

Guide to the Thomas M. Gately papers

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Summary Information

Repository	American Kennel Club Archives
Creator	Gately, Thomas M., 1905-1997
Title	Thomas M. Gately papers
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Date [inclusive]	1925-1989
Extent	6.0 Linear feet in 13 boxes.
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials are in English.
Abstract	<p>The Thomas M. Gately papers collect photographs, correspondence, clippings, and other documents related to the Gatelys' handling and kennel business with a focus on photographs of their prize-winning dogs. The majority of the photographs are "win shots" and the majority of the documents are books, receipts, correspondence, and clippings related to the kennel and handling business. There are also some photographs and documents related to the Gatelys' personal life.</p>

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Biographical Note

Thomas M. Gately (Tom to his friends) was born on December 19, 1905 in Reading Pennsylvania, the youngest of four children of Irish immigrant parents. He became interested in the dog world as a teenager, and exhibited his first dog in 1924. Deciding to become a professional handler, he apprenticed under handlers Frank Brumby, Lew Worden and Abe Swartz, before starting his own business in 1927.

In 1931 he married Katherine Kilgore (born February 20, 1910, and known to all as Kay). She went into the handling business with him, and became a successful handler herself. As the owners of Gayterry Kennels in Wilton Connecticut, they guided the breeding operations of many clients, and bred their own Wire Fox, Kerry Blue, and Welsh Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Brittany Spaniels, and other dogs. Kay Gately ran the business without her husband for two years during World War II, when Tom Gately served as Head Kennelman and Technical Sergeant in the War Dog Company of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Tom Gately was an extraordinarily busy and successful handler, usually attending more than sixty-five shows a year. He was best known as a terrier expert, but he was versatile, handling dogs in all six groups (the Working Group had not yet been divided into the Working and Herding Groups), and making more than eight hundred champions. He never won Best in Show at Westminster, but he won five groups there, and won Best in Show or Group at many other prestigious shows. Because of his excellent judgment, he was often commissioned to purchase dogs for clients. He took particular pride in the fact that many of these dogs went on to become champions.

After undergoing an operation in 1967, and a serious car accident in 1968, Tom Gately decided to retire from handling and breeding dogs. The Gatelys continued to breed harness horses, maintaining a racing stable at their farm in Pineville Pennsylvania, and continued to hunt with dogs. Tom Gately also wrote regular articles for Dog World until 1977, after which he wrote for Showdogs, and then Shows and Dogs. His writing won several awards. A few years after retiring from handling, both of the Gatelys became dog show judges.

Kay Gately died February 10, 1990. Tom Gately died on January 28, 1997.

Scope and Contents Note

The Thomas M. Gately Collection is a collection of historical photographs of prize-winning dogs, and materials related to the Gatelys' handling and kennel business.

The majority of **Photographs** series are "win shots" taken at the presentation of the prize at a dog show. In addition, there are many professional portraits of dogs, and a few casual pictures. The majority of photographs, both "win shots" and portraits, were taken by photographer William Brown. The photographs are a potentially valuable resource for those tracing changes to the breeds over time, as well

as for researchers looking for images of particular judges, kennel clubs, and dog shows. The group most fully represented is the Terrier Group. The breeds most fully represented are Airedales, Wirehaired Fox Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, and Greyhounds. With the exception of photographs of Pugs, there are very few photographs from the Non-Sporting, Working, and Toy groups, with some folders having only one or two images. The majority of photographs are from the 1950's and 1960's, and most of them are black and white 8x10s, although there are a good number of smaller photographs as well, as well as Stud Dog Cards with photographs on them.

The personal photographs of the Gatelys, their friends, and their home, provide biographical illustration.

The **Documents** series chronicles the daily business of a kennel and handling operation. It gives a good sense of the scope of the Gatelys' business and the many people with whom they were in contact. Harold and Marion Florsheim, of Florsheim Shoe fame, were two of Gately's main clients, and are particularly well represented. In addition, the series contains a few periodicals and clippings which provide historical context on the sport of purebred dogs. Most notable are the 1955 issue of *Holiday* in which the reporter follows Gately at the Westminster show, and a December 1968 profile of Gately clipped from the Philadelphia Sunday Times Advertiser.

Arrangement

The *Thomas M. Gately papers* are arranged into two main series.

Series 1: Documents consists of three sub-series, **Sub-Series A: Business Notes**, **Sub-Series B: Certificates**, and **Sub-Series C: Other Documents**.

Series 1: Photographs is arranged into the following 11 sub-series:

- 1 **Sub-Series A: Terrier Group**
- 2 **Sub-Series B: Hound Group**
- 3 **Sub-Series C: Sporting Group**
- 4 **Sub-Series D: Non-Sporting Group**
- 5 **Sub-Series E: Working Group**
- 6 **Sub-Series F: Toy Group**
- 7 **Sub-Series G: Photo Albums**
- 8 **Sub-Series H: Personal Photographs**
- 9 **Sub-Series I: Negatives**
- 10 **Sub-Series J: Slides**
- 11 **Sub-Series K: Printing Blocks and Drawings**

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access Restrictions

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Publishing and Use Restrictions

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Provenance

Thomas M. Gately's niece and/or nephew donated the materials to the American Kennel Club after Gately died in 1997.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Gayterry Kennels.

Genre(s)

- black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Championship certificates
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Kennel records
- Pedigree certificates
- Stud dog cards

- Studbooks

Personal Name(s)

- Gately, Thomas M., 1905-1997

Subject(s)

- Airedale Terrier
- Bedlington terrier--Liver toxicosis
- Dog Shows--Handling
- Greyhound
- Hounds (group)
- Kennels
- Miniature schnauzer
- Non-Sporting (group)
- Sporting (group)
- Terriers (group)
- Toys (group)
- Wire fox terrier
- Working (group)

Series 1: Documents

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Documents 1925-1984,

Arrangement

The series first contains receipt books and kennel notebooks arranged chronologically and then index cards of individual dogs arranged alphabetically by breed.

Scope and Contents Note

Sub-series 1-A: Business Notes consists of various notebooks kept by the Gatelys's as part of their kennel and stud service business. The books include a receipt book of stud services, four of Gately's kennel notebooks and a notebook related to Miniature Schnauzer Ch. Yankee Pride Col. Stump. Also in this series are index cards on individual dogs that were owned by the Gatelys and part fo their business. The cards are undated.

Sub-Series A: Business Notes 1926-1963,

	Dates	Box	Folder
Receipt book of stud services	1926-1933	1	1
Kennel notebook	1944	1	2
Kennel notebook	1958	1	3

Sub-Series A: Business Notes

Ch. Yankee Pride Col. Stump notebook	1958-1959	1	4
Kennel notebook	1960	1	5
Kennel notebook	1963	1	6
Index cards A (Afghan, Airedale)	Undated	1	7
Index cards B (Beagle, Bedlington, Boxer, Brittany, Bulldog, Bull Terrier)	Undated	1	8
Index cards D, E (Dandie Dinmont, English Springer Spaniel)	Undated	1	9
Index cards G-I (Gordon Setter, Great Dane, Greyhound, Irish Terrier, Italian Greyhound)	Undated	1	10
Index cards K, L (Kerry Blue, Lakeland, Lhasa Apso)	Undated	1	11
Index cards Miniature Schnauzer	Undated	1	12
Index cards Mo-R (Mongrel, Norwich, Papillon, Pointer, Pug, Retrievers)	Undated	1	13

Sub-Series B: Certificates

	Undated	1	14
Index cards S (Schipperke, Scottish Terrier, Sealyham, Silky Terrier, Skye Terrier, Smooth Fox Terrier, Standard Schnauzer)			

	Undated	1	15
Index cards Wei-Wes (Weimaraner, Welsh Corgi, Welsh Terrier, West Highland White Terrier)			

	Undated	1	16
Index cards Wi-Y (Wirehaired Fox Terrier, Yorkshire)			

Sub-Series B: Certificates 1925-1984,

Scope and Contents Note

Sub-series 1-B: Certificates consists of championship certificates, pedigree certificates and Stud Book registration certificates of Gately dogs. Some of the pedigree certificates include photos photographs of the dogs.

Arrangement

The championship certificates and pedigree certificates are arranged alphabetically by dog name. The Stud Book registration certificates are arranged chronologically. Some large-format pedigrees have been separated to an oversize box.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Championship certificates	1937-1984	2	1
Pedigree certificates (some oversized certificates moved to Oversize Box 1)	1925-1964	2	2

Sub-Series C: Other Documents

Stud Book registration certificates	Sep 1926 - Jan 1934	2	3
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Sub-Series C: Other Documents 1937-1978,**Arrangement**

All materials have been arranged chronologically in folders arranged in the following order: periodicals, periodical clippings, correspondence, passport wallet, miscellaneous. Some materials, including a kennel floor-plan, have been moved to Oversize Box 1.

Scope and Contents Note

Sub-Series 1-C: Other Documents consists of periodicals, periodical clippings, a small amount of business and a larger amount of personal correspondence (mainly Christmas cards), and Gately's passport, along with the wallet he carried it in and the travel ephemera within the wallet, including business cards collected by Gately when he traveled to England to buy dogs.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Fox Terrier, Vol. I, no. 2 (cover photo of Gately's Boarzell Brightest Star)	Mar 1943	2	4
Ken-L-Bits	1948-1949	2	5
Clippings	1937-1969	2	6
Correspondence, business and personal	1938-1978	2	7

Series 2: Photographs

Correspondence, Christmas cards	Undated	2	8
Correspondence, Christmas cards	1940-1978	2	9
Passport wallet	Undated	2	10
Miscellaneous	Undated	2	11
		Dates	Box
Drawing of the Gately house		Undated	OS 1
Floor plan of Gayterry Kennels, Wilton CT		Undated	OS 1

Series 2: Photographs 1935-1989,**Arrangement**

The first six sub-series correspond to six AKC groups, Terrier, Hound, Sporting, Non-Sporting, Working, and Toy and arranged in that order. Following that is a sub-series of photo albums kept by the Gatelys and at the end of this series is a sub-series of miscellaneous other photographs, including personal photos of the Gatelys.

Scope and Contents Note

Series II contains Thomas Gately's photographs. The majority of photographs are "win shots" taken at the presentation of the prize at a dog show. In addition, there are many

Sub-Series A: Terrier Group

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Sub-Series A: Terrier Group 1935-1971,**Arrangement**

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Airedale: Ch. Bengal Flyer	Undated, 1963-1965	3	1
Airedale: Ch. Bengal Leprechaun	Undated, 1963-1967	3	2
Airedale: Ch. Bengal Sabu	Undated, 1959-1961	3	3

Sub-Series A: Terrier Group

Airedale: Ch. Kresent Reb Ribbons	Undated, 1965-1966	3	4
Airedale: Ch. Querencia's Suerte Brava	Undated, 1962-1963	3	5
Airedale: Ch. Westhay Fiona of Harham	Undated, 1957-1960	3	6
Airedales	1935-1968	3	7
Airedales	Undated	3	8
Bull Terriers	Undated, 1934-1958	3	9
Cairn Terriers	Undated, 1962-1968	4	1
Dandie Dinmont Terriers	Undated	4	2
Irish Terriers	Undated, 1925-1964	4	3
Kerry Blue Terriers	Undated, 1934-1938	4	4
Miniature Schnauzer: Ch. Yankee Pride Col. Stump	Undated, 1959-1963	4	5

Sub-Series A: Terrier Group

Miniature Schnauzers	1949-1968	4	6
Miniature Schnauzers	Undated	4	7
Scottish Terriers	Undated, 1955	5	1
Sealyham Terriers	1960s	5	2
Smooth Fox Terriers	1940-1965	5	3
Welsh Terriers	1936-1966	5	4
West Highland White Terriers	Undated	5	5
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Arley Adorable of Harham	1952	6	1
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Boartzell Brightest Star	1941-1943	6	2
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Chief Barmaid	1947-1951	6	3
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Cudhill Kalypso of Harham	1959	6	4

Sub-Series A: Terrier Group

Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Gayterry Little Cherry	1969-1971	6	5
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Gosmore Emprise Elite	1967-1968	6	6
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Merbeth Melanie	1962	6	7
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Roundway Lightning of Gayterry	1954-1959	6	8
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Sirius of Gayterry	1947-1949	6	9
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Travella Special of Harham	1958	6	10
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Travella Starstud of Harham	1950s	6	11
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Travella Sunbonnet of Harham	1925	6	12
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Travella Superman of Harham	1954-1959	6	13

Sub-Series B: Hound Group

Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Travella Suredo of Harham	1955-1957	6	14
Wirehaired Fox Terrier: Ch. Winton Caracas Call Boy	1965-1968	6	15
Wirehaired Fox Terriers of Gayterry Kennels	1953-1956	7	1
Wirehaired Fox Terriers	1934-1984	7	2
Wirehaired Fox Terriers	Undated	7	3
Wirehaired Fox Terriers, unidentified	Undated	7	4

Sub-Series B: Hound Group 1942-1969,**Arrangement**

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Afghan Hounds	1942-1943	8	1
Beagles	Undated	8	2

Sub-Series C: Sporting Group

Dachshunds	Undated	8	3
Greyhound: Ch. Rudel's Firefly	1962-1966	8	4
Greyhound: Ch. Rudel's Reindeer Cupid	1967-1968	8	5
Greyhound: Ch. Rudel's Solitaire	1960-1964	8	6
Greyhounds	Undated, 1951-1969	8	7
Norwegian Elkhounds	Undated	8	8

Sub-Series C: Sporting Group 1942-1979,

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
English Springer Spaniels	1952-1979	8	9
Pointers	Undated	8	10

Sub-Series D: Non-Sporting Group

Setters (Irish and Gordon)	1942, 1946	8	11
Weimeraners	Undated	8	12
Yellow Labrador Retrievers	1957	8	13

Sub-Series D: Non-Sporting Group 1933-1963,

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Boston Terriers	1930s	9	1
Bulldogs	1963	9	2
French Bulldogs	Undated	9	3
Miniature Poodle	1945	9	4
Schipperke	1963	9	5

Sub-Series E: Working Group 1949-1954, Undated,

Sub-Series F: Toy Group

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Boxers	1949, 1954	9	6
Newfoundlands	Undated	9	7
Satin Bernards	Undated	9	8
Samoyeds	Undated	9	9
Welsh Corgis	Undated	9	10

Sub-Series F: Toy Group 1953-1989,

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by breed and further alphabetically by dog name. Each folder is arranged chronologically, with undated photographs at the back.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Pekingese	Undated	9	11
Pugs	1953-1989	9	12

Sub-Series G: Photo Albums

Silky Terriers	1960s	9	13
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Sub-Series G: Photo Albums 1957, 1960,

Arrangement

This series consists of two photo albums arranged chronologically. The photos themselves have been removed from their original enclosures but remain in chronological order as they were in their albums.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Photo album	1956-1957	10	1
Photo album	1960	10	2

Sub-Series H: Miscellaneous Photographs 1936-1956,

Arrangement

The series begins with a set of personal photographs and negatives. One photo slide is included in this series and photographs screened on wood and metal for printing purposes are at the end of the series.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Personal photos	1943-1956	10	3
Personal photographs	1936, 1949	10	4

Sub-Series H: Miscellaneous Photographs

Negatives	Undated	10	5
Slides of Ch. Yankee Pride Col. Stump	1960	10	6
Wood blocks of screened photos (includes h. Boartzell Brightest Star, Ch. Paracandy Lily, Ch. Yankee Pride Col. Stump, Heigh Ho Trail Blazer, and one marked Phila Sailer)	1940s-1960s	11	1
Metal plate of screened photo of Cch. Sirius of Gayterry	1940s	12	1
Miscellaneous large photos	1956-1963	OS 1	