, Carlos Campbell, Charter Whittaker
Two “Natives” and Abrams Creek Forge Hammer
Overnight Camp of A.T. Trail Scouters, Santeela Lake, 1932
House Mountain by Roth, 1924
Clingmans Dome, 1927
July 4, 1935
First Trip to Three Fork, 1936
1936 Installation Meeting, Lea Springs Hotel
Making Benches in the Duncan Basement, 1936
The One “Contraption”, 1941
Greenbrier History Meeting, 1956
Spook Nite

SMHC Photograph Collection: 1929-1945: PH Box 2.
11th A.T. Conference Exhibit by Hoss, 1948
Untitled by Hoss
Tri-Corner Knob, Mt. Chapman and Clingmans Dome by Campbell
Untitled
Montvale Banquet, 1929
5th A.T. Conference, Gatlinburg, 1931
Thunderhead by Bagwell, 1931
Ursa Minor by Bagwell, 1939
Winter Splendor by Potter, 1940
Breakfast by the Campfire by Beckman, 1940
The Top by Hoss, 1940
On Hyatt Bald by Hoss, 1940
Campfire Song by Roth, 1941
Snow Laden by Roth, 1941
Little Indian Gap Shelter by Roth, 1941
English Mt. by Roth, 1941
Mountain-Ears by Kerr, 1941
On Roan Mountain by Brown, 1942
Abrams Falls by Hoss, 1942

SMHC Photograph Collection: 1929-1945: PH Box 2. (cont.):
In the Clouds, 1944
Winter’s Coverlet - The A.T. on Mt. Mingus by Roth, 1944
Across the Valley by Roth, 1945
SMHC Photograph Collection: 1946-1963: PH Box 3
Brushy by Hoss, 1946
A Shelter Cabin on the A.T. by Roth, 1946
Day Dies on Ft. Loudoun Lake by Hoss, 1946
On Siler’s Bald by Hoss, 1946
Lunch Time on Cliff Top by Roth, 1946
The Cabin-in-the-Brier by Roth, 1946
(2) Hike Leader by Duncan, 1948
Ranger Cabin - Cove Mountain by Duncan, 1948
Cabin in Clouds by Roth, 1948
Storm Clouds by Roth, 1948
Skyline Fantasy by Ewald, 1949
Two Fine Natives by Broome, 1950
Web of Limbs by Cassidy, 1950
A Monumental Work by Ewald, 1953
Flutes and Floosies by Broome, 1953
Sunset Over Clingmans by Beckman, 1954
Bald River Falls by Beckman, 1954
(2) Too Many Cooks by Duncan, 1954
All Promenade by Duncan, 1954
Burning of the Cans by Ketelle, 1955
Greenbrier Pinnacle by Sutterfield, 1955
On Spence Field by Worth, 1963

SMHC Photograph Collection: 1946-1963: PH Box 4
The Crawfords
Meeting at Twin Creeks, 1996
Meet Mr. Pulaski by The Wee Roving Reporter, 1993
Untitled
Photo album with pictures from Lionel Edney’s 80th birthday party (9-6-1997) and luncheon at Nancy Hall’s cabin on 4-25, 1998. This album was donated in memory of Margaret Ann Roth who passed away 5-4-2004.

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6/1999

From Notes by Ken Warren on the Copper Engraving Printing Plates (Artifacts Box 1)
Copper engravings used in the printing of the SMHC Handbooks for many years, until printing techniques used since 1961 retired them from active use.

Engraving 1: Emblem for the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club designed in 1924 by Louise Smith. Her design won the contest held to create a unique emblem for the club. The design features an inverted triangle, symbolizing the SMHC’s early connections with the YMCA. A circle encloses a mountain scene and represents the SMHC. The emblem appears on the cover of the SMHC Handbook, and in more recent years, has had the addition of an AT symbol, signifying the club’s affiliation with the Appalachian Trail Conference. 1 pc. Backed on wood. 3.25 x 3”.

Engraving 2: Illustration of a moonlit trail through the woods, with an AT symbol on a tree in the foreground and the initials RLM, for the designer Robert Lindsay Mason (1874-1952), who was an early member of the SMHC and the first club historian (1930-1933). The sketch was first used in the 1957 SMHC Handbook, and was often used in handbooks for the next forty years. 1 pc. Backed on wood. 1.25 x 1.25”.
Gift books added to the McClung Historical Collection, May 2010:


*Mountain Dooryards by Dora Read Goodale. The Torch Press. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, no date.*