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A F F I D A V I T

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ----

HARRY R. GUNN, of Los Angeles, California, established the following world's professional walking records, starting from Ascot Park, Los Angeles, California, March 4, 1928 in the coast to coast foot race conducted by Charles C. Pyle.

1004.1 miles in 250 hours 42 minutes flat.
1543.4 miles in 376 hours 40 minutes 28 seconds.
1761.6 miles in 427 hours 6 minutes 49 seconds.
2012.2 miles in 492 hours 50 minutes 4 seconds.
2199.1 miles in 538 hours 25 minutes 49 seconds.
2537.9 miles in 619 hours 03 minutes 56 seconds.
3044.9 miles in 744 hours 39 minutes 54 seconds.
3422.2 miles in 844 hours 59 minutes 46 seconds.

Duly signed and attested to at New York City, New York, by the following officials this 1st day of, June, 1928.

C.C. Pyle Promoter.
Red Grange Referee.
R.A. Gootman Head Timer.
Ted Bucklin Head Checker.
Arthur McKee Official Advisor.
Hugo Quist Judge.
Charles Walter Hart Judge.
Leahand S. Lewis Correspondent, International New Service.
Jack Urban Correspondent, The Associated Press.
John Powers Correspondent, The United Press.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) SS.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for
the county and state aforesaid, at New York, New York, this 1st day of
June A.D. 1928.

Adalain R. Thomson
Notary Public.
New York County Clerk's No. 69
New York Register's No. 9039
Commission Expires March 30, 1929.

My commission expires March 30, 1929.

(Harry R. Gunn). C.C. Pyle, Red Grange, and others

Affidavit of records set by Harry R. Gunn during The Great American Foot Race in 1928 \$1500

Legal-size partially typed document (approximately 13" x 8½"). A couple of old folds, modest age-toning, in an old frame (and easily removable), very good. The document attests to eight records set by Harry R. Gunn during the cross country race, and is signed by officials of the race including the race's promoter and well-known huckster C.C. ("Cash and Carry") Pyle, head referee and football legend Red Grange (Cash was responsible for Grange leaving college to play pro football), and several others: race judge and tractor engine manufacturer Charles Walter Hart, race judge Hugo Quist (sports promoter and Sonja Henie's manager and trainer), "Head Checker" and professional football player, Ted Bucklin, including three wire service correspondents who were covering the race, and is notarized by a New York notary public. The Race was a promotion, similar in some aspects to a dance marathon, featuring 68 walkers who traversed the country from Los Angeles to New York, the winner, a 19-year-old Cherokee Indian, Andy Payne, received \$25,000. Gunn, the son of a wealthy Los Angeles business man, finished 28th. However his father had made substantial bets that he would finish the race, and presumably this affidavit was necessary for him collecting. Gunn was one of the runners featured in the interesting documentary film of the event *The Great American Race* made in 2002. An interesting and tangible artifact of an interesting footnote in American popular culture. [BTC#391736]