Scope Note

The William Henry Hunt Papers extend from the years 1898 to 1941. They measures 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 Madagascar at 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**

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<td>Letters, greeting cards, identity cards, and invitations of Hunt and his wife Ida Gibbs Hunt.</td>
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<td><strong>Series B</strong></td>
<td>Documents</td>
<td>55-2</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td><strong>Series C</strong></td>
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<td>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 Tange de la Culture Francaise, Societe d'Etudes Economiques, Union Francaise pour le Suffrage des Femmes and Club Franco-Etranger.</td>
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<td>Photographs</td>
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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.
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Box 55-I

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
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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
29. Drafts of letters unsigned

Box 55-2

30. Post Cards

Cards

31. Announcements
32. Calling cards
33. Greeting cards
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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
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- 89 Miscellaneous clippings (English)
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Box  Folder
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       92 Women - clippings

Series J  Scrapbook
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Series K  Wrapped Documents
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       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