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1910-1965

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Hart, Freeman Hansford

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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 [000005969]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1-8 (folder)

**Language** English.

#### Control

**Text [000005970]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

### Correspondence 1910-1919

**Text [000006041]** 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 [000005992]** 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 [000005991]** 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 [000006043]** 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 [000006045]** 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 [000006046]** 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)

**Container** data\_value\_missing\_ac3415315ab764338af0eb1f54a599ce (box)

**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 [000006001]** 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 [000006003]** 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 [000006004]** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs of the Frontiersman Monument.

**Keywords**

Frontiersman Monument

Photographs

**John Lewis**

**Text [000006018]** 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 [000006019]** 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 [000006020]** 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)

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**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 [000006057]** 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 [000006058]** 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 [000006060]** 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 [000006079]** 8 (box)

**Container** 35-51 (folder)

**Language** English.

**American Legion and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Materials**

**Text [000006061]** 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 [000006064]** 8 (box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**Language** English.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Newspaper clippings primarily related to Hart and his work

### **Biographical Material**

**Mixed Materials [000006063]** 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 [000006062]** 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 [000006065]** 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 [000006066]** 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 [000006068]** 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 [000006069]** 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 [000006070]** 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 [000006071]** 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 [000006072]** 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 [000006073]** 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 [000006074]** 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 [000006075]** 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 [000006076]** 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 [000006077]** 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 [000006078]** 8 (box)

**Container** 51 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

see page 16 for article by Hart

**Keywords**

The Florida Times Union Sunday Magazine