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Biographical / Historical

prof., b. Lexington, Va., Oct. 6, 1889; s. John Harvey and Susan (Gaylor) H.; A.B., Washington and Lee U., 1912, M.A., 1917; M.A., Harvard, 1922; PhD, Columbia, 1942; m. Jean Blanding Fraser, June 28, 1923; children- John Fraser, James Wilson, Abel McIver, David Edward, Jean Blanding. Prof. history Wash. Coll., Md., 1923-25; prof. history and economics Hampden-Sydney Coll., Va., 1915-40; prof. history extension div., U. of Va., 1928-41; prof. social sci. and humanities U. of Fla., Gainesville, since 1946, dir. Georgia Seagle Found. since 1947. Served with A.E.F., World War I. Awarded Cross of Honor, United Daughters of Confederacy. Mem. Am. Hist. Assn., So. Hist. Soc., Fla. Hist. Soc., Va. Hist. Soc., Coll. Fraternities Secretary's Assn. (Exec. com. 1943-46), Pi Kappa Alpha (nat. historian 1930-49, nat. vice pres. 1936-38, nat. pres. 1938-40, exec. sec. 1940-46), Pi Beta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, Sigma Upsilon, Kappa Phi Kappa. Independent. Presbetyrian. Club: Gainesville Rotary Author: Numerical Strength of Confederate Army (N.Y. Times Current History, Oct. 1926), History of Pi Kappa Alpha (1934, rev. 1949), The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution (U. of N.C. Press, 1943); author of articles in Dictionary of American Biography.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence 1910-1965

Text [0000005969] 1 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Language English.

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Text [0000005970] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Correspondence 1910-1919

Text [0000006041] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence with Henry St. George Tucker regarding the maintenance of Lexington, Virginia's Col Alto estate, where Hart was residing prior to World War I. Also contains correspondance concerning WWI, including notices of military protocol. The U.S.S. Mongolia and 317th Infantry at Sea, and the medical detachment of which Hart was a part, are topics of interest.

Keywords

Virginia -- Lexington -- Col Alto

World War (1914-1918)

United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 317th

U.S.S. Mongolia

Correspondence 1920-1929

Text [0000005992] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Correspondances related to professional positions held, the publication of Hart's work, personal matters such as the illness of Hart's father, and military affairs.

Correspondence 1930-1939**Text [0000005991]** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Contains personal correspondence, military correspondence, and academic correspondence relating to Hart's published work, especially his doctoral dissertation, professional positions, and professional and speaking engagements. There is also a letter to a Dr. Fraser about presidential politics and prohibition in 1932, as well as one that seems to be about Hart's opinion about the possibility of WWII and U.S. involvement, though it is undated.

Keywords

Prohibition

World War (1939-1945)

Correspondence 1940-1949**Text [0000006043]** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence related primarily to the publication of Hart's doctoral dissertation, 'The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution,' his gift of the work to friends, which are often personal letters, and reviews of this book. There is also correspondence concerning his speaking engagements, his review of a book by Foner, bibliographic information provided for Who's Who in America, a teaching position, a chapter Hart wrote for a book about several Presbyterian churches in the Valley of Virginia, his position in the Rockbridge Historical Society, and personal letters.

Keywords

Presbyterian Church

Rockbridge Historical Society

Correspondence 1950-1959**Text [0000006045]** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence requesting historical information of Hart, professional inquiries, personal correspondence with fellow W&L alumni, other personal letters, and correspondence regarding an article about James Patton that Hart was co-authoring.

Keywords

Patton, James

Washington and Lee University

Correspondence 1960-1965**Text [0000006046]** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence that is personal, related to Hart's collection of photographs for an article about James Patton Preston for The Commonwealth magazine, about other research related to this project, including information about Col. William Preston, James's father, and other professional and research correspondence. One letter of note is addressed to the editors of the Saturday Evening Post from B.R. Colson comparing liberalism and communism.

Keywords

Liberalism -- Philosophy

Communism

Patton, James

The Commonwealth Magazine

Preston, William
Saturday Evening Post

Correspondence, Miscellaneous

Text [0000006997] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

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Language Majority of materials in English; some materials in French.

Scope and Contents

Items of note include a small travel brochure about New Orléans in French which includes a map and a professional dispute with the University of Florida. Other personal and professional correspondence from various years can be found here as well.

Keywords

Louisiana -- New Orleans
University of Florida

Publications A-O

Mixed Materials [0000005985] 2 (box)

Container 9-16 (folder)

Language English.

Book Reviews

Text [0000005995] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Reviews of Hart's work and reviews written by him. Includes reviews of Hart's The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution, Joseph H. Parks's General Kirby Smith, C.S.A., Philip S. Foner's Business and Slavery: The New York Merchants and the Irrepressible Conflict, Howard M. Wilson's The Tinkling Spring: Headwater of Freedom, Herbert Clarence Bradshaw's History of Prince Edward County, Virginia, E. Merton Coulter's Wormsloe: Two Centuries of a Georgia Family, and Robert L. Kincaid's The Wilderness Road.

Essays, Miscellaneous

Text [0000006002] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Essays on topics including the relationship between citizenship and national defense, a denunciation of the legality of integration, the balance between faith and reason, whether the U.S. should enter the war (probably WWII), the American flag, a metaphorical lament of the wrongs done to the South, The Virginia Frontier on the Eve of the American Revolution, and an essay by Mr. B.R. Colson comparing liberalism and communism, addressed to the letters of the Saturday Evening Post, which he sent for Hart to read as discussed in an accompanying letter.

Keywords

Citizenship -- Philosophy
Social integration
Faith -- Philosophy
Reason -- Philosophy
World War (1939-1945)
Liberalism
Communism
Southern states
Flags -- U.S. states

Civil War Material

Text [0000006001] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Material about Civil War commemorative events, a map of Stonewall Jackson's movements, a summary of the Battle of Antietam, a copy of A House Divided: The Civil War Letters of a Virginia Family, by W.G. Bean, a piece about Jefferson Davis, and an extract from 'The Congressional Globe' from January 21, 1861 about secession.

Keywords

Jackson, Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall)

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889

Lord Fairfax

Mixed Materials [0000006003] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Material related to Hart's article 'Lord Fairfax and the Washingtons,' including parts of the article, drafts, and research materials.

Frontiersman Monument

Graphic Materials [0000006004] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of the Frontiersman Monument.

Keywords

Frontiersman Monument

Photographs

John Lewis

Text [0000006018] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Two drafts of Hart's article 'John Lewis and his Sons: Frontier Builders.'

Keywords

Lewis, John

President James Monroe

Text [0000006019] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Hart's article 'James Monroe, Statesman, Extra-Ordinary' in several stages.

Keywords

Monroe, James

Battle of Olustee

Mixed Materials [0000006020] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Materials including newspaper clippings, an article by Hart about the battle and correspondence concerning the editing process, an article by Hart titled 'Florida in the War between the States,' transcriptions of the 1860 census, a map of the battle, research notes, and information about a centennial reenactment.

Keywords

Florida

Publications P-Z

Mixed Materials [0000005986] 3 (box)

Container 17-26 (folder)

Language English.

Col. James Patton

Mixed Materials [0000006021] 3 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Graphic and written research materials, drafts of an essay about James Patton, correspondence about the writing process, research notes, recommendations for editing, and a list of references to Patton.

Keywords

Patton, James

Col. William Preston

Mixed Materials [0000006022] 3 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Graphic and written research materials, research notes, a description of inserts, and drafts of the article Colonel William Preston- Frontier Builder.

Keywords

Preston, William

Speeches to the Daughters of the American Revolution

Text [0000006023] 3 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Speeches to the Daughters of the American Revolution, including 'Seventy-five Years of Service for the Daughters of the American Revolution,' 'American History Month,' 'The Road to Communism,' 'One Nation under God,' and an anti-integration essay on the subject of the 'law of the land.'

Keywords

Communism

Social integration

Daughters of the American Revolution

Valley of Virginia- manuscripts

Text [0000006031] 3 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts of The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Valley of Virginia- misc.**Mixed Materials [0000006033]** 3 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Material related to The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution, including book reviews, a piece about Zachariah Johnston, notes, a map, and publishing materials.

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Johnston, Zechariah

Valley of Virginia- UNC Press**Text [0000006034]** 3 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Material relating to the publishing of The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution.

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Virginia State History**Mixed Materials [0000006998]** 3 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Container** data_value_missing_1123615e31f8f38caf387e35cd66140d (box)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Materials related to the history of Virginia including a booklet on the 1776 Virginia Convention, a booklet on Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley, a pamphlet for William Moseley Brown (a candidate for VA governor), a piece on 'The Madison-Jefferson Correspondence Concerning Religious Liberty, 1784-1789,' an article called 'The Potomac Route to the Western Waters,' an article called 'The Three Generals of the Valley,' a map, postcards, a 'Sketch of Virginia History for the French Veterans, Guests of the Nation,' a piece on Andrew Moore by a Miss Allen, and a thesis summary by Hart called 'Federalism in Virginia 1783-1788 with Special Reference to the Valley.'

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Liberty -- Religious aspects

United States -- Potomac River

Virginia

Federal government

Brown, William Moseley

Madison, James

Jefferson, Thomas

Moore, Andrew

Dr. Thomas Walker**Mixed Materials [0000006036]** 3 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Material related to Thomas Walker including a booklet called 'Dr. Thomas Walker: Father of Kentucky,' newspaper clippings, a piece called 'Dr. Thomas Walker- Frontier Builder,' a scan of a primary source letter, and correspondence about writing the piece.

Keywords

Walker, Thomas, Dr.

George Washington

Mixed Materials [0000006037] 3 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Materials regarding George Washington including a postcard of his office, drafts of an article about him, and scans of primary source material.

Alexander White

Text [0000006038] 3 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Drafts of an article titled 'Alexander White- Frontier Builder.'

Keywords

White, Alexander

Notes for Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution

Text [0000006049] 4 (box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Eight tied groupings of Hart's research notes for his doctoral thesis, *The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution*.

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Notes for Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution

Text [0000006050] 5 (box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Six tied groupings of Hart's research notes for his doctoral thesis, *The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution*.

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

Notes for Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution

Text [0000006051] 6 (box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Six tied groupings of research notes for Hart's doctoral thesis, *The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution*.

Keywords

United States -- Shenandoah River Valley

World War I Material

Mixed Materials [0000006040] 7 (box)

Container 27-34 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Medical Detachment Ledger, 317th Infantry

Text [0000007001] 7 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Language English.

Creator United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 317th

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Medicine

Maps

Graphic Materials [0000007002] 7 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Maps

Miscellaneous

Mixed Materials [0000007003] 7 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous WWI material including uniform patches, a pamphlet for the Washington and Lee Victory Alumni Reunion, a small American Flag, a photograph of soldiers, a blank Liberty Loan Bond, a song sheet, inventory and personnel documents, personal items, and a graphic guide to identifying military insignia.

Also included is an enveloped color brochure, "Flags of Our Country, National, State, Historic," published in 1962.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Flags -- U.S. states

Liberty bonds

World War (1914-1918)

Military uniforms

Washington and Lee University

Miscellaneous

Mixed Materials [0000007004] 7 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Roster and other bureaucratic documents, a song lyric sheet, a description of meals for several days, and a publication titled Bulletin.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Printed ephemera

Newspaper Clippings

Text [0000006056] 7 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings related to WWI, including local Rockbridge County citizens' experiences, full pages from The New York Herald, the Stars and Stripes, The Bayonet, The News, and The Evening World.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Notebooks

Mixed Materials [0000006057] 7 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Several of Hart's notebooks from during WWI.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Pamphlets

Text [0000006058] 7 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Pamphlets from during WWI, including a book of postcards of Loire Valley castles, a booklet on how to use a device used in the military, a pamphlet advertising WWI war bonds, a service song book, a booklet of prayers issued by the YMCA, a booklet in French titled Evangeline selon S. Marc: La Moisson Près de Bethanie, an Anglo-French phrase book, an active service French book, a booklet of appreciation for WWI soldiers, a booklet of postcards called Les Américains en France, a pamphlet of useful French, a dual language booklet in French and English about the French soldier, a 'Pocket Treasury' of religious texts, and a booklet in French on the abbey of Fontevrault with photographs.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Castles

France -- Loire Valley

France

Postcards

Mixed Materials [0000006060] 7 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Postcards that are military issued and from different areas of France.

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Postcards

France

Publications (Printed Copies); misc.; biographical material

Mixed Materials [0000006079] 8 (box)

Container 35-51 (folder)

Language English.

American Legion and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Materials

Text [0000006061] 8 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Papers and newspaper clippings related to the history of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Hart's role as American Legion historian

Keywords

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Newspaper Clippings

Text [0000006064] 8 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings primarily related to Hart and his work

Biographical Material

Mixed Materials [0000006063] 8 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Biographical information including a list of achievements from Who's Who in America, a summary from the Literary Map - Biographical Guide of Virginia authors, a W&L yearbook entry about Hart, a list of Hart's publications, and a document resembling a resume

W&L Memorabilia

Mixed Materials [0000006062] 8 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains materials regarding the bicentennial celebration at W&L, a reunion book for the class of 1912, and a Ring Tum Phi article from WWI about students including Hart leaving for war

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Ring-Tum Phi

Washington and Lee University

Miniature Hamlet

Books [0000006065] 8 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Miniature Hamlet which Hart carried with him during WWI

Keywords

World War (1914-1918)

Hamlet (Legendary character)

Shakespeare, William

Current History, October, 1926

Text [0000006066] 8 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 91 for article by Hart

Keywords

Current History

Tyler's Quarterly Historical, January, 1927

Text [0000006068] 8 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 155 for mention of Hart's Current History article

Keywords

Tyler's Quarterly Historical

Indiana Magazine of History, March, 1955

Text [0000006069] 8 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 83 for book review by Hart

Keywords

Indiana Magazine of History

The Commonwealth, July, 1957

Text [0000006070] 8 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 9 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, April, 1958

Text [0000006071] 8 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 13 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, December, 1958

Text [0000006072] 8 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 50 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, September, 1960

Text [0000006073] 8 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 13 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, October, 1960

Text [0000006074] 8 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 17 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, December, 1960

Text [0000006075] 8 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 33 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, March, 1961

Text [0000006076] 8 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 11 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Commonwealth, July, 1961

Text [0000006077] 8 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 17 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Commonwealth Magazine

The Florida Times Union Sunday Magazine, April 4, 1965

Text [0000006078] 8 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

see page 16 for article by Hart

Keywords

The Florida Times Union Sunday Magazine