

# A Guide to the Cumming Family Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection Number**

6922-ae

**Language**

English

**Collector**

Hugh Smith Cumming, Jr.

**Extent**

ca. 2,000 items

**Repository**

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

See the [University of Virginia Library's use policy](#).

**Acquisition Information**

These papers were bequeathed to the Library by Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., and were delivered by Ms. Diana C. Kendrick of Washington, D.C. on March 21, 1988.

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## Scope and Content

This addition to the papers of Ambassador Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.(1900-1986) consists of ca. 2,000 items (7 Hollinger boxes, ca. 3 linear feet), 1864-1986, and includes photographs, photograph albums, memorabilia, scrapbooks, slides, certificates, passports, diaries, correspondence, a law course notebook from the University of Virginia, genealogical material, legal papers, printed material, and a memorial album for Winifred B. Cumming(1907-1978).

The collection has been separated into three different types of material: miscellaneous papers, bound volumes, and photographs. The photographs comprise the largest amount of material.

The miscellaneous papers include certificates; correspondence; the Ft. Monroe Coast Artillery School Gunnery Bulletins (1918); genealogical material; gunnery notes and related printed material; the High School Cadet Corps Papers of Hugh Smith Cumming, Jr.; legal papers; a memorial album for Winifred Burney West Cumming; memorabilia; a report entitled, "Owners of 'the Grove' from 1839-1906 ( Thomas Wynnethrough Dr. E. G. Booth)" by Lou Powers; newsclippings; and papers concerning the Washington Cathedral Association College of Church Musicians.

The correspondence is generally of a personal nature consisting of congratulatory letters upon Hugh Cumming, Jr.'s engagement to Winifred B. West and letters from family and friends. An exception is an electrostatic copy of a letter from George Kennanto Elbridge Durbow, November 10, 1980, discussing their differences of opinion on foreign policy. There is also a folder of correspondence between Cumming and various University of Virginia officials.

Legal papers include Winifred B. Cumming Trust material and copies of the wills of Birne T. West, Winifred B. Cumming, Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., and Edwin G. Booth(photostat).

The bound volumes include several printed works; diaries of Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., 1913, 1931-1932, 1945, and diaries/memorandum books, 1946, 1965-1983, 1985; and a law lecture course notebook.

Photographs, photograph albums, and slides include those from Cumming's service as Ambassador to Indonesia, 1953-1957; photographs of the Cumming and related families; " Carter's Grove" and " Overlook"; the Cummings in Europe and South America; European Scenes (1919, 1935-1936); Cumming at the Virginia Military Institute; vacation scenes; and the World War I Era.

Oversize material includes photographs, a map of Tierra del Fuego, and a Virginia Military Institute Memorabilia Scrapbook.

## Container List

## CONTAINER LIST

### SERIES I: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

#### **Certificates**

**Unit Date** 1868-1986

**Container** Box 1

#### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1922-1958, 1972-1984, n.d.

**Container** Box 1

#### **Correspondence with the University of Virginia**

**Unit Date** 1979-1986

**Container** Box 1

#### **Ft. Monroe Coast Artillery School: Gunnery Bulletins (4 folders)**

**Unit Date** 1918

**Container** Box 1

#### **Genealogical Material**

**Unit Date** 1931-1979, n.d.

**Container** Box 2

#### **Gunnery Notes and Related Printed Material**

**Unit Date** ca. 1918

**Container** Box 2

#### **High School Cadet Corps Papers of Hugh Cumming, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1916-1917

**Container** Box 2

#### **Legal Papers**

**Unit Date** 1957-1983

**Container** Box 2

#### **Legal Papers: Passports**

**Unit Date** 1953-1968

**Container** Box 2

#### **Legal Papers: Winifred B. Cumming TrustMaterial**

**Unit Date** 1976-1980

**Container** Box 2

#### **Memorial Album for Winifred Burney West Cumming, 1907-1978, Volumes I & II (2 folders)**

**Unit Date** 1977-1978

**Container** Box 2

#### **Miscellaneous Material**

**Unit Date** 1900-1979, n.d.

**Container** Box 3

**"Owners of `the Grove' from 1839-1906 ( Thomas Wynnethrough Dr. E.G.**

**Booth)" by Lou Powers**

**Unit Date** 1984 May

**Container** Box 3

**Printed Material**

**Unit Date** 1931-1975, n.d.

**Container** Box 3

**Virginia Military InstituteMemorabilia**

**Unit Date** 1918-1919

**Container** Box 3

**Washington Cathedral Association: College of Church Musicians**

**Unit Date** 1961-1966, n.d.

**Container** Box 3

**SERIES II: BOUND VOLUMES**

**Dinner Book kept by Winifred Cumming**

**Unit Date** 1948

**Container** Box 3

**Lecture Notebook re Code Pleading from lectures in the University of Virginia Law School**

**Unit Date** 1922

**Container** Box 3

**Log Book kept by Hugh Cumming, Jr.for his yacht San Joaquinin Sweden**

**Unit Date** 1944-1951

**Container** Box 3

**The Knights of the Horse-Shoeb by Dr. William A. Caruthers**

**Unit Date** 1881

**Container** Box 3

**Directory of the Zeta Psi Fraternity**

**Unit Date** 1926

**Container** Box 4

**Legends of Lands Endby Claude O. Lanciano, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1971

**Container** Box 4

**Walk a Little Faster Escape from Burma with General Stilwell in 1942by Henrietta Thompson**

**Unit Date** 1980

**Container** Box 4

**Letter Register**

**Unit Date** 1919

**Container** Box 4

**Diaries of Hugh Cumming, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1913, 1931-1932, 1945

**Container** Box 4

**Diaries/Memoranda Books of Hugh Cumming, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1946, 1965-1983, 1985

**Container** Box 4

**SERIES III: PHOTOGRAPHS**

**SUBSERIES A: INDONESIA**

**Photograph Album re the Presentation of Hugh Cumming, Jr. to President Sukarno as Ambassador of the United States to Indonesia**

**Unit Date** 1953

**Container** Box 5

**Photograph Album: Indonesia**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953-1957

**Container** Box 5

**Photograph Album: Visit of U.S. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon to Indonesia**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953

**Container** Box 5

**Photographs: Indonesia Miscellaneous**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953-1957

**Container** Box 5

**Photographs: Indonesian Receptions and Embassy Duties (2 folders)**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953-1957

**Container** Box 5

**Photographs: Indonesian Transparencies**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953-1957

**Container** Box 5

**Photographs: Visit of Indonesian President Sukarno to the United States**

**Unit Date** [1956 ?]

**Container** Box 5

**Photographs: Visit of U.S. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon to Indonesian President Sukarno**

**Unit Date** ca. 1953

**Container** Box 6

**Slides: Indonesia**

**Unit Date** ca. 1954-1957

**Container** Box 6

**Extent**

(2 folders)

## **SUBSERIES B: MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Photograph Album: Childhood Memory Book of Hugh Cumming, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1900-1926

**Container** Box 6

### **Photograph Album: Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.- Early Photographs**

**Unit Date** ca. 1920's

**Container** Box 6

### **Photographs: " Carter's Grove" and " Overlook"**

**Unit Date** 1933, 1962-1978, n.d.

**Container** Box 6

### **Photographs: Cumming Family and Related Families (2 folders)**

**Unit Date** 1864-1982, n.d.

**Container** Box 6

### **Photographs: the Cummings in Europe and South America**

**Unit Date** ca. 1933-1950

**Container** Box 7

### **Photographs: European Scenes**

**Unit Date** 1919, 1935-1936

**Container** Box 7

### **Photographs: Miscellaneous**

**Unit Date** ca. 1915-1982, n.d.

**Container** Box 7

### **Photographs: Virginia Military Institute**

**Unit Date** ca. 1918

**Container** Box 7

### **Photographs: World War I Era**

**Unit Date** ca. 1917-1919

**Container** Box 7

### **Slides: Vacation Scenes (2 folders)**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Box 7

### **Home Movie: Motion picture, "Eva's Baby," includes various family scenes**

**Container** Home Movie (F-283) (other container type)

#### **Extent**

16mm B & W, no sound, 4 inch  
reel

**Home Movie: 1954, Motion picture, visit to a military outpost in Indo-China**

**Container** Home Movie (F-284) (othercontainertype)

**Extent**

16 mm color, no sound, 4 inch  
reel

**Virginia Military InstituteMemorabilia Scrapbook (Pages removed from  
scrapbook)**

**Unit Date** ca. 1918-1919

**Container** Oversize Box S-19 (Box)

**Map of Tierra del Fuego**

**Unit Date** 1967

**Container** Oversize Box S-19 (Box)

**Sketch & Photograph of Hugh Cumming, Jr.**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Box S-19 (Box)

**Six Unidentified Photographs of Group Settings**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Box S-19 (Box)

**Photograph of the Junior Plattsburg Military Training Camp, Fort Terry, Plum  
Island, Long Island Sound**

**Unit Date** 1916

**Container** Oversize Box S-19 (Box)