

# **Henry Jackson Hunt**

## **A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of Henry Jackson Hunt

**Span Dates:** 1841-1978

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1862-1889)

**ID No.:** MSS26864

**Creator:** Hunt, Henry Jackson, 1819-1889

**Extent:** 4,500 items; 14 containers; 5.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** U.S. Army officer and public official. Correspondence, military papers, and other material relating primarily to Hunt's military career.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Personal Names

Barry, William F. (William Farquhar), 1818-1879.

Berlin, Carl.

Craig, John N.

Gantt, Thomas T. (Thomas Tasker), 1814-1889.

Hart, Patrick.

Humphreys, A. A. (Andrew Atkinson), 1810-1883.

Hunt, Henry Jackson, 1819-1889.

McClellan, George Brinton, 1826-1885.

Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.

Tidball, John C. (John Caldwell), 1825-1906.

Townsend, E. D. (Edward Davis), 1817-1893.

Wainwright, Jonathan Mayhew, 1883-1953.

### Organizations

United States Soldiers' Home.

United States. Army of the Potomac.

United States. Army. Artillery.

United States. Army. Dept. of the South.

United States. Army--History--19th century.

### Subjects

Fortification--Georgia--Atlanta.

Fortification--South Carolina--Charleston.

Military bases--Georgia--Atlanta.

Military bases--South Carolina--Charleston.

Utah Expedition, 1857-1858.

Veterans--Washington (D.C.)

### Locations

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives.

### Occupations

Army officers.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Henry Jackson Hunt, U.S. army officer and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by his great-grandson, J. Conway Hunt, in 1962. A small addition was given to the Library by Richard C. Drum Hunt in 1978.

### Processing History:

The papers of Henry Jackson Hunt were arranged and described in 1963. The collection was expanded and revised in 1994 and the register revised in 2007.

### Transfers:

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. A daguerreotype has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Henry Jackson Hunt papers.

### Copyright Status:

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry Jackson Hunt in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

### Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Henry Jackson Hunt Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Jackson Hunt (1819-1889) cover the period from 1841 to 1878, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1862 to 1889. The early years of Hunt's military career are depicted in a journal of the Utah Expedition (1857) and a letterbook dating from 1841 to 1853. The remainder of the collection covers Hunt's career as chief of artillery of the Army of the Potomac (1863-1865), military commander at Charleston, S.C., and Atlanta, Ga. (1875-1880), commander, Department of the South (1880-1883), and governor of the Soldier's Home, Washington, D.C. (1885-1889). The papers are organized in the following series: [Journals](#), [Letterbooks](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Military Papers](#), [Subject File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The bulk of the material in the collection consists of general correspondence and military papers. Almost half of the correspondence is between Hunt and Thomas Tasker Gantt of St. Louis, Mo., (1879-1889) and covers such topics as wartime reminiscences, contemporary military affairs, and national politics. The military papers are concentrated in the years 1862-1865 and cover such battles as Fredricksburg, Aquia, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Rappahanock Station, Petersburg (also described in a journal of siege operations), Brandy Station, and the Wilderness. They also shed light on general artillery operations through monthly reports and reports on battery construction, equipment, stable conditions, and supplies. Reports, memoranda, correspondence, and printed matter concerning various plans formulated by Hunt (1861-1874) for the reorganization of the artillery and his attempt to secure a pension as a retired major general through a private bill in Congress are found in the Subject File. Miscellaneous printed matter, biographical material and photographs are also included.

Correspondents include William F. Barry, Carl Berlin, John N. Craig, Thomas Tasker Gantt, Patrick Hart, Andrew Atkinson Humphreys, George Brinton McClellan, George Gordon Meade, William T. Sherman, John C. Tidball, Edward Davis Townsend, and Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Journals, 1857-1865](#)
- [Letterbooks, 1841-1886](#)

- General Correspondence, 1846-1910, n.d.
- Military Papers, 1841-1885, n.d.
- Subject File, 1860-1889, n.d.
- Miscellany, 1856-1978, n.d.

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1	<b><u>Journals, 1857-1865</u></b> Journals. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	<b><u>Letterbooks, 1841-1886</u></b> Hand-written copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2-6	<b><u>General Correspondence, 1846-1910, n.d.</u></b> Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 7-12	<b><u>Military Papers, 1841-1885, n.d.</u></b> Correspondence, reports, instructions, circulars, special orders, and miscellaneous records mostly relating to Hunt's service as chief of artillery, Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 13	<b><u>Subject File, 1860-1889, n.d.</u></b> Correspondence, reports, financial and legal records, notes, and miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 13-14	<b><u>Miscellany, 1856-1978, n.d.</u></b> Correspondence, drafts, photographs, notes and notebooks, maps, financial and legal records, printed matter, and miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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<b>BOX 1</b>	1857, May-Aug., Utah expedition
<b>BOX 1</b>	1864, Apr.-1865, Mar., Petersburg, Va., siege operations
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Letterbooks, 1841-1886</b> Hand-written copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	1841-1853, 1862-1863, 1886 (2 folders)
<b>BOX 2-6</b>	<b>General Correspondence, 1846-1910, n.d.</b> Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 2</b>	1846-1879 (11 folders)
<b>BOX 3</b>	1880-1885 (7 folders)
<b>BOX 4</b>	1886-1887 (8 folders)
<b>BOX 5</b>	1888 (6 folders)
<b>BOX 6</b>	1889-1910, n.d. (7 folders)
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<b>BOX 7</b>	1841-1861 (2 folders)
<b>BOX 7</b>	1862
<b>BOX 7</b>	Jan. 13-Dec. 15 (4 folders)
<b>BOX 8</b>	Dec. 18-29
<b>BOX 8</b>	1863
<b>BOX 8</b>	Jan.-Feb. (5 folders)

## Military Papers, 1841-1885, n.d.

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 9	Mar.-Dec. (7 folders)
BOX 10	1864
BOX 10	Jan.-Sept. (8 folders)
BOX 11	Oct.-Dec. (4 folders)
BOX 11	1865
BOX 11	Jan.-Mar. (5 folders)
BOX 12	Apr.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 12	1866-1885, n.d. (6 folders)
BOX 13	<b>Subject File, 1860-1889, n.d.</b> Correspondence, reports, financial and legal records, notes, and miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 13	Amendments in the system of instruction of field artillery, report of the Board of Officers, 1860
BOX 13	Bill to provide for retirement as major general, 1865-1889
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BOX 13	Ricketts, James Brewerton, biographical notes, n.d.
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BOX 13	Article regarding artillery in the Civil War, n.d.
BOX 13	Bills and receipts, 1856-1872, n.d.
BOX 13	Biographical material, 1881, n.d.
BOX 13	Debate notes, 1878
BOX 14	General, 1862-1891, n.d.
BOX 14	Hunt Ave., Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pa., 1978
BOX 14	Maps, Md. and Va. (annotated), ca. 1863
BOX 14	Notebook, 1862
BOX 14	Printed matter, 1861-1892, n.d. (3 folders)
BOX 14	Wills and testaments, 1870-1889, n.d.