

## **Hunter Family Papers, 1863-1941**

### **Physical Description:**

2.5 linear feet, including

Photographs, correspondence, business records, estate papers, artifacts, portraits

### **Dates:**

1863-1940s

### **Provenance:**

The collection was donated to the Pendleton District Commission by the Hunter family in 2008 with additional donations in 2009 and 2010.

### **History:**

James Hunter (1819-1889) married Eliza Norton (1822-1894) in 1846. From 1870-1873, he owned the general store Hunter and Long in Pendleton with a Mr. Long. By 1873 Hunter was running the store alone, now called James Hunter, Dealer in General Merchandise. When sons James T. and Miles M. joined him its name changed to James Hunter and Sons. After his death the brothers ran the store as James Hunter's Sons until 1896 when Miles M. became sole proprietor of the store, M.M. Hunter, Dealer in General Merchandise.

Miles Moore Hunter (1853-1939) married Pauline Gaillard (1862-1945) in 1884 and operated out of the original building until 1929 when a new building was built next door. Their children were Benjamin ("Punch") Gaillard, Bessie, Ralph, Sallie, James, Pauline, and Miles. Of the children, Ralph, Punch, Miles, cousin Louise Hunter and Bessie's husband Tom Watkins worked in store as well until it closed in 1962. The original Hunter's Store building was then purchased by Pendleton District Commission to serve as Visitors' Center.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection consists of business and personal records of the Hunter family. This includes personal materials such as wills, estate papers, photographs and genealogical research on the Hunter, Gaillard, Sloan, Norton and Earle families, but also materials related to the family store.

Series are organized by topic with exception of the artifact grouping. Folder numbers assigned during previous processing project have been noted on current folders.

There was no order to the papers upon donation, with the exception of the genealogical material.

### **Related Materials:**

See also B.G. Hunter and Miles Hunter Watkins collections.

### **Series Description:**

*Series 1: Family/Town History* contains genealogical information on branches of the Hunter family, including the Gaillard, Norton, Sloan, Earle, Sitton, Taylor and Watkins families. This series also contains information on Pendleton history.

*Series 2: Family Records* consists of records from the 1890s. The bulk of the series consists of estate papers and wills.

*Series 3: Correspondence* ranges from 1873-1903 and contains letters to and from Miles M. Hunter. The bulk of this series is composed of letter that Miles M. Hunter wrote to his family while in college in Philadelphia in 1873-1874.

*Series 4: Financial and Business Records* contains material from 1863 into the twentieth century and consists primarily of business documents related to Hunter's Store. The series also contains documents related to other business relationships, such as M.M. Hunter's venture with J.E. Bellotte in Central, South Carolina.

*Series 5: Photographs* contains 36 images, primarily of family members. The photographs range from the late nineteenth century to the 1940s.

*Series 6: Artifacts* contains individual items such as framed photographs and portraits, a ledger, doll, shawl and scale. See box and folder list.

**Box and Folder List:**

*Box 1*

*Folder*

1. Family/Town History, Gaillard Family
2. Family/Town History, Gaillard/Taylor/Sloan/Earle (Filed Together)
3. Family/Town History, Gaillard/Taylor/Sloan/Earle (Filed Together)
4. Family/Town History, Gaillard/Taylor/Sloan/Earle (Filed Together)
5. Family/Town History, Hunter Family
6. Family/Town History, Hunter/Norton Family
7. Family/Town History, Sitton Family
8. Family/Town History, Watkins Family
9. Family/Town History, News Clippings
10. Family/Town History, Pendleton History Materials
11. Family Records, Agreements between J.T. Hunter and M.M. Hunter 1896, 1902
12. Family Records, Appraisal Documents Relating to the Estate of James Hunter, 1890-1892
13. Family Records, Legal Documents Regarding Estate of James Hunter, 1890-1892
14. Family Records, Miscellaneous Estate Papers, Eliza Hunter, Miles M. Hunter
15. Family Records, Miscellaneous Family Documents
16. Family Records, News Clippings
17. Family Records, The State v. M.M. Hunter, 1887
18. Family Records, Wills, Pauline Hunter, Miles M. Hunter, Eliza J. Hunter

*Box 2*

*Folder*

1. Correspondence, From M.M. Hunter, 1873
2. Correspondence, From M.M. Hunter, 1874 and undated
3. Correspondence, John Adger to M.M. Hunter, 1881 (copies)
4. Correspondence, John Bearden to M.M. Hunter, 1901-1903
5. Financial and Business Records, Agreements and Contracts, 1875-1889
6. Financial and Business Records, Bills, 1863-1888
7. Financial and Business Records, Bill, James Hunter, Hunter and Long, 1872
8. Financial and Business Records, Checks, 1893-1896, 1920-1921
9. Financial and Business Records, Clippings, New Hunter's Store, 1929
10. Financial and Business Records, Correspondence, 1868-1891
11. Financial and Business Records, Financial and Business Records, James Hunter, Property Dispute, 1874
12. Financial and Business Records, M.M. Hunter, Finances
13. Financial and Business Records, Partnership, James Hunter and J.E. Bellotte, 1878-1889
14. Financial and Business Records, Pendleton Fair, 1926
15. Financial and Business Records, Promissory Notes, 1875-1892
16. Financial and Business Records, Receipts, 1867-1878
17. Financial and Business Records, Receipts, 1881-19?
18. Financial and Business Records, Titles to Real Estate, 1883, 1887

*Box 3*

*Folder*

1. Photographs, SC2008.2.1 Unidentified Male, SC2008.2.2 Unidentified Female, SC2008.2.3-4 Cordes Gaillard, SC2008.2.5 M.M. Hunter, SC2008.2.6 Sallie S.T. Gaillard
2. Photographs, SC2008.2.7 Mamie Westfield, SC2008.2.8 Unidentified elderly couple
3. Photographs, SC2008.2.9 William Gaillard, SC2008.2.10 Margie Gaillard, SC2008.2.11 Peg Califf, SC2008.2.12 Harriet Watkins
4. Photographs, SC2008.2.13-14 M.M. Hunter Family, SC2008.2.15 M.M. Hunter and children in front of house
5. Photographs, SC2008.2.16 Miles and Pauline Hunter, SC2008.2.17 Miles Hunter, SC 2008.2.18 Pauline Hunter
6. Photographs, SC2008.2.19 Woman and child in snow, SC2008.2.20 couple in snow in front of Hunter house, SC2008.2.21 Three women and snowman, SC2008.2.22 Pauline Hunter with dolls, SC2008.2.23 Pauline Hunter, SC2008.2.24 Miles Hunter
7. Photographs, SC2008.2.25 Susannah Majors Sloan (and info), SC2008.2.26 David McCurdy Sloan, SC2008.2.27 Tom Watkins school picture
8. Photographs, SC2008.2.28 James and Jackie Hunter and information
9. Photographs, SC2008.2.29 Red Shirt Reunion, 1907
10. Photographs, SC2008.2.30 Pendleton Church, SC2008.2.31 Postcard, Pendleton Presbyterian Church, SC2008.2.32 Postcard, Guardhouse, SC2008.2.33 Postcard, Farmer's Hall

11. Photographs, SC2008.2.34-36 Aerial photos of Pendleton area, 1941

*Box 4*

- SC2008.2.37 Pauline Gaillard (Hunter) Autograph Album, 1880-1881
- SC2008.2.38 Framed Photograph, Pauline Hunter with baby
- SC2008.2.39 Framed Photograph, Miles M. Hunter with children in front a house
- SC2008.2.40 Ledger containing information on James Hunter estate

*Box 5*

- SC2008.2.41 "Shawl given to Great Grandmother Hunter from Charleston around 1850"
- SC2008.2.42 Cloth doll

*Box 6*

- SC2008.2.46 Metal scale

Additional Materials:

- SC2008.2.43 Framed portrait of Bessie Hunter Watkins
- SC2008.2.44 Framed portrait of Harriet Whitten Watkins Boggs (frame stored with Framed Objects)
- SC2008.2.45 Framed portrait of Felix Boggs (Frame stored with framed objects)
- SC2008.2. 46 Ledger, James Hunter, 1846
- SC2008.2.47 Ledger, James Hunter, 1854
- SC2008.2.48a-e Five M.M. Hunter advertising posters.