

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

Shooting Record Number Four, 1881-1894

MS. 107

Extent: 1 volume in box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of a 252-page handwritten shooting record

Biographical and Historical Information: This is a personal handwritten shooting record of Orville Lovell, who resided in Brooklyn, NY but had a second home in Osterville, MA. The record was discovered in the attic of Margerie Leonard's home and it was given to Andrea Leonard, who published many excerpts from it. It was then passed down to Judith Leonard Staples, the donor.

Shooting waterfowl was a recreational pursuit for many men in the 19th and early 20th centuries as was most hunting. Paul Chesbro's "Osterville, A History of the Village Volume II" includes genealogy information and many facts pertaining to the early Lovells, as do other books in the Sturgis Library's collections.

The account begins with a summary of wildfowl recorded in Shooting Record Number Three (1876-1881), which included 1,801 birds, ducks, geese, and other water birds. It then goes on, in diary format, to describe shooting trips in detail, including the weather and other conditions, as well as the kinds of birds they shot and how they went about it. Many of the trips were aboard the Yacht "Comfort."

The volume also includes a number of newspaper clippings, most pasted in, on various topics on interest including humorous or inspirational poems, sketches, accounts of the weather, articles, etc.

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