

Guide to the Hunt and Clough Family Papers, 1775-1958, bulk 1803-1900

Administrative Information

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Abstract:

The Hunt and Clough Family Papers is a collection of scattered and often unrelated materials centering on Albert Lucien Hunt and his extended family. Notable items include colonial currency (Philadelphia, 1775, 1776), Nathan Parker Hunt's 1862-1864 diary kept while a student at Dartmouth and concerning primarily his social activities, and some schoolgirl essays written around 1887 including one called "What a Girl Can Do."

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information

Albert Lucien Clough (1869-1940), son of Lucien B. Clough (1823-1895) and Maria Dole Clough (1834-1906), was an electrical engineer (later known as an “auto engineer”) and prominent citizen of Manchester, New Hampshire. He was a director of the Manchester Gas Light Company, a city Alderman, and the president of the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences. His first marriage to Sara Hunt (1873-1923) produced two daughters: Mary (1908-) and Constance (1910-). His second marriage was to Bertha Tower (1869-1952) and produced no children.

Sara Hunt Clough (1873-1923) was the daughter of Nathan Parker Hunt (1844-1931) and Elizabeth Bisbee Hunt (1844-1919). She had a sister, Agnes (1876-1923), and a brother, Samuel P. Hunt (1873-1958). Her paternal grandparents were Jonathan Titcomb Parker Hunt (1809-1865) and Irene Drew Hunt (1813-1899).

Collection Scope and Content Note:

This is collection of scattered materials related to the Hunt and Clough families. The center seems to be Albert Lucien Clough, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Manchester, New Hampshire, and includes vital records (death certificate, obituaries, and in memoriam letters), a graduation program, and his wedding book. Albert Clough married Sara Hunt. Many of the papers in the collection have to do with financial matters (deeds, some legal correspondence, and scattered bills and receipts) of members of the Hunt and Clough extended families. There is almost no personal correspondence, though a few letters written by Dudley Gilman, a relative on the Hunt side, between 1803 and 1805 recounting his farm activities are an exception.

A few items stand out:

Three pieces of colonial currency issue in Philadelphia and dated 1775 and 1776.

A letter to Elisha Forde from James Twitchell dated July 9, 1806 details a murder-suicide in Augusta, ME, of the Purrington family.

Nathan Parker Hunt's diary kept between 1862 and 1864. It recounts his social activities (especially those involved in calling on young women) in Manchester and during his first and second years at Dartmouth. A loose note tucked into the diary by the December 28, 1862 entry is titled "Girls" and details his thoughts on the nature of girls and the phrase that girls are made of "sugar and spice and all things nice." There are almost no entries about the Civil War or about college intellectual life.

Agnes Hunt's school essays, including one titled "What a Girl Can Do."

Arrangement:

Materials are arranged alphabetically by the surname of the author or recipient, then chronologically. Other materials are arranged by genre.

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Folder 3	Clough, Albert Lucian and Sarah Hunt Clough, marriage book, 1905
Folder 4	Clough, Lucian B., writings, specifications for a house to be built in Manchester, NH, undated
Folder 5	Clough, Lucian B. and Obadiah, financial records (transactions between them), 1861-1875
Folder 6	Dole, John, financial records (deeds), 1797, 1798, 1803, 1806-1807, 1816, 1860
Folder 7	Drew, Nathan, financial records (deed), 1850
Folder 8	Ford, Rebecca C., genealogical information, sampler photograph, 1821
Folder 9	Forde, Elisha, correspondence, incoming, re murder-suicide in Maine, 1806
Folder 10	Gilman, Dudley, correspondence, outgoing, 1803-1806, undated
Folder 11	Green, J.B., correspondence with Richard Ayer re a financial dispute, property in Concord, NH, 1819, 1844-46, 1866-67

- Folder 12 Hunt, Agnes, writings and obituary, 1887, 1924, undated
 Essays (school papers):
 A Night's Adventure
 A Thanksgiving Incident
 Harry's Adventure
 Scene in a Country Store
 Sugar
 The Children and the Line
 The Election of the President and Vice President
 The Life of a Mirror
 What a Girl Can Do
 What I Saw on a Walk
- Folder 13 Hunt, Irene Drew, obituary and financial records, 1868, 1870, 1899
- Folder 14 Hunt, Jonathan P., financial records, 1847, 1861, 1867
- Folder 15 Hunt, Nathan Parker, account book, diary, 1862-1863, 1870-1872
- Folder 16 Hunt, Nathan Parker, diary transcription, 1862-1863
- Folder 17 Hunt, Nathan Parker, financial records and obituary, 1867-1869, 1881-1899, 1928
- Folder 18 Hunt, Oliver and Anna, correspondence and will, 1857, 1865
- Folder 19 Hunt, Parker, financial records, 1866-1868
- Folder 20 Hunt, Samuel, ephemera and obituary, 1958
- Folder 21 Ephemera [continental currency, various programs], 1775-1776, 1868, 1869, 1895, undated
- Folder 22 Miscellaneous, 1826, 1850, 1862, 1868, undated
 Charles Parker receipt for purchase by Betsey Allen, 1826
 Letter from an unidentified author to R.H. Ayer re proposition for building a railroad between Manchester and Candia, 1850 September 14
 Secretary of the Navy to W.W. Wilkins about leave of absence, 1862 December 12
 Thomas Morgan receipt for J.W. Twombly for painting his store, 1868 March 25
 Chandler, Josiah, note to "mam", a teacher, about how another child is fighting with writer's son Josiah on the way to and from school, undated [circa 1800]
 "A Knot of Hair" from Mary Reed to unidentified [with small braid of her hair inside a folded piece of paper], undated
 Note accompanying gift of a book of devotions to Eugene [?], undated
- Folder 23 Photographs and silhouette, 1910, 1930s, undated
 Silhouette: Martha Clough Gerrish (1742-1826), undated
 Photographs:
 Albert Clough in car, 1910
 Samuel Hunt (and others) hiking, 1930s, 1932, undated
 Unidentified person walking on log with waterfall in background, undated
 Unidentified landscape, undated

Separated Materials:

Moved to the Broadside Collection – Diplomas:

- Albert L. Clough diploma from Manchester Grammar School, 1883
- Albert L. Clough diploma from Manchester High School, 1887
- Agnes Hunt diploma from Manchester Grammar School, 1889
- Agnes Hunt diploma from Manchester High School, 1893
- Sally Hunt diploma from Manchester High School, 1891
- Samuel P. Hunt diploma from Manchester High School, 1889

Moved to the Broadside Collection – Education by town – Manchester:

- Samuel P. Hunt perfect attendance award, 1883
- Samuel P. Hunt perfect attendance award, 1884

Moved to the Encased Photograph Collection:

- Irene (Drew) Hunt ambrotype
- George Drew ambrotype

Moved to the Photograph Collection – Manchester:

- Hunt Home 263 Bay Street
- Clough Home 181 Walnut Street

Moved to the Library:

- N.H. Music Teachers' Association Meeting and Festival program, July 20-14 1896, Call number 780.7 N532
- Manchester High School *Echo*, June 30, 1891, Call number 379.778b M268h

Subject Terms**People:**

- Clough family
- Clough, Albert Lucien, 1869-1940
- Gilman, Dudley
- Hunt family
- Hunt, Agnes, 1876-1923
- Hunt, Nathan Parker, 1844-1928
- Hunt, Samuel P., 1872-1958

Organizations:

- Dartmouth College
- Franklin Street Church (Manchester, N.H.)
- Guaranty Savings Bank (Manchester, N.H.)
- Manchester High School (Manchester, N.H.)
- Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences
- New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company
- United States. Navy

Subjects:

- Account books

Accounts
Deeds
Diaries
Essays
Graduation (School)
Money
Murder-suicide
Photographs
Programs
Registers of births, etc.
Schools
Wills
Women

Locations:

Augusta, ME
Concord, NH
Manchester, NH

Occupations:

Businessmen
Engineers
Students