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Guide to the

**Butler-Huntington-Smith family papers**

1734-1991 [bulk 1810-1940]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Butler family

**Title:** Butler-Huntington-Smith family papers

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**Size:** 32.1 linear feet (77 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

**Source:** Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008

**Abstract:** The Butler, Huntington, Smith, Cooke, and Clinch families were united through intermarriage and included prominent lawyers, architects, doctors, judges, politicians, scientists, and land owners hailing from New York City, Long Island, Boston, Cambridge, Lowell, Marblehead, Stockbridge and Worcester, Massachusetts. This collection spans multiple generations and consists of mostly 19th and 20th century family correspondence, financial and legal documents, diaries, writings, scrapbooks, personal miscellany, photographs and genealogical research. The papers reflect the personal, social, economic, and professional histories of these related families.

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### Related Materials:

Stanford White Papers. The New York Historical Society.

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## Creator History

The Butler, Huntington, Smith, Cooke, and Clinch families were united through intermarriage and included prominent lawyers, architects, doctors, judges, politicians, scientists, and land owners hailing from New York City, Long Island, Boston, Cambridge, Lowell, Marblehead, Stockbridge and Worcester, Massachusetts.

Charles E. Butler (1818-1897) was born in Virginia and moved with his family to New York City in 1828 at the age of ten. He received most of his formal education in New York, practiced law, and became a partner at the prestigious firm of Butler and Evarts, later Butler, Evarts, and Southmayd. At the age of 40, Butler retired to devote himself entirely to his estate, Linwood, at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, but soon became restive and returned to his legal practice in New York. He entered full retirement two decades later. He married twice. His first wife Louisa Clinch, died in childbirth with their 6th child in 1852. In 1855, he married Susan Sedgwick. They had three children who all died in infancy or childhood.

Prescott Hall Butler (1848-1901) was the son of Charles E. Butler (above) and Louisa Clinch Butler. He attended Harvard University, became a lawyer, and entered into his father's firm. He married Cornelia Smith (1846-1915), the daughter of Sarah Nicoll Clinch (1823-1890) and John Lawrence Smith (1816-1889), a prominent judge and landowner in Smithtown, Long Island. Prescott and Cornelia split their time between New York City and their summer residence, Bytharbour, at St. James, Long Island.

Cornelia's sister Bessie Smith (b. 1862) married the famed architect Stanford White (1853-1906), whom she met through her brother-in-law Prescott Hall Butler. Both Cornelia and Bessie inherited large properties on Long Island and Stanford White and his firm McKim, Mead, and White played a large role in designing the homes and grounds of these estates. Stanford White also designed Prescott and Cornelia's mansion in New York City at 22 Park Avenue. In addition, the four were good friends and traveled in the same social circles in late-19th century New York City.

Prescott Hall and Cornelia Smith Butler had three children. Lawrence Smith Butler (1875-1954) was the oldest, attended Harvard, and became an architect in New York City and Paris. Charles Stewart Butler (1876-1954) followed in his father's footsteps, went to Harvard, and became a lawyer. He practiced on his own in New York City for most of his career. Susan Butler Huntington (1879-1957) was the youngest child and only daughter of Prescott and Cornelia. Her marriage to Francis Cleveland Huntington (1865-1916) linked the Butler and Huntington families.

The Huntingtons represented in this collection were originally from Massachusetts and had a professional history in science and public service. In about the year 1826, Elisha Huntington (1796-1865) received his medical degree from Yale, moved to the small town of Lowell, and became a respected physician and surgeon. In addition to his medical career, Dr. Huntington was devoted to charitable causes and involved in politics. He was the mayor of Lowell for eight years and in 1853, became the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. He was also involved in State Prison work and President of the Massachusetts Medical Society. His daughter Mary remembered him by saying "he was always ready to give to the poor and afflicted, being singularly indifferent to any compensation for his services; and by his generosity and kindness he won Saint Luke's name of 'The Beloved Physician'." He married Hannah Hinckley (1800-1859) of Plymouth colony and Mayflower origin and they had five children: James, Mary, Frank, William Reed and Isaac, the youngest who died in infancy.

Mary Huntington Cooke (1833-1911) was the daughter of Elisha and Hannah Hinckley Huntington. Like her father, mother, and brother, she was drawn to philanthropic pursuits. She served as president of the Female Humane Society, which strove to relieve the needs of the poor. She was also one of the

founders of Radcliffe College. She married Professor Josiah Cooke (1827-1894), who taught Chemistry and Geology at Harvard. He was instrumental in the measurement of atomic weights and received America's first Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He took great interest in the relationship between religion and science, and had a close relationship with Mary's brother, the clergyman William Reed Huntington.

William Reed Huntington (1838-1909) was the youngest child of Elisha and Hannah, and like his father, graduated from Harvard. He was the class poet for that year 1859, and taught chemistry for a year following his graduation. Soon after, he entered into a theological career, becoming a prominent figure within the Episcopal Church. He was affiliated with three different institutions, and eventually became the rector of Grace Church in New York City, winning wide recognition for his efforts toward the revision of the Episcopal liturgy. He married Theresa Reynolds (1837-1872) and they had four children.

The only son of William Reed Huntington and Theresa Reynolds, Francis Cleveland Huntington (1865-1916), also graduated from Harvard. He taught political economy for one year and began law school at Harvard. He practiced law in New York City and was active in the affairs of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The only interruption to his career came upon the advent of the Spanish American War, when he became a member of Troop A of the the New York State National Guard and served in Puerto Rico. He married Susan Butler and they had 3 sons, Prescott Butler Huntington (1905-1988), William Reed Huntington (1907-1990) and Christopher Huntington (1911-2000). After her husband's death in 1916, Susan Butler Huntington attended to the care and education of her sons and traveled with them often. She was also active in the Episcopal Church and the treasurer for the *Causeries du Lundi*, a ladies literary group.

Prescott Hall Butler and Cornelia Smith were half-first cousins once removed. Their link was through the Clinch family. James Clinch was the grandfather of Cornelia Smith Butler and half uncle of Prescott Hall Butler. He was one of the leading business figures of maritime New York in the period preceeding the Civil War, and acquired much real estate in both lower New York City and east of Smithtown, Long Island. His brother Charles was also a notable New Yorker of the time. As a result of financial losses incurred after The Great Fire of 1835, he was prompted to take a position in the Customs House. He had great success there and in his *New York Times* obituary, it was stated that he possessed more knowledge on the subject of American customs revenue and navigation laws than any other living man.

Cornelia Mitchell Clinch was the sister of James and Charles and was also great aunt to Cornelia and Bessie Smith. She married the wealthy merchant, Alexander Turney Stewart. The Stewarts were very close to the Smith children and since Alexander and Cornelia were childless, much of their wealth was inherited by Cornelia Smith Butler and her siblings.

## **Custodial History**

The letters and documents in this collection were acquired by Madge Huntington Cooper from her father William Reed Huntington II's possessions in 1987. She donated them to The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1989. A few additional items were donated by the family after the initial acquisition.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This collection spans multiple generations and consists of mostly 19th- and 20th-century family correspondence, financial and legal documents, diaries, writings, scrapbooks, personal miscellany, photographs and genealogical research. The papers reflect the personal, social, economic, and

professional histories of these related families.

The papers are divided into eight series. The first five are devoted papers of the Butler, Clinch, Cooke, Huntington, and Smith families. These papers fall into some combination of correspondence, financial and legal documents, and personal papers. The personal papers contain such material as diaries, writings, scrapbook content and other personal miscellany. The three remaining series are given over to photographs, genealogical papers, and the Davis family papers, which contain land deeds and a map.

Correspondence in this collection is copious, especially in the Butler and Huntington papers, and gives descriptions of family affairs and everyday life in the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries. Although the bulk of the correspondence is personal, there are some letters regarding professional issues and associations. These types of letters can be found within the Custom House papers of Charles P. Clinch, letters regarding Josiah Parson Cooke's academic career, James Clinch Smith's letters received and the letters of Charles E. Butler and his son Prescott Hall Butler, which give insight into their careers as prominent lawyers in New York City.

In addition, notable correspondents within the Butler papers include George Santayana and Charles McKim. Santayana had a life-long friendship with Lawrence Smith Butler, and his letters are in Lawrence's correspondence. Mention of Stanford White along with McKim, Mead and White's designs, are present in correspondence between Prescott Hall Butler and Cornelia Smith Butler.

Financial and legal papers throughout the collection reflect the numerous homes and large amount of land that the families owned in the 19th and 20th centuries, especially the Butlers and Smiths. Many of these properties ended up with the Huntington children and later financial documents concerning these properties are within the Huntington financial and legal papers. Legal documents kept in Charles E. Butler's scrapbook are also of interest. In addition to some 18th-century deeds, there is also a release from mortgage signed by Ralph Waldo Emerson, who was one of Charles E. Butler's clients.

Diaries and travel writings give insight into the lives of the family members. Hannah Hinckley Huntington and her twin sister Mary Hinckley's diaries and writings from the early to mid-19th century document life from a woman's perspective in small town Massachusetts. In contrast, Prescott Hall Butler's diary is written from the perspective of a wealthy lawyer in late-19th-century New York City. The children of Prescott Hall Butler and Cornelia Smith Butler also kept diaries, both personal and travel. Lawrence Smith Butler's diaries date from 1885-1916 and then again from 1941-1953. He and his sister, Susan Butler Huntington's travel writings from the early 20th century, document their excursions around the world.

The photographs consist of many portraits of family members, and also numerous images which depict the travel and leisure activities of the families. There are also many photographs of the families' properties in New York City, Long Island, and parts of Massachusetts.

The genealogical papers reflect Madge Huntington Cooper and other family members' research into the family genealogies. A rough draft of Charles S. Butler's "Butler and Allied Families" gives detail on the lives of many members of the families in this collection.

Within all series, folders are filed alphabetically; married woman in the collection are filed by their married names with maiden names expressed as the middle name. In many of the folders, there is a list of folder contents in the front of the folder prepared by Madge Huntington Cooper. When this is the case, it is stated in that line of the container list.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Account books  
Architectural drawings  
Commonplace books  
Deeds  
Diaries  
Ledgers

### **Occupations**

Architects  
Doctors  
Lawyers

### **Geographic Names**

Europe -- Description and travel  
Lowell (Mass.)  
Massachusetts -- Genealogy  
Massachusetts -- Social conditions -- 19th century  
New York (State) -- Genealogy  
New York (State) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century  
New York (State) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

### **Subjects**

Real property -- Massachusetts  
Real property -- New York (State) -- Long Island  
Real property -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Names**

Butler, Charles  
Butler, Charles Edwards, 1818-1897  
Butler, Lawrence  
Haight, Sarah Rogers  
McKim, Charles Follen, 1847-1909  
Stewart, Alexander Turney, 1803-1876  
White, Stanford, 1853-1906  
McKim, Mead, and White

## Container List

### Series I. Butler Family 1739-1954 (28 boxes)

The Butler family papers are rich in family correspondence, financial and legal documents, and diaries. They mostly consist of the papers of Charles E. Butler, his son Prescott Hall Butler and Prescott's wife Cornelia Smith Butler, and their sons Lawrence Smith Butler and Charles Stewart Butler. The papers of Susan Butler Huntington, the daughter of Prescott and Cornelia, can be found in the Huntington papers.

#### Correspondence

The earliest Butler letters are those of the older generation, including Charles E. Butler and his first and second wives Louisa Clinch Butler and Susan Sedgwick Butler. Letters depict family life during the time period, and cover events such as birth, marriage, death and other announcements; information about family and friends; and everyday activities. There is also some professional correspondence to Charles E. Butler in his letters received. Notable is a folder of letters received from McKim, Mead and White addressing details regarding St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Charles McKim was hired by Charles E. Butler to design the church in memory of Charles' wife Susan Sedgwick Butler.

Prescott and Cornelia Smith Butler are well-represented within the Butler correspondence. Throughout their lives, both Cornelia and Prescott corresponded frequently with their families. The couple also exchanged letters when Cornelia spent summers in Long Island with the children and Prescott remained in New York City. These letters provide impressions of New York City and fashionable precincts of Long Island. Both Cornelia and Prescott's letters have references to the house "Bytharbor" in St. James, Long Island designed for them by Charles McKim, as well as references to his partner Stanford White, who was related to them through his marriage to Cornelia's sister Bessie.

Of particular interest in the Butler correspondence are letters written to Prescott and Cornelia's son, Lawrence Smith Butler, from George Santayana. The letters span the years 1901-1941. Topics range from planning visits to see one another, to Santayana discussing his writings and daily life living in Rome in his later years. There are also letters of condolence from Santayana to Lawrence Butler on the deaths of his father and mother, with both letters having a general tone of praise for Butler's family.

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically, with outgoing letters listed before incoming.

#### Butler, Charles E. (1818-1897)

- b. 1 f. 1 To Susan Butler (2nd wife of Charles E. Butler), Virginia Butler (sister), Rosalie Butler (daughter), Cornelia Smith Butler (daughter-in-law) 1845-1871
- b. 1 f. 2 To and from John Swann 1873, n.d.
- b. 1 f. 3 From Henry Butler (father), Rebecca Butler (mother), Virginia and Mary Butler (sisters) 1856-1867
- b. 1 f. 4 From McKim, Mead and White 1883
- b. 1 f. 5 Letters received 1835-1885, n.d.

#### Butler, Charles Stewart (1876-1954)

- b. 1 f. 6 To Susan Butler Huntington (sister) 1918
- b. 1 f. 7 Letters received 1915-1942

#### Butler, Cornelia Smith (1846-1915)

- b. 1 f. 8 To Prescott Hall Butler (husband), Charles S. Butler (son), and Susan Butler Huntington (daughter) 1873-1875
- b. 1 f. 9 To Rosalie Butler (sister-in-law) 1877-1896
- b. 1 f. 10 To Sarah Nicoll Smith (mother) 1857-1867
- b. 1 f. 11 Letters received 1875-1906, n.d.  
Includes letter from Alexander Turney Stewart (Great uncle of Cornelia Smith Butler). 1881

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)  
Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 12 Butler, George to Rosalie Butler (cousin) 1875-1884, n.d.
- b. 1 f. 13-14 Butler, Harry to Charles Stewart Butler 1932-1944  
Includes drawings by and papers regarding Harry's art exhibit at Charles' house and folder list  
Butler, Lawrence Smith (1875-1954)
  - b. 2 f. 1 Letters received regarding death of Cornelia Smith Butler (his mother) 1915
  - b. 2 f. 2 Letters from George Santayana 1901-1941
  - b. 2 f. 3 Letters sent from Paris 1906-1907
  - b. 2 f. 4 Butler, Louisa Clinch (1809-1852) (1st wife of Charles E. Butler) to Rosalie Butler (daughter), Helen Butler (daughter), and others 1835-1850, n.d.  
Butler, Prescott Hall (1848-1901)  
To Cornelia Smith Butler  
Includes many letters to Cornelia during the summers when Prescott worked in New York City and Cornelia lived in the country with the children
    - b. 2 f. 5 1871-1874  
Includes notes in front of folder on interactions with McKim
    - b. 2 f. 6 1875
    - b. 2 f. 7 1876-1877  
Includes mention of Charles McKim's plans
    - b. 2 f. 8 1879-1890
- b. 3 f. 1 To and from Charles E. Butler (father) and other family members 1867-1901, n.d.
- b. 3 f. 2 Letters received 1877-1885, n.d.  
Butler, Rosalie (1842-1897)
  - b. 3 f. 3 To Cornelia Smith Butler (sister in law) 1875-1884, n.d.
- b. 3 f. 4-5 To and from 1848-1897, n.d.  
Includes valentine cards, poems and pictures. Also includes folder list and obituary  
Butler, Susan Sedgwick (1828-1883) (2nd wife of Charles E. Butler)
  - b. 3 f. 6 To Prescott Butler and Cornelia Smith Butler (stepson and step daughter in law) 1863-1882
  - b. 3 f. 7 Letters sent 1838-1857
  - b. 3 f. 8 From Fanny Kemble Undated
  - b. 3 f. 9 From Henry Butler (father-in-law), Rebecca (mother-in-law) and Lucy (sister-in-law) 1855-1863
  - b. 3 f. 10 From mother and aunt 1856, n.d.
  - b. 3 f. 11 From stepchildren 1852-1862, n.d.
  - b. 3 f. 12 Letters received 1856, 1861
  - b. 3 f. 13 Butler unidentified 1838-1912, n.d.

Financial and legal papers

Financial and legal documents for the Butlers consist of documents and correspondence related to property that the family owned on Long Island and Massachusetts. There are also estate papers, which contain wills of the family members and other related documents. Charles S. Butler, the son of Prescott Butler and also a lawyer, handled many of the legal affairs of the Butler family and he is present in many of the documents. The legal papers for Charles E., Prescott, and Charles S., also contain the legal papers of some of their clients. Within these there are deeds, assignments of mortgages, wills, etc. Miscellaneous legal papers of the family members also contain correspondence, deeds, and mortgages, etc.

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)  
Financial and legal papers (cont.)

**Butler, Charles E 1853, 1880-1881, 1896**

- b. 4 f. 1      **Account book 1849-1858**  
**Clients**
- b. 4 f. 2      **Dean, James (estate of) 1850-1854**
- b. 4 f. 3      **Fitch (cousin) 1869-1884**
- b. 4 f. 4      **Goodhue 1859, 1862**
- b. 4 f. 5      **Wilkes 1836-1885**
- b. 5 f. 1-2      **Wilkes 1836-1885**
- b. 5 f. 3      **Estate papers 1853-1896**
- b. 5 f. 4-5      **Miscellaneous 1834-1884**  
Includes indentures of Aspinwall, Montague and Alexander T. Stewart
- b. 6 f. 1-3      **Miscellaneous 1834-1884**  
**Stockbridge, MA**
- b. 6 f. 4      **Correspondence 1862-1894**  
Includes Stockbridge Civil War era conscription list. Also includes materials related to St. Paul's Church, built in honor of Susan Sedgwick Butler. Charles McKim was the architect.
- b. 6 f. 5      **Legal documents 1893-1894**  
Includes deeds, map, etc.
- Butler, Charles Stewart**
- b. 7 f. 1      **Controlling Journal 1917-1919**
- b. 7 f. 2      **Estate papers 1917-1954**
- b. 7 f. 3      **Fenno Tract, St. James, L.I. (purchase of) 1901-1907 (Includes copies)**  
Includes folder list
- b. 76 f. 1      **Fenno Tract, St. James, L.I.-- Property Map 1901**
- b. 7 f. 4      **Grace Church bell 1916-1917**  
Purchase of bell in memory of Cornelia Smith Butler  
Includes folder list
- b. 7 f. 5-7      **Haight family legal documents 1902-1912, n.d.**  
**Household inventories**
- b. 8 f. 1      **St. James, L.I 1920**
- b. 8 f. 2      **Silver, etc 1916, 1929**
- b. 8 f. 3      **Hubbs Hill (sale of) 1906-1907**  
Includes folder list
- b. 8 f. 4      **Hubbs Tract (purchase of) 1825-1909**
- b. 8 f. 5      **Income tax returns 1922-1926**  
**Linwood, Stockbridge, MA**
- b. 8 f. 6      **1925-1930**  
Includes folder list
- b. 8 f. 7      **1931**  
Includes folder list
- b. 8 f. 8      **1932**  
Includes folder list
- b. 9 f. 1      **1933-1940**  
Includes folder list

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)

Financial and legal papers (cont.)

Butler, Charles Stewart (cont.)

Linwood, Stockbridge, MA (cont.)

- b. 9 f. 2           Undated
- b. 9 f. 3           Miscellaneous 1907-1947, n.d.
- b. 9 f. 4-5       Papers regarding his mother's estate and affairs after her death 1915-1922  
Includes letters to Cornelia after her death and Charles S. correspondence
- b. 77 f. 1       Property Maps 1906-1930
- b. 76 f. 2       Property Maps 1908-1909
- b. 9 f. 6-7       Savings account pass books 1935-1953
- Butler, Cornelia Smith
- b. 10 f. 1       Bathhouses at St. James, L.I 1902  
Permission from Cornelia and others for use of them
- b. 10 f. 2       Bytharbour and other country property 1904-1915  
Most of the correspondence is from Charles S. Butler, dealing with his mother's property.  
Includes folder list
- Estate papers
- b. 10 f. 3-6      General 1915-1917
- b. 11 f. 1-2      Appraisal of estate 1915-1916
- b. 11 f. 3       Probated will 1915-1917
- Financial statements
- b. 11 f. 4       1905-1907
- b. 11 f. 5       1915
- b. 11 f. 6       Grant of Right of Way 1904-1905
- Household inventories
- b. 12 f. 1       22 Park Ave 1905
- b. 12 f. 2       Bytharbour, St. James, L.I 1911
- b. 12 f. 3       Miscellaneous 1895-1917
- b. 77 f. 2       Butler, Cornelia Stewart-- Property Maps 1903-1912
- Butler, Helen
- b. 12 f. 4-6      Estate 1917-1960
- b. 12 f. 7       Monument Mountain Reserve 1899-1900
- Butler, Lawrence
- Household inventories
- b. 13 f. 1       Bytharbour, St. James, L.I 1926
- b. 13 f. 2       Cedar Court 1935
- b. 13 f. 3       St. James, L.I 1926  
Squash Court, St. James, L.I
- b. 13 f. 4       1920
- b. 13 f. 5       1926
- Joseph Merillon judgment
- b. 13 f. 6       1906
- o. 1           1908  
Map of land at Hempstead, Nassau County, New York formerly owned by Alexander T. Stewart, to be partitioned in an action of the Supreme Court entitled Lawrence Smith Butler against Joseph Merillon and others.

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)  
Financial and legal papers (cont.)  
Butler, Lawrence (cont.)  
Joseph Merillon judgment (cont.)

- b. 13 f. 7            1910
- b. 14 f. 1            **Smithtown, NY 1898-1924, 1942**  
**Butler, Prescott Hall**  
Includes folder list
- b. 14 f. 2-5        **Deeds, etc 1835-1902**  
Descriptions of some of the properties in first folder
- b. 15 f. 1-5        **Deeds, etc 1835-1902**
- b. 16 f. 1-2        **Deeds, etc 1835-1902**
- b. 16 f. 3-5        **Estate papers 1909-1952**  
Includes folder list
- b. 16 f. 6           **Henry Hilton suit 1890, n.d.**
- b. 17 f. 1           **Henry Hilton suit 1890, n.d.**
- b. 17 f. 2           **Miscellaneous 1895-1912**  
Includes letter written by Prescott Butler to his family regarding dispute over property and money with the Osbornes (relatives)  
**Property Maps**
- b. 76 f. 3           1892, 1904
- b. 77 f. 3           1901-1905
- o. 1                1902
- b. 17 f. 3-4        **Butler, Virginia estate 1905-1943**

**Personal Papers**

There are many diaries in the Butler papers and Prescott Butler's diary is of particular interest. It is written between 1872-1876 and covers a wide variety of topics from the political climate in New York at the time to everyday family activities. In an entry from December of 1872, Prescott considers possible reform in New York City politics with William Marcy Tweed set to stand trial and "honorable men filling all positions formerly held by deposed rascals". He also expresses his sentiments on the financially ruinous times, many disasters in the world and in New York City, and Russia's threats to eastern borders. Less weighty observations include street conditions in New York City, summer trips to Long Island, he and Cornelia's wedding and moving to their first apartment in New York City.

Prescott's son Lawrence Smith Butler's diaries and writings reflect the extensive travel he undertook during his life. The diary with the heading "The Long Way to London" describes his trip around the world to Hawaii, Japan, China, India, Egypt, Greece, Italy, France and London. He also kept quite a few personal diaries throughout his lifetime and "Accounts of the Smithtown Club" describes the goings on at the Long Island club in which he was very active.

Lawrence Smith Butler's professional life is also reflected in the collection. His architectural plans for alterations to New York City's Hotel San Remo in 1911 are included in the personal papers of the Butlers.

Additionally, Charles E. Butler's scrapbook is a particular point of interest. It was compiled by his grandson, Charles Stewart Butler and the contents include original financial and legal documents as well as some correspondence and mementos such as his professional certificates to practice law. One of the significant documents is an 1846 indenture signed by Ralph Waldo Emerson, who was one of Charles E. Butler's clients.

- b. 17 f. 5           **Butler Family 1883-1922, 1988, n.d.**  
Includes "Long Island Country House" which has descriptions and drawings of some of the family homes  
**Butler, Charles E**
- b. 17 f. 6           **Miscellaneous 1884, n.d**

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)

Personal Papers (cont.)

Butler, Charles E (cont.)

- b. 18 f. 1-3      **Scrapbook contents 1739-1897**  
Includes 1846 indenture signed by Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Scrapbook was compiled his grandson, Charles S. Butler

**Butler, Charles Stewart**

- b. 18 f. 3-4      **Diaries 1923-1926**  
b. 19 f. 1-4      **Diaries 1923-1926**  
b. 19 f. 5      **Miscellaneous 1954, n.d.**  
Includes obituary

**Butler, Cornelia Smith**

- b. 20 f. 1-6      **Diaries 1860-1871 (1869 diary includes transcript)**  
b. 20 f. 7      **Essays notebook ca. 1872**  
b. 20 f. 8      **Memorial 1915**  
b. 21 f. 1      **Scrapbook 1872-1915**  
Includes additions by her children until 1931  
b. 21 f. 2      **Scrapbook photocopies 1872-1915**  
b. 21 f. 3      **Wedding 1874**

**Butler, Lawrence Smith**

- b. 75 f. 1-2      **Architectural drawings of alterations to Hotel San Remo 1911**  
**Diaries**  
b. 21 f. 4-7      **1885-1916**  
b. 22 f. 1-5      **1885-1916**  
b. 23 f. 1-4      **1885-1916**  
b. 24 f. 1-5      **1885-1916**  
b. 25      **1941 (1 volume)**  
v. 1  
b. 25 f. 1-2      **1947-1948**  
b. 25 f. 3-4      **1953**  
b. 25 f. 5      **Miscellaneous 1886-1954, n.d.**  
Includes almanac with drawings that he made as a child for his father and "Friends and Flowers" book from his funeral

**Writings**

- b. 26 f. 1      **From Gladiator to Hibiscus 1948-1949**  
b. 26      **The Long Way to London (1 volume) 1924-1925**  
v. 1  
b. 26      **Society in the Country: The Smithtown Club (1 volume) 1924-1926**  
v. 2  
b. 26 f. 2      **Society in the Country: The Smithtown Club (transcript) 1924-1926**  
b. 27 f. 1      ***A Trip to England* 1887**  
b. 27      **A Trip to Nassau (Includes photographs)**  
v. 1  
b. 27 f. 2      **Butler, Louisa Clinch 1852, n.d.**  
Includes funeral exercises

**Butler, Prescott Hall**

- b. 75 f. 3      **Bar exam certificate 1873**  
b. 27 f. 3      **Diary 1872-1876**  
Original journal kept by Prescott in years prior to and just after marriage to Cornelia

Series I. Butler Family (cont.)  
Personal Papers (cont.)  
Butler, Prescott Hall (cont.)

- b. 27 f. 4      **Diary 1872-1876**  
Transcript
- b. 28 f. 1      **Report of Harvard Class of 1869 1875**
- b. 28 f. 2      **Butler, Rosalie, The Enchanted Twilight**  
A homemade fairy story dedicated to Susan Louisa Butler (Huntington)
- b. 28 f. 3      **Butler, Virginia 1865-1910**

**Series II. Clinch family 1814-1903 (3 boxes)**

The Clinch materials are mostly from the same generation of Clinch brothers and sisters, the children of Jacob Clinch and his first and second wives Susannah Bancker Clinch and Louisa Ireland Clinch.

In addition to the correspondence and financial and legal documents of the siblings, the Clinch papers also contain the Custom House papers of Charles P. Clinch. These include letters and other documents, to and from Charles Powell Clinch concerning property, an anonymous accusation of a Customs House scandal, assignment certificates, testimonial signatures from others to have his portrait be preserved in the Collector's room of the Custom House, and other business related correspondence.

**Correspondence**

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically, with outgoing letters listed before incoming.

- b. 28 f. 4      **Clinch, Anna (1812 - 1908) 1861-1903, n.d.**  
Includes poem and obituary
- b. 28 f. 5-6      **Clinch, Charles P. (1797-1880) 1848-1879, n.d.**  
Includes anonymous letter regarding Customs House scandal  
Includes folder list
- b. 28 f. 7      **Clinch, Sophia (1805-1832) to Mrs. Fitch 1832**

**Financial and legal papers**

**Clinch, Charles P. (1797-1880)**

- b. 28 f. 8-9      **Custom House Papers 1833-1879, n.d.**  
Includes his appointments to positions within Custom House, letter of resignation, testimonial signatures to have his portrait be preserved in Collector's Room of Custom House, letters re: payments to Custom House from Henry Hilton on AT Stewart & Co. stationary
- b. 28 f. 10      **Land documents 1853, 1872-1873**  
Includes Britton House and farm land in Richmond (with Charles E. Butler)
- b. 29 f. 1      **Clinch, James (1794-1872) account and letter book 1855-1866**
- b. 29 f. 2      **Clinch, Sophia account book**  
Also has drawings and writings in it

**Personal Papers**

- b. 29 f. 3      **Clinch Family**  
Includes storybook by one of the Clinch sisters. See explanation inside book.
- Clinch, Charles P**
- b. 75 f. 4      **Appointment certificates to be a New York City Firefighter 1816, 1818**
- b. 29 f. 4      **Miscellaneous 1823, 1880, n.d.**  
Includes obituary and poems
- b. 29 f. 5      **Photo cards of famous 19th century people**
- b. 75 f. 5      **Clinch, James appointment certificates to be a New York City Firefighter 1814, 1817**
- b. 29 f. 6      **Clinch, Thomas (1807-1832) poems 1831**

### Series III. Cooke family 1816-1911 (6 boxes)

The strengths of this series are the correspondence and diaries. The correspondence from Josiah to his wife Mary are especially rich and include love letters, letters to Mary in Niagara Falls, and letters written while traveling in Italy and Egypt. Of particular interest are his descriptions of the Pyramids and a journey up the Nile.

The letters received section of Josiah Cooke's correspondence contains letters mostly regarding his professional career as a chemist and professor at Harvard.

Mary's personal papers include her diaries, which give accounts of her daily life from 1860-1884. Prominent topics include family events and her travels. There is a listing in the 1860 folder that has some descriptions of subjects covered in the diaries. Also in Mary Cooke's personal papers are documents pertaining to the Female Humane Society. Mary Cooke was president of the organization and the papers document her involvement in its activities. Included are correspondence, a report on the past year's proceedings, a member list, and pamphlets.

#### Correspondence

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically, with outgoing letters listed before incoming.

#### Cooke, Josiah Parsons (1827-1894)

##### To Mary Huntington Cooke

- b. 29 f. 7-8 1859, n.d.
- b. 30 f. 1 1860-1891
- b. 30 f. 2 1871
- b. 30 f. 3 1882, n.d.  
Includes love letters and letters from Italy and Egypt.  
Letters were found tied together with string in Mary Huntington Cooke's papers

##### b. 30 f. 4 Letters and notes by 1880-1891

Includes folder list

##### Letters received

- b. 30 f. 5 Letters and autographs from notable people 1880-1886, n.d.  
Includes folder list
- b. 30 f. 6-7 Miscellaneous ca.1850s-1890s  
Letters mostly regarding academic career
- b. 30 f. 8 Regarding book and other matters 1859-1894

#### Cooke, Mary Huntington (1833-1911)

- b. 30 f. 9 Letters sent 1845-1869, n.d.  
Include letters from Europe
- b. 30 f. 10 From F.D Huntington, Mr. and Mrs.{1857-1870} 1857-1870
- b. 31 f. 1-3 From Katie Waker 1855-1895, n.d.
- b. 31 f. 4 From nieces and nephews 1872-1895, n.d.  
Letters received
- b. 31 f. 5-6 General 1856-1911
- b. 32 f. 1-2 General 1856-1911
- b. 32 f. 3 Condolences on death of her brother (William Reed Huntington) 1909
- b. 32 f. 4 Condolences on death of her mother (Hannah Huntington) 1859
- b. 32 f. 5 Engagement 1859

#### Personal Papers

- b. 32 f. 6 Cooke, Josiah Parsons 1889-1900, n.d.  
Includes passport, concluding address to Freshman Class of Harvard, and memoir of his life prepared for The National Academy

Series III. Cooke family (cont.)  
Personal Papers (cont.)

Cooke, Mary Huntington

- b. 32 f. 7 Clippings and obituaries 1892-1905, n.d.
- b. 32 f. 8 Diaries 1860-1884
- b. 33 f. 1-6 Diaries 1860-1884
- b. 34 f. 1-4 Diaries 1860-1884
- b. 34 f. 5 Female Humane Society Papers of Mary Huntington Cooke 1816-1848, n.d.
- b. 34 f. 6 House expenses ledgers and receipts 1867, 1881-1889
- b. 34 f. 7 Miscellaneous 1861-1894  
Includes address book
- Scrapbooks  
Includes correspondence, reports and lists
- b. 35 f. 1 General 1870s-1890s  
Clippings of William Reed Huntington's sermons, news items, home topics, etc.
- b. 35 f. 2 Dried flower and copy book 1859

Series IV. Huntington family 1734-1985 (19 boxes)

The Huntington papers consist of correspondence, financial and legal papers and personal papers including diaries and writings.

Correspondence

Correspondence is abundant within the Huntington family and spans several generations. Some of the earliest letters are to and from Elisha and Hannah Huntington at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th century. There is a lengthy letter from Elisha to his uncle Nehemiah Cleveland on July 15, 1817, when Elisha is living in Marietta, Ohio. He discusses many of the issues in his new town, including religious society there, physicians in the town, purchasing land, and how "democracy is in its worst shape, with the legislature without wisdom and common honesty." Letters from Hannah Hinckley Huntington to her twin sister Mary Hinckley in the 1830s and 1840s tell news of the children, family, household details and also of Hannah's social life in Lowell, Massachusetts. Correspondence from the 1860s among family members often references the Civil War in which the oldest son of Elisha and Hannah, James, is fighting. Letters from James during this time also document this event and within his correspondence is his report on the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Later generations of Huntingtons are also present within the correspondence. William Reed Huntington's correspondence includes letters from professional associations. (It should be noted though, that most of William Reed's public papers were separated from this collection and sent to the Archives of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas prior to this collection being donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Madge Huntington Cooper). There is also a good deal of correspondence to and from William Reed's son, Francis Cleveland Huntington II and his wife Susan Butler Huntington.

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically, with outgoing letters listed before incoming.

Huntington, Elisha (1796-1865)

- b. 35 f. 3-4 To Hannah Hinckley Huntington (wife) 1821-1824
- b. 35 f. 5 To Mary Huntington Cooke (daughter) 1847, n.d.
- b. 75 f. 6 To Nehemiah Cleveland Undated
- b. 35 f. 6 To Nehemiah Cleveland Jr. and Sr. (cousin and uncle) 1809-1819  
Includes transcript of letter, 7/15/1817
- b. 35 f. 7 From Nehemiah Cleveland 1818

Huntington, Francis Cleveland I (1830-1863)

- b. 35 f. 8 To Hannah Hinckley Huntington (mother) and Mary Hinckley (aunt) 1849-1859
- b. 36 f. 1-2 To Mary Huntington Cooke (sister)

Series IV. Huntington family (cont.)

Correspondence (cont.)

Huntington, Francis Cleveland I (1830-1863) (cont.)

- b. 36 f. 3 Letters sent 1851-1863
- b. 36 f. 4 Letters received 1850-1862
- b. 36 f. 5 Letters of condolence regarding his death 1863  
Includes obituary

Huntington, Francis Cleveland II (1865-1916)

- b. 36 f. 6 To Susan Butler Huntington (wife) 1912-1916
- b. 36 f. 7 To William Reed Huntington (father) 1874-1890  
Includes letters about school courses. There are many illustrations on the letters.
- b. 36 f. 8 Letters sent 1868-1913, n.d.  
Includes letters to his father, William Reed Huntington, and to his sons
- b. 37 f. 1-2 Letters received 1872-1910  
Mostly from relatives, and letters to Francis as child with illustrations
- b. 37 f. 3 Letters regarding politics 1892-1898  
Includes clippings and brochures
- b. 37 f. 4-6 Correspondence regarding his father's death 1909-1910  
Also includes some letters to William Reed Huntington around the time of his death and letters from Francis Cleveland Huntington in his father's dictation, regarding setting up accounts with the church, etc.
- b. 38 f. 1-2 Correspondence regarding his father's death 1909-1910

Huntington, Hannah Hinckley (1800-1859)

- b. 38 f. 3 To Francis Cleveland Huntington I (son){1848-1858, n.d.} 1848-1858, n.d.
- b. 38 f. 4 To Mary Hinckley (sister) 1835-1849, n.d.
- b. 38 f. 5 To Mary Huntington Cooke (daughter) 1842-1852, n.d.
- b. 38 f. 6 To Nehemiah Cleveland (cousin-in-law) 1835-1854
- b. 38 f. 7 Letters sent 1829-1859
- b. 38 f. 8 From Althea and Mary Hinckley (mother and sister) 1825-1849, n.d.

Huntington, James (1826-1906)

- b. 38 f. 9 Battle of Chancellorsville 1863
- b. 38 f. 10 Letters sent 1824-1865
- b. 38 f. 11 Huntington, Oliver Whipple to Mary Huntington Cooke 1882-1909  
Includes letter to Oliver and a scientific paper written by him
- b. 39 f. 1 Huntington, Susan Butler (1879-1957) letters received 1904-1956  
Includes letters from caretaker regarding updates on her sons. Also includes sympathy letters for deaths of mother and husband.
- b. 39 f. 2 Huntington, Theresa Reynolds (1837-1872) letters sent 1862-1868

Huntington, William Reed (1838-1909)

- b. 39 f. 3 To Francis Cleveland Huntington I (brother) 1855-1862
- b. 39 f. 4 To Francis Cleveland Huntington II (son) 1881-1908, n.d.  
Includes letters of William introducing Francis to his colleagues in Europe.
- b. 39 f. 5 From Mary Hinckley (aunt) 1862-1865
- b. 39 f. 6 From Theresa Reynolds Huntington (wife) and her family 1863-1907, n.d.
- b. 39 f. 7-8 Letters received 1847-1908, n.d.
- b. 40 f. 1 Letters received 1847-1908, n.d.
- b. 40 f. 2 Thacher and Woodward (correspondence with) 1880  
Letters regarding scandal in which Francis Cleveland Huntington II's swimming instructor allegedly gave his class inappropriate reading materials

Series IV. Huntington family (cont.)

Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 40 f. 3      **Huntington unidentified 1812, 1842-1852, 1889, n.d.**  
Includes group of letters from "Sam to Mary" in 1863.
- b. 40 f. 4      **Reynolds, Edward (1793-1881) (Father of Theresa Reynolds Huntington)**  
letters sent 1868-1874, n.d.

**Financial and legal papers**

The earliest papers in the entire collection are original deeds belonging to Huntington ancestors, the Taskers, of Marblehead, Massachusetts. The Tasker documents date from 1734-1797 and are accompanied by transcripts. Many of the most recent items in the collection also belong to the Huntingtons. There are many legal and financial documents of Francis and Susan Butler Huntington's children Prescott Butler, William Reed II and Christopher. They were the heirs of Susan Butler Huntington's brothers, Charles Stewart Butler and Lawrence Smith Butler, since neither had children. Many of the financial and legal documents in their names pertain to the family's Long Island properties that were handed down to them.

- b. 40 f. 5      **Huntington, Francis Cleveland I**  
Letter in place of his will
- Huntington, Francis Cleveland II**
- b. 40 f. 6      **41 Winter Street 1891**  
Account book
- b. 40 f. 7      **1876**
- b. 40 f. 8      **1885-1891**
- b. 40 f. 9      **1891-1892**
- b. 41 f. 1      **Checks 1908-1910**
- b. 41 f. 2      **Miscellaneous 1907-1919**
- Huntington, Prescott (1905-1988), William II (1907-1990), and Christopher (1911-2000)**
- b. 41 f. 3      **Donation of Butler Huntington Woods to Nature Conservancy 1960-1980**
- b. 41 f. 4      **Lawrence Butler estate 1954-1962**
- b. 41 f. 5      **Prescott Hall Butler trust fund 1951-1961**
- b. 41 f. 6      **St. James property 1959-1963**
- b. 41 f. 7      **Smithtown properties, sale of 1969-1985**
- b. 41 f. 8      **Susan Butler Huntington estate 1958-1963**
- Huntington, Susan Butler**
- Ledgers**  
Include household and property finances
- b. 42      **1904-1919 (3 volumes)**  
                 v. 1-3
- b. 43      **1919 -1930 (3 volumes)**  
                 v. 4-6
- b. 44 f. 1      **Miscellaneous**
- Huntington, William Reed I**
- b. 44 f. 2-5      **Account books 1859-1890**
- b. 44 f. 6      **Bills, receipts, donations, trust accounts 1869-1875**
- b. 44 f. 7      **Tasker legal documents 1734-1797**
- b. 45 f. 1      **Tasker legal documents (transcripts) 1734-1797**

Series IV. Huntington family (cont.)

Personal Papers

The Huntingtons were prolific writers and this is apparent through a rich collection of family newspapers from the 1830s through 1860s, which are held in the personal papers sub-series. These newsletters were written by Elisha Huntington, his wife Hannah, her twin sister Mary Hinckley and Elisha and Hannah's children. The newsletters which are called The Contribution Box, The Lowell Return, The New York Offering, and Home Journal document the lives of family members and include descriptions of life at Yale Medical School, in Marblehead, Lowell and Worcester, Massachusetts and in New York City and Brooklyn at various periods in the nineteenth century.

The Huntington personal miscellany sub-series also includes Hannah Hinckley Huntington's literary manuscripts and notebooks of poems. Her twin sister Mary Hinckley's diaries are also held in the Huntington materials. These date from 1813-1824 and give insight into everyday life in Marblehead, Massachusetts in the early 19th century.

- b. 45 f. 2-3      **Hinckley, Mary (1800-1878) (Twin sister of Hannah Hinckley Huntington)**  
diaries and writings 1813-1824

Huntington Family

- b. 45 f. 4      **Miscellaneous** 1838-1881, n.d.

Newsletters

- b. 75 f. 7      **Contribution Box** 1838-1840
- b. 45 f. 5-6      **Home Journal** 1852-1854  
Includes a newsletter called the Lowell Offering, which may been the model for the newspaper exchanges between the Huntingtons
- b. 45 f. 7      **Lowell Return** 1850, 1858
- b. 45 f. 8      **New York Offering** 1850-1853
- b. 46 f. 1      **Huntington, Asahel** sermons 1806, 1820

Huntington, Elisha

- b. 46 f. 2      **Accounts of Ohio in 1815-1818 and of the Indian war 1790-1794** 1850
- b. 75 f. 8      **Yale Medical Diploma**
- b. 46 f. 3-4      **Huntington, Francis I** writings 1854, n.d.

Huntington, Francis Cleveland II

Originals of the the copies of Francis Cleveland Huntington II's diplomas, certificates, etc. were retained by Francis Cleveland Huntington III

- b. 46 f. 5      **Death** 1916-1925, 1965  
Includes letters of condolence to Susan Butler Huntington, memorials, etc.

Education

Harvard University

- b. 46 f. 6-8      **Academic work** 1886-1887
- b. 47 f. 1-2      **Academic work** 1886-1887
- b. 47 f. 3-6      **Ephemera** 1882-1912, n.d.  
Includes organization information, brochures, invitations, reports
- b. 48 f. 1      **Worcester High School** 1881-1883
- b. 48 f. 2      **Miscellaneous** 1892-1916, n.d.
- b. 48 f. 3      **Scrapbook content copies** 1856-1858
- b. 48 f. 4      **Spanish American War** 1898-1899  
Includes troop lists, diary with lists, letter of commission
- b. 48 f. 5      **Trip abroad** 1882  
Trip to Europe. Includes Anchor Line Track Chart, expenses, and journal

Huntington, Francis Cleveland II and Susan Butler Huntington

**Series IV. Huntington family (cont.)**

**Personal Papers (cont.)**

**Huntington, Francis Cleveland II and Susan Butler Huntington (cont.)**

- b. 48 f. 6-7      **House guest books 1906-1909**  
Includes Bytharbour, Hubbs Hill, and Timothy House
- b. 49 f. 1-2      **Wedding 1904**  
Includes clippings, invitations, guestbook
- b. 49 f. 3-4      **Huntington, Hannah Hinckley essays, poems, and journals 1824-1849, n.d.**  
**Huntington, Susan Butler**
  - b. 49 f. 5      **Scrapbook contents**
- b. 49 f. 6-7      **Trip to Bermuda 1925**
- b. 49 f. 8      **Trip to Germany 1932**
- b. 49 f. 9      **Huntington, Theresa Reynolds bible stories Undated**
- b. 50 f. 1      **Huntington, William Reed I 1862-1883, n.d.**
- b. 50 f. 2      **Phillips, Wendell (1811-1884, uncle of Theresa Reynolds Huntington) 1884, 1903**  
**Reynolds, Edward (1793-1881, father of Theresa Reynolds Huntington)**
- b. 50 f. 3      **German hymns (handwritten translation) 1874**
- b. 51 f. 1      **German hymns (handwritten translation) 1874**
- b. 51 f. 2      **Reminiscences and Letters 1931, n.d.**

**Series V. Smith family 1787-1988 (5 boxes)**

The bulk of these papers consist of deeds and/or maps for properties eventually purchased by Judge John Lawrence Smith or members of his family in Smithtown and adjacent townships on Long Island, New York. There are also a few deeds and/or plans for properties in New York City. The earliest deed is dated 1791.

Letters to James Clinch Smith (the son of Judge John Lawrence Smith who perished on the Titanic) are included in this series. Most of these, which are from the years 1908-1912, are of a business or organizational nature, but there are letters from James Clinch's wife, Bertha Barnes Smith (filed under S). She was living in Paris at the time, and in some of these letters, she describes her illness and lack of money.

Also included in the Smith papers are the related names of Haight, Stewart and White. Sarah Haight was the first cousin of Judge John Lawrence Smith. She traveled extensively and had her travel writings published in the book *Letters from the Old World*. Her letters contain fascinating detail about her travels in 1836 and 1837.

The White papers include a copy of letter from Stanford White to Prescott Hall Butler, mortgage bond signed by Stanford White, articles on Stanford White's murder, and a writing by Lawrence White (Stanford's son) on the history of Smithtown.

**Correspondence**

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically, with outgoing letters listed before incoming.

- b. 51 f. 3      **General 1845-1885**  
**Smith, James Clinch (1856-1912) (letters received) 1908-1912, n.d.**  
Includes mostly business and organization related letters
- b. 51 f. 4      **A- D**
- b. 51 f. 5      **F-O**
- b. 52 f. 1      **P-S**
- b. 52 f. 2      **T-Z**

**Financial and legal papers**

- b. 76 f. 4      **Smith, Emily L.L.-- Property Map 1834**
  - o. 1      **Smith, Beatrice Biddle 1922**  
Map of property sold to Martin Taylor in St. James, New York.

Series V. Smith family (cont.)  
Financial and legal papers (cont.)

**Smith, James Clinch**

b. 52 f. 3-5      **General** 1875-1906, n.d.

b. 52 f. 6      **Estate** 1891-1913

**Smith, John Lawrence (1816-1889)**

b. 53 f. 1-4      **Deeds** 1787-1939

b. 54 f. 1      **Receipt book** 1842

b. 77 f. 4      **Smith, Richard-- Land Deeds and Maps** 1791-1914

**Personal papers**

**Haight, Sarah Rogers (First cousin of John Lawrence Smith)**

b. 54 f. 1      **General** Undated  
Includes a biography and photographs

b. 54 f. 3-4      **Letters from Europe and Asia** Undated

b. 54 f. 5      **Letters from the Old World** 1840

b. 54 f. 6      **Travels of Sarah R. Haight through Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Bohemia, Bavaria, Prussia, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia** 1836-1837

These letters were supposed to be published by Harpers but never were. This book was compiled and edited for Susan Butler Huntington in 1953.

b. 77 f. 6      **Maps of Smithtown, N.Y** 1900-1920

b. 55 f. 1      **Miscellaneous** 1927, 1988, n.d.  
Includes Smithtown etc. postcards, newspaper article

b. 55 f. 2      **Smith, John Lawrence** 1876, n.d.

b. 75 f. 9      **Smith, Richard sketches** 1842, n.d.

**Stewart, Alexander Turney (Uncle of Cornelia Smith Butler)**

b. 55 f. 3-5      **Clippings**  
Clippings pertain to his death, estate, and business. Also includes illustrated clippings about his life.

b. 55 f. 6      **Cornerstone laying ceremony program** 1879  
In honor of A.T. Stewart

b. 76 f. 5      **Property and Street Map** 1934

b. 55 f. 7      **White Family** 1904-1987, n.d.  
Includes copy of letter from Stanford White to Prescott Hall Butler, mortgage bond signed by Stanford White, newspaper articles on Stanford White's murder, and a writing by Lawrence White (Stanford's son) on the history of Smithtown

**White, Lawrence**

**Series VI. Photographs 1850-1990 (16 boxes)**

The upper-class social and domestic arrangements in New York City, Long Island, and Massachusetts in the second half of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century are well-documented through the photos in this series. This series is divided into three sub-series including files, photo albums, and daguerreotypes.

Series VI. Photographs (cont.)

Files

The photo files are listed alphabetically, by name and/or location. In addition to many portraits of the family members, numerous photos were taken at the various vacation homes of the Butlers and Huntingtons in Long Island and Massachusetts, including Bytharbour in Long Island, NY; 22 Park Avenue in New York City designed by Stanford White; and Stanford and Bessie White's home, Box Hill in Long Island, NY. There are also pictures of them traveling to various other places and aboard the yachts *Shamrock*, *Marguerite*, and *Majestic*.

Some other points of interest within the photo files are pictures of Francis Huntington's dorm room at Harvard and photos of him with the troops when he was serving in the Spanish American War.

- b. 55 f. 8      **Beacon Hill Boston 1911, n.d.**
- Butler**
- b. 55 f. 9      **Charles E** ca. 1850s-1890s
- Charles Stewart**
- b. 56 f. 1      **Branglebrink Farm, St. James, L.I** 1930s-1950s
- b. 56 f. 2-3      **Miscellaneous** ca. 1900-1950s
- b. 74 f. 1      **Miscellaneous** ca.1900-1950s
- b. 56 f. 4      **Cornelia Smith** 1882-1911, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 2      **Cornelia Smith** Undated
- Lawrence Smith**
- b. 56 f. 5      **Miscellaneous** 1876-1951, n.d.  
Includes photo of relief of Lawrence and his brother Charles made by Augustus St. Gaudens
- b. 57 f. 1      **Miscellaneous** 1876-1951, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 3      **Miscellaneous** Undated
- b. 57 f. 2      **Squash Court, St. James, L.I** ca. 1920s
- b. 74 f. 4      **Louisa Clinch**
- b. 57 f. 3-4      **Miscellaneous** 1864-1909, n.d.  
Includes photos of Lucy, Henry, Rebecca, Virginia, Helen, Rosalie, Max, etc.
- Prescott Hall**
- b. 57 f. 5      **22 Park Avenue** Undated  
Pictures of interior and exterior.
- b. 57 f. 6-7      **Bytharbour** 1897, n.d.  
Mostly photos of exterior and grounds. There is one photo of interior. There are also some photos of Prescott Hall Butler and one of Lawrence Smith Butler at the estate.
- b. 74 f. 5      **Bytharbour** ca. 1920
- b. 58 f. 1      **Miscellaneous** 1889-1896, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 6      **Miscellaneous** Undated
- b. 58 f. 2      **New York City street photos** 1885, n.d.  
Includes photos of Ulysses S. Grant's funeral taken from the New York City home of Prescott and Cornelia Butler.
- b. 58 f. 3-4      **Yachts** 1897-1899, n.d.  
Includes photos of Prescott Hall Butler, Susan Butler Huntington (his daughter), and Lawrence White (his nephew and son of Stanford White) on yachts *Shamrock* and *Marguerite*
- b. 58 f. 5      **Susan Sedgwick** ca. 1860s, n.d.  
Also includes pictures of she and Charles E. Butler's sons Charley and Robert, who died as children

Series VI. Photographs (cont.)  
Files (cont.)

- b. 74 f. 7 Choate, Joseph 1899
- b. 58 f. 6 Clinch 1871-1906  
Includes photos of Charles, James, and Anne
- b. 74 f. 8 Cooke, Josiah Parsons Undated
- b. 58 f. 7 Emmett Undated  
Devereux Emmet married Ella Smith (sister of Cornelia Smith Butler)
- b. 58 f. 8 Fenno ca. 1892
- b. 59 f. 1 Garden City, Long Island 1877-1899
- b. 59 f. 2 Haight, David (son of Sarah Haight) Undated
- Huntington
  - Francis Cleveland II
- b. 59 f. 3 Fishing trip to Canada 1909
- b. 59 f. 4 Hubbs Hill, St. James, L.I 1905-1961
- b. 59 f. 5-6 Miscellaneous 1885-1911  
Includes photos of dorm room at Harvard and x-ray photograph of FCH's hand with buckshot in it
- b. 59 f. 7 Spanish American War/ military ca. 1897-1899
- b. 60 f. 1 Margaret (Madge) 1894-1916, n.d.
- b. 60 f. 2 Miscellaneous ca. 1850- 1880s, n.d.  
Includes Hannah Hinckley, Elisha, and Theresa Reynolds
- b. 60 f. 3-4 Prescott, William and Christopher 1905-1989, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 9 Prescott, William and Christopher ca. 1917
- b. 60 f. 5-6 Susan Butler 1884-ca.1950s, n.d.
- b. 61 f. 1 William Reed 1904-1908, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 10 Linwood Undated
- b. 61 f. 2 Linwood and Stockbridge, Massachusetts Undated  
Includes home of Charles E. Butler and family gravestones
- Miscellaneous
  - b. 61 f. 3-4 Friends and relatives 1866-1907, n.d.
  - b. 61 f. 5 Houses 1852, 1933, n.d.
  - b. 61 f. 6-7 Places 1892-1899, n.d.  
Includes small picture of the Statue of Liberty from 1897 and pictures from Venice
  - b. 62 f. 1 Nichols House, Salem, Massachusetts 1913, n.d.
  - b. 62 f. 2 Phillips, Wendell Undated
  - Reynolds
    - b. 62 f. 3 Miriam (sister of Theresa Reynolds Huntington) 1904, n.d.
    - b. 62 f. 4 Miscellaneous 1887, 1898, n.d.
    - b. 62 f. 5 Smith Family 1857-1908, n.d.
    - b. 62 f. 6 Smithtown 1941, n.d.  
Includes news article 1941
    - b. 77 f. 7 St. James, N.Y 1930s  
Aerial photographs; some photographs are annotated with Huntington, Smith, and Butler family property locations.
    - b. 62 f. 7 Stewart, Alexander Turney (Uncle of Cornelia Smith Butler) Undated

Series VI. Photographs (cont.)  
Files (cont.)

**Swann**

- b. 62 f. 8      **John Butler** 1895-1986, n.d.
- b. 74 f. 11      **Mrs. Swann's residence** Undated
- b. 62 f. 9      **Thompson Cousins (With Huntingtons)** 1908
- b. 62 f. 10      **White Family/ Box Hill Residence, St. James, Long Island** 1890-1990  
Includes picture of Bessie Smith White, Lawrence Grant White and family. Also includes picture of large family Thanksgiving dinner at Box Hill
- b. 74 f. 12      **White Family/Box Hill Residence, St. James, Long Island** ca. 1900

**Woodhull**

Includes a letter and article

- b. 74 f. 13      **Elizabeth** Undated
- b. 62 f. 11      **Memorial** 1951
- b. 74 f. 14      **Unidentified** Undated

**Albums**

The Butlers are also well-represented in the photo albums, especially Lawrence, Charles S. and Susan Butler Huntington. Many of the photo albums were compiled by the three and they are also present in albums of their father, Prescott Hall Butler. Like the files, the albums have many photos of the families at their vacation homes in Long Island on their yachts, and traveling abroad.

Three of the photo albums represent the older generations of the Huntingtons. They belonged to Francis Cleveland Huntington II and his mother Theresa Reynolds Huntington. It is unclear who owned the other, but it also contains portraits of the Huntingtons, presumably from the mid 1800s. The other Huntington photo albums are from later dates and belong to Susan Butler Huntington and are primarily of her travels and her children.

**Butler**

**Butler, Charles E**

children, 2nd wife, grandsons and others

- b. 63  
v. 1-2      **ca. 1860s-1870s (2 albums)**
- b. 64 f. 1      **ca. 1873**

**Butler, Charles S**

- b. 64  
v. 1      **ca. 1899-1920s**  
Mostly in Long Island, also pictures of Aunts Virginia and Helen in Stockbridge

- b. 64  
v. 2-3      **ca. 1900-1910s (2 albums)**  
Includes photographs of Bytharbor and other Long Island properties. Also includes many pictures of family members and various events.  
Includes list of photos at beginning of album

- b. 65  
v. 1      **ca. 1930s**

- b. 73  
v. 1      **ca. 1950s**  
Branglebrink farm and house and garden in St. James, Long Island.  
Also includes loose photos, postcards, brochures and other travel ephemera

- b. 65  
v. 2      **Butler, Cornelia Smith** ca. 1850s-1860s  
Includes list of photos in album

**Butler, Lawrence Smith**

Mostly travel photos

- b. 66  
v. 1      **ca. 1920s**
- b. 66  
v. 2      **ca. 1920s-1940s**

Series VI. Photographs (cont.)

Albums (cont.)

Butler (cont.)

Butler, Prescott Hall

- b. 66 ca. 1880s-1890s
- v. 3 Jekyll Island and St. James, NY
- b. 67 ca. 1891
- v. 1 Album of Bytharbour photos put together for Prescott by son Lawrence
- b. 67 Undated
- v. 2 Photos of St. James residence and Box Hill

Huntington

- b. 67 Huntington, Francis Cleveland ca. 1860-1870s, n.d.
- v. 3

Huntington, Susan Butler

- b. 68 1896-1897
- v. 1 Travel photos from yacht "Majestic" and in France and Italy
- b. 68 1897-1898
- v. 2 Travel photos from yacht "Shamrock" and on Jekyll Island, and in Florida
- b. 68 1900-1901
- v. 3 Bytharbour and Squam Lake, New Hampshire
- b. 69 1905-1910
- v. 1 Photos of her children
- b. 69 1910-1917
- v. 2 Photos of her children
- b. 69 Huntington, Theresa Reynolds Undated
- v. 3
- b. 70 Miscellaneous ca. 1860s-1870s
- v. 1

Daguerreotypes

There are ten daguerreotypes that include pictures of Butlers, Clinches, William Reed Huntington as a child, and some miscellaneous photos. Although some of these are undated, it can be assumed that most are from the 1840s-1860s.

Butler

- b. 72 f. 1 Cornelia Smith ca. 1850
- b. 72 f. 2 Louisa Clinch ca. 1840s
- b. 72 f. 3 Susan Sedgwick with son Charles ca. 1860

Clinch

- b. 72 f. 4 Ann Nicoll ca. 1850-1870
- b. 72 f. 5 Charles and James 1830s-1850s
- b. 72 f. 6 Huntington, William Reed ca. 1848

Miscellaneous

- b. 72 f. 7 MacKubin, Florence undated
- b. 72 f. 8 Unknown Man undated
- A note on the folder states it may be Jacob Clinch, but this is unlikely because of time period it had to have been taken in
- b. 72 f. 9 Unknown Man undated
- A note states this may be John or Lawrence Smith, or possibly a Clinch
- b. 72 f. 10 Unknown Woman undated
- Found in Charles P. Clinch's papers

**Series VII. Genealogical Papers 1846-1987 (2 boxes)**

The genealogical papers are arranged alphabetically by family name. Most of the information consists of notes taken on pieces of paper by various family members. This series also includes a rough draft copy of a book "Butler and Allied Families" which was compiled by Charles Stewart Butler in the 1950s. It gives a comprehensive overview of many of the members of the Butler and related families. There is also correspondence between Madge Huntington Cooper and family members regarding the Butler-Huntington-Smith collection.

- b. 70 f. 1-4 **Butler 1846-1948, n.d.**
  - o. 1 **Butler 1955**  
Map of the property of the late Charles S. Butler, Esq. in St. James, New York.
- b. 75 f. 10 **Butler Coat of Arms Undated**
- b. 71 f. 1 **Clinch Undated**
- b. 71 f. 2 **Cooper, Madge Huntington 1978-1987, n.d.**  
Includes correspondence with family members re: Butler-Huntington-Smith collection
- b. 71 f. 3 **Huntington 1909-1930, 1984, n.d.**
- b. 71 f. 4 **Miscellaneous Undated**  
**Smith**
- b. 75 f. 11 **Coat of Arms Undated**
- b. 71 f. 5 **Miscellaneous 1894, 1927, n.d.**
- b. 71 f. 6-7 **Nicoll and Woodhull 1890-1940, n.d.**
- b. 77 f. 5 **Series VIII. Davis family 1787-1809 (1 folder)**

This series contains land deeds and a map concerning property owned by Phineas Davis (d. circa 1797) and his family in Islip and Smithtown, New York.