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WILLIAM HENRY HUNT PAPERS
Collection 55-1 to 55-12

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Scope Note

The William Henry Hunt Papers extend from the years 1898 to 1941. They measure approximately 6 linear feet including several rolls of wrapped documents.

The bulk of the material is the correspondence of his wife, Ida Gibbs Hunt. Also included, however, are manuscripts, programs, invitations, announcements, photographs, and cards arising out of their diplomatic and organizational activities. There is a scrapbook and miscellaneous newspaper and magazine clippings pertaining to Hunt's diplomatic career, as well, as several documents relating to his various appointments as Consul in the Foreign Service. The collection also contains the diplomas of Ida and Hattie Gibbs.

Biographical Sketch

- 1869 Born in Tennessee
- Educated at Groton Academy and Williams College in Massachusetts.
- 1898 Secretary to Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, U.S. Consul to Madagascarat Tarnatare .
- 1901 Became U.S. Consul to Madagascar.
- 1904 Married Ida Gibbs, daughter of Judge Gibbs.
- 1906 Transferred to St. Etienne, France as U.S. Consul.
- 1927 Transferred to Guadeloupe, French West Indies as U.S. Consul
- 1930 Transferred to the Azores Islands as U.S. Consul to Portugal.
- 1931 Transferred to Liberia as Secretary of Legation.
- 1932 Retired from Foreign Service.
- 1951 Died, in Washington, D.C.

Series Description

- Series A Correspondence**
Box 55-1 Letters, greeting cards, identity cards, and invitations of Hunt and his wife Ida
to Box 55-2 Gibbs Hunt.
- Series B Documents**
Box 55-2 Includes a carta patente and diplomas of Ida Gibbs Hunt and Hattie Gibbs plus
numerous appointment papers to consul positions in the Foreign Service (see also
Series K)
- Series C Memorabilia**
Box 55-3 Broadsides, financial brochures, maps, passenger lists, posters, blank post cards,
programs and a silk souvenir banner
- Series D Organizational Material**
Box 55-3 Correspondence, circulars, programs, agendas, invitations, tickets and ticket stubs in
connection with the following organizations: American Geographical Society, Les
Annales Foreziennes, Book Lovers Club, Le Club France- Etranger de Saint-
Etienne, Enfants a la Montagne, Pan-African Congress, Rotary Club, Societe des
Amis de la Tangu de la Culture Francaise, Societe d'Etudes Economiques, Union
Francaise pour le Suffrage des Femmes and Club Franco-Etranger.
- Series E Pamphlets and Books**
Box 55-3 Includes address book, notebook, guidebook liturgy of communion, a conference
journal and other pamphlets.
- Series F Photographs**
Box 55-3 Individual and group photographs of Hunt and his wife. Other photographs include
the George Cook Family, Jane Napier and husband, Judge Robert Terrell and
family, plus other identified and unidentified photos
- Series G Manuscripts**
Box 55-4 Holographs and typescript of poetry, book reviews, statements, notes and other
miscellaneous papers found in the collection
- Series H Magazines**
Box 55-5 Clippings and excerpts from Consular and Trade Reports, Crisis, Four Lights,
The London Magazine and The Gentlemen's Magazine

Series Description

Series I **Clippings**

Box 55-5 Magazine and newspaper clippings pertaining to Hunt's career (in Africa, in the Caribbean, in Madagascar), and on race problems and women. Includes some clippings written in French.

Series J **Scrapbook**

Box 55-6 Centers around Hunt's diplomatic career as Consul in the Foreign Service.

Series K **Wrapped Documents**

Item 55-7 Appointment papers for positions as Consul in the Foreign Service and several to Item 55-12 diplomas belonging to his wife and her sister.

Container List

Series A

Correspondence

William H. Hunt

Box

Folder

55-1

- 1 Correspondence to Mr. Hunt
- 2 Signature illegible

William and Ida Hunt

- 3 Correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt - A-L
- 4 Correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt - M-Z

Ida Gibbs Hunt

- 5 Correspondence - A
- 6 Correspondence - B
- 7 Correspondence - C
- 8 Correspondence - E
- 9 Correspondence - Mory, A.
- 10 Correspondence - F
- 11 Correspondence - G
- 12 Correspondence - Gibbs, Horace E.
- 13 Correspondence - Gibbs, Miflin W.
- 14 Correspondence - Guerin, E.
- 15 Correspondence - H
- 16 Correspondence - Hunt, William
- 17 Correspondence - L
- 18 Correspondence - Lina
- 19 Correspondence - M
- 20 Correspondence - Marshall, Harriett Gibbs
- 21 Correspondence - Masson, Marquerte
- 22 Correspondence - N
- 23 Correspondence - O-P
- 24 Correspondence - R
- 25 Correspondence - S
- 26 Correspondence - T-Z
- 27 Correspondence - Illegible signatures
- 28 Hunt, Ida Gibbs to "Sister" (Harriet Gibbs Marshall)
- 29 Drafts of letters unsigned

55-2

- 30 Post Cards

Cards

- 31 Announcements
- 32 Calling cards
- 33 Greeting cards

Container List

Series A Correspondence continued

Cards

- Box Folder
55-2 34 Identity cards
35 Invitations
36 Post cards
37 Post cards - addresses unknown
38 Post cards - addressed to other people
39 Post cards to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt

Covers

- 40 Covers addressed to Mr. Hunt and to Mrs. Hunt

Series B Documents

- 41 Carta Patente

Series C Memorabilia

- 55-3 42 Broadsides
43 Financial
44 Maps
45 Passenger lists
46 Post cards - blank
47 Posters
43 Programs - menus
49 Souvenir silk banners
50 Miscellaneous - speech by Norman Thomas, others

Series D Organizational Material

- 51 American Geographical Society
52 Les Annales Foreziennes
53 Book Lovers Club
54 Le Club France - Etranger de Saint-Etienne
55 Enfants a la Montagne
56 Pan-African Congress
57 Rotary-Club
58 Societe des Amis de la langue de la Culture Francaises
59 Societe d'Etudes Economiques
60 Union Francaise pour le Suffrage des Femmes
61 Club Franco - Etranger

Container List

- Series E Pamphlets and Books**
Box Folder
55-3 62 Address book
63 Note book
64 Pamphlets and books
- Series F Photographs**
65 Photographs - general
66 Photographs - Cook, George
- Family
67 Photographs - Gibbs
68 Photographs - Napier
69 Photographs - Terrell
70 Photographs - identified
71 Photographs - unidentified
- Series G Manuscripts**
55-4 72 Civilization and the Darker Races
73 Lady Rose and Daughter
74 Life and Works of Paul Lawrence Dunbar
75 Our Duty to Liberia
76 Peace and Civilization - The Other Side of the Shield
77 Poetry
78 Reading
79 Manuscripts - miscellaneous folder 1
80 Manuscripts - miscellaneous folder 2
- Series H Magazines**
55-5 81 Consular and Trade Reports
82 Crisis - v. 16, no. 5, Sept. 1918
83 Four Lights
84 The London Magazine, The Gentlemen's Magazine
- Series I Clippings**
85 Africa - clippings
86 Caribbean clippings
87 Madagascar clippings
88 Mention of his name clippings
89 Miscellaneous clippings (English)
90 Miscellaneous clippings (French)

Container List

- Series I** **Clippings** continued
Box Folder
55-5 91 Race Problems - Clippings
 92 Women - clippings
- Series J** **Scrapbook**
55-6
- Series K** **Wrapped Documents**
Item 55-7 Roll I Appointment as Secretary in the Diplomatic Service, October 9, 1930
 Appointment as Secretary in Diplomatic Service Dec. 16, 1930
 Appointment as Consul to Monrovia, Liberia Jan. 7, 1931
- Item 55-8 Roll II Appointment as Consul, June 4, 1944
 Appointment as class seven Foreign Service Officer, July 1, 1924
 Appointment as class seven Foreign Service Officer, Dec. 20, 1924
- Item 55-9 Roll III Ida A. Gibbs. Oberlin High School Diploma June 6 (year torn off)
 Hattie Aletha Gibbs. Oberlin College Conservatory of Music Diploma, June
 24, 1889
 Hattie A. Gibbs. Oberlin High School Diploma June 15, 1883
 Ida Alexander Gibbs. Oberlin College Diploma, 1884
- Item 55-10 Roll IV Appointment as Consul, Dec. 10, 1926
 Acceptance of Appointment as Consul
- Item 55-11 Roll V Award from the Association du Rallye - Monte - Jarez, St. Etienne, France
- Item 55-12 Roll VI Appointment as Consul to St. Michael's Azores, Portugal, Sept. 25, 1929
 Appointment as Consul, Tamataue, Madagascar, December 9, 1901

 Appointment as Consul, Madagascar, August 23, 1901

 Appointment as Consul, St. Etienne, France Dec. 13, 1906

 Appointment as Consul, St. Etienne, France Nov. 1, 1906