

# Guide to the Pinter Hunting Camps Records, 1939-2014

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## Overview of the Collection

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC360**Accession Number:** 17-017**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 360**Creator:** John Pinter (Eau Claire, Wis.)**Title:** Pinter Hunting Camp Records, 1939-2014**Dates:** 1939-2014, bulk 1990-2005**Quantity:** 2.2 linear feet (1 half archives box, 2 flat boxes)**Location of Collection:** A10/3b**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Summary:** This collection contains materials that pertain to the Pinter Hunting Camp that has been around the Eau Claire area since 1939. The materials date from 1939-2014. The contents include photographs, a log book, a few yearly camp newsletters, maps, hunting gear, a newspaper article, signs and flyers from the camp, and a letter from the donor, John Pinter.

## Biographical/Historical Note

The property of the Pinter hunting camp is located in the township of Bridge Creek. The town consists mostly of farms, local businesses, and state and county parks and recreational areas. As of 2010, the population was 1,900. The town is located in Eau Claire County, which was founded in 1856. As of 2013, the county has a population of 101,438.

The original owner of the camp, Elmer C. Pinter, was a dentist from the Milwaukee area. He received his schooling from Marquette Dental School where he graduated in 1928<sup>[1]</sup>. He had his own office by

1930 and retired in 1975. He died February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1992.

In 1939 Elmer "Doc" C. Pinter (also known as Mr. Coon Gut) purchased forty acres of land for \$600.00. Eventually, the Pinter family expanded their camp to the 160 acres that now comprises the camp. The property can be found between Coon Gut Creek and the Eau Claire River, with access on a single road off County Road G, and is surrounded by county owned forests. The family maintained the land by creating firebreaks to prevent large forest fires on the property, as well as a reforestation project where they removed underbrush and planted Norway Pines.

The camp was as an area for the Pinter family to go hunting during the hunting season, as well as a place to spend summers. In May of 1991, the camp was sold to a core group of hunters that frequented camp with the Pinter family. These hunters became co-owners of what became Coon Gut Inc. This decision was made so that the property could continue to be maintained and preserved. However, over time, the owners were unable to continue with the upkeep of the property and the camp was put up for sale. In the year 2014, the land was bought by Eau Claire County where they plan to incorporate it into the surrounding county forest area.

<sup>[1]</sup> Prestor, Richard Klatt. *Images of America: Milwaukee, Wisconsin*. Arcadia Publishing, 2000

## Content Description

The materials from the Pinter Hunting Camp date from approximately 1939-2014 with the bulk of the materials ranging from 1990-2005. The collection documents the history of the Pinter Hunting Camp from the day the land was bought in 1939 to the mid-2010s when the land was sold to Eau Claire County. It contains photographs (dates ranging from 1949-1995), a log book (1940-2012), a few of the yearly newsletters (1994-1997), maps (1948-1976), deer hunting gear, camp signs, postcards, and camp flyers.

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to the Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire by John Pinter in February, 2017.

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# Subjects

**Personal Names:** Pinter, John; Pinter, Elmer C.

**Corporate Names:** Coon Gut, Inc.

**Subject Terms:** Hunting camps; Lodges; Hunting; Deer hunting; White-tailed deer hunting; Conservation of forests; Forest preservation; Trees—Planting;

**Geographical Terms:** Coon Gut Creek (Eau Claire County, Wis.); Eau Claire River (Eau Claire County, Wis.); Bridgecreek Township (Eau Claire County, Wis.)

## Detailed List of Contents

Dates: 1939-2014, bulk 1990-2005

Extent: 2.2 linear feet (1 half archives box, 2 flat boxes)

Container	Contents	Dates
Box 1/Folder 1	Newspaper Article; EC County Rec. Plan	2014-2016
1/2	John Pinter Correspondence	undated
1/3	Maps	1948-1976
1/4	General hunting information	1996-2000
1/5	Camp flyers and postcards	Circa 1997
1/6	Camp signs	undated
1/7	Camp newsletters	1994-1997
1/8	False/Prank DNR letters	1994
2/1	Log book	1940-2012
	Latrine book	1933-1995

3/1	Hunting gear, 2 hats, 1 facemask, 1 shirt, 1 jacket with permit, 1 deer call	undated
UHC360/Folder 1 (digital)	Photos: Photobook 1	1949-1953
UHC360/Folder 2 (digital)	Photos: Photobook 2	1993-1995
UHC360/Folder 3 (digital)	Photos: Loose Photos	Circa 1995