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RACING COMMISSION

An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota Racing Commission.
Series Title:	Records,
Dates:	1980-2001.
Quantity:	3.4 cu. ft. (4 boxes).
Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records documenting the activities of the commission, including by-laws, legislation, and minutes and agendas (1983-2001); track and licensure materials (1983-2000); clippings (1980-1999); financial audits (1996, 1999); 2001 stakes book; subject files (1985, 1996-2000); and miscellaneous reports concerning the economic impact of racing, legalized gambling regulation, and the proposal to use proceeds from casino games at Canterbury Downs (after 1995, Canterbury Park) to fund a baseball stadium (1990-1997).

The minutes and agendas, which also contain reports, informational items, and correspondence, document the activities of both the full commission and its committees/task forces on rules, industry assistance, research and educational grants, affirmative action, and thoroughbred breeders fund appropriations.

The track site and licensure materials include reviews of track proposals, financial analysis and assessments of license applications, an assessment of racing in North Central Minnesota, coverage of Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigations, contracts, steward's reports, findings of fact, and card club operation materials. Groups involved include the Metropolitan Council, Touche Ross & Co., Minnesota Racetrack, Inc., Canterbury Park Holding Corporation, Autotote, Inc., and Traverse County Agricultural Association.

The subject files include a 2000 affirmative action plan, attorney general recommendations, 1985 sample horse registration forms, 2000 medication and horse health manuals for trainers and veterinarians, Minnesota Breeders' Fund grant requests, 1996 Minnesota Rules of Racing, special events memoranda, and 1995 University of Minnesota equine research grant proposal.

Collected on a statewide basis by a clipping service, the clippings are mainly photocopies discussing horse racing and gambling. Many of the files include simulcast reports and published articles from other states.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Affirmative action programs--Minnesota.
Baseball fields--Minnesota.
Card games--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Casinos--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Equine sports medicine--Minnesota--Research.
Horse racing--Betting--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Horse racing--Economic aspects--Minnesota.
Horse racing--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Horse racing--Minnesota, North Central.
Horsebreeders--Minnesota.
Race horses--Minnesota.
Racetracks (Horse-racing)--Finance--Minnesota.
Racetracks (Horse-racing)--Law and legislation --Minnesota.
Simulcasting of horse racing--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Autotote Systems, Inc.
Canterbury Downs (Shakopee, Minn.).
Canterbury Park Holding Corporation.
Canterbury Park Racetrack and Card Club (Shakopee, Minn.).
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area.
Minnesota Breeders' Fund.
Minnesota Racetrack, Inc.
Minnesota. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
Touche Ross & Co.
Traverse County Agricultural Association (Traverse County, Minn.).
University of Minnesota.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
109.F.14.1B	1	Bylaws, legislation, and miscellany, 1983, 1995, 1996, 2000. 2 folders. Meeting minutes and agenda materials: Minutes of meetings of the full commission and of various of its committees, including the Rules Committee, Industry Assistance Committee, Research and Educational Grants Committee, Affirmative Action Committee and Advisory Task Force, Racing Committee, Card Club Committee, and Minnesota Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Appropriations Advisory Committee. All are interfiled chronologically. Some agenda materials, such as reports, informational items, and correspondence, are also present. 1983-1992. 23 folders.
109.F.14.2F	2	1993 – June 2001. 19 folders. Track site and licensure materials: Metropolitan Council's Review of Racetrack Proposals, December 23, 1983. Financial Assessment Report on Applications for Class A and Class B Licenses, March 19, 1984. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Investigation Reports of Applicants, March 26, 1984. Horse Racing in North Central Minnesota: A Preliminary Assessment, by Touche Ross & Co.: Draft, December 31, 1984. Final, January 15, 1985.

Location	Box	
109.F.14.2F	2	Minnesota Racetrack, Inc.'s Registration Statement for the Securities and Exchange Commission, July 1986. Ladbroke Canterbury Downs Survival Plan for Horseracing, [1993].
109.F.14.3B	3	A/B Licensure and Start Up, December 15, 1993. 1 volume. Canterbury Park Holding Corporation (CPHC) Class A and B Applications, March 21, 1994. 2 folders. Canterbury Park Holding Corporation (CPHC) Class A and B Supporting Materials, April 22, 1994; Report on Financial Analysis of Class A and B License Applications, April 26, 1994. 2 items in 1 folder. Contracts, 1998-1999. CPHC and Autotote, Inc., owner of the wagering terminals at Canterbury Park. Stewards reports, 1998-2000. Annual report, 1998, 2000; daily reports, May 1999. Canterbury Park Holding Corporation annual reports, 1998-2000. Class "C" license renewal form, 1999. Licensing Procedures Manual, 1999. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, 1999-2000. Applications (unsigned) from CPHC, Canterbury Park, and Traverse County Agricultural Association covering pari-mutuel betting, live racing days, televised racing days, card playing, and telecast transmission of races. Also documents detailing an appeal to a steward's ruling (1999). Traverse County Agricultural Association Pari-Mutuel Pool Request, 1993, 1999. 2 folders. "Card Club"--Plan of Operation, 2000. Financial Audit, 1996. For period July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1995. Financial Audit, 1999. For period July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1999. Stakes Book and Condition Book One, 2001. Subject files: Affirmative Action Plan, 2000. Attorney General recommendations, 1999-2000. Examples of horse registration forms (blank), 1985. Medication and Horse Health Manuals for Trainers and Veterinarians, 2000. Minnesota Breeders' Fund grant requests, 1998-1999. Minnesota Rules of Racing, 1996. 1 volume. Special events memoranda, 1999. University of Minnesota Equine Research Grant Proposals, 1996.

Location	Box	
109.F.14.3B	3	<p>Other reports (chronological):</p> <p>The Economic Impact of the Horse Racing and Breeding Industry on the State of Minnesota 1990, April 1991.</p> <p>Report to Governor Arne Carlson on Restructuring Legal Gambling Regulation in Minnesota, November 5, 1991. Presented by Harry W. Baltzer, Gambling Control Board.</p> <p>High Stakes: Gambling in Minnesota, March 1992. By Minnesota Planning [Commission].</p> <p>Advisory Council on Gambling: First Report to the Legislature and Governor, February 1, 1995.</p> <p>Advisory Council on Gambling: Final Report to the Legislature and Governor, February 1, 1996. 1 folder. Stamped "Draft #1."</p> <p>The Canterbury Proposal: Report to the Minnesota Stadium Task Force, August 27, 1997. To permit the State Lottery to operate casino games at Canterbury Park and use the proceeds to help fund a new baseball stadium.</p> <p>Newspaper clippings, 1980-1999. Photocopies of newspaper articles collected on a statewide basis by a clipping service, as well as published articles from other states, regarding horse racing and gambling. Many packets of clippings also include simulcast reports.</p> <p>1980-1991. 8 folders.</p>
141.B.16.7B	4	<p>1992-1999. 8 folders. <i>[0.6 cu. ft. empty, letter]</i></p>