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A Guide to the Robert Hancock Hunter Collection 1834-1955 Collection 118

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Robert Hancock Hunter, William P. Burke
Title:	Robert Hancock Hunter Collection
Dates:	1834-1955
Abstract:	The papers of Texas Revolutionary veteran Robert Hancock Hunter span four generations of the Hunter-Burke family. R. H. Hunter (1813-1901) was a one of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" settlers and served as a soldier throughout the Texas Revolution. Of note in this collection is his 1884 handwritten memoir. Hunter's daughter, Mary Martha, married William Burke and this collection also contains family papers collected and preserved by R. H. Hunter's grandson, W. P. Burke, and great-grandson, Robert J. (Bob) Burke.
Identification:	Collection 118
Extent:	2 boxes, 1 map case folder (1 linear foot)
Language:	English
Repository:	The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

Biographical Sketches

Robert Hancock Hunter (1813-1901)

Robert Hancock Hunter was born on May 1, 1813, in Circleville, Ohio, the fourth of the fourteen children of Mary Martha (née Harbert) and Dr. Johnson Calhoun Hunter. The family moved to Texas in March 1822. Johnson Hunter had eleven children, including Robert Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, William, and Thaddeus Warsaw Hunter. Robert H. Hunter is best known for his memoir, *The Narrative of Robert H. Hunter, 1813-1902*, which recounts his military service during the Texas Revolution. The memoir also recounts how Dr. Johnson C. Hunter traded with the Veramendi family of San Antonio, Texas, in the early 1820s and moved his family to Texas to become one of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" colonists. The memoir describes the family's arrival at Galveston and settlement on the Texas coast near present day Harris and Fort Bend counties.

Hunter's military service began with his participation in the Grass Fight and the Siege of Bexar in 1835. In the spring of 1836, he joined James R. Perry's command in a futile attempt to join William B. Travis's command at the Alamo. Hunter's group then joined General Houston's army during the retreat from Gonzales to Harrisburg. Ordered to guard the baggage at Harrisburg during the Battle of San Jacinto, Hunter afterwards reclaimed a bit of glory by helping guard the captured Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

Following the Revolution, Hunter left the military to return to farming and stock-raising in Fort Bend County. In 1841 he married Samirah M. Beard. The Hunters had seven children. In 1850 he and his family moved to Victoria where he wrote his memoir. The original manuscript of the *Narrative* is in the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin, Texas.

In 1880, Robert moved to Flatonia, Texas, where he lived until his death in 1901.

William Burke (1835-1927)

Robert H. Hunter's daughter, Mary Martha (1842-1903), married William Burke in 1865. William's parents, James Burke (1797-1873) and Martha Ogden Burke (1805-1897), migrated to Texas in 1845 from Arkansas and settled in Fayette County in 1850, where they farmed. One of

eleven children, William was born in Arkansas around 1835. He fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war, he resumed farming in Fayette County, Texas, where he died in 1927.

William Pinkney Burke (1867-1951)

William Pinkney “Pink” Burke was the grandson Robert H. Hunter. Born on July 13, 1867, in Flatonia, Texas, W.P. Burke was the second child of Mary Martha and William Burke. He had two brothers, Robert J. and Edward M.

Raised on his father’s farm in Fayette County, Texas, W.P. Burke worked for some period around 1890 in Hallettsville, Texas. He lived in Ellendale, Louisiana, before his marriage to Rosa Eells Jackson (1874-1954) of Assumption, Louisiana, on February 14, 1900. (Based on notations in these papers, Rosa’s nickname may have been “Binnie.”). The W.P. Burkes lived in Louisiana, where all their children were born, until at least 1908. Those children were: Robert J. (b. 1902), Ringold Dudley (1903-1934), Dorothy (1905-1989), and Valerie (1907-1994). Valerie was born at Rebecca Plantation, just north of Houma, Louisiana.

Around 1915, the Burkes moved to San Antonio, Texas, where W.P. worked as a custodian for the United States Army’s Eighth Corps Area. His career ended in the mid-1930s when he became disabled. He died in San Antonio in 1951 of coronary thrombosis and is buried in the city’s San Fernando Cemetery #3.

Others

In addition to material from William and W.P. Burke, the Burke Family papers contain material from W.P.’s: grandfather James, brother Robert J., brother Edward M., and son Robert J. (“Bob”) Burke. There is also material from Bob Burke’s family. Bob Burke married Edith Perkins (b. 1903) and had two children: William E. (b. 1931) and Virginia (1933-1995).

Other names that appear in the Burke Family papers include: Lewis Beard (a Hunter in-law), Joysina Walker (William’s sister-in-law), Jonathan Burke, cousins B. W. Cooke and Mamie Richardson.

Scope and Content Notes

The papers of Texas Revolutionary veteran Robert Hancock Hunter actually span four generations of the Hunter-Burke family. R.H. Hunter (1813-1901) was a one of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" settlers and served as a soldier throughout the Texas Revolution. His daughter Mary Martha married William Burke and this collection contains papers collected and preserved by R.H. Hunter's grandson, W.P. Burke, and great-grandson, Robert J. (Bob) Burke. The collection was purchased at auction in 2010.

This collection contains multiple versions of R.H. Hunter's memoir, published in 1936 as *The Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter, 1813-1902*. (Note: The original manuscript of the *Narrative* is in the Texas State Archives. The Briscoe Center for American History has a Hunter diary. Another diary by Hunter, concerning local weather in Flatonia Texas for the years 1884-1895, is in the Baylor University Library). In addition, there are papers relating to other Hunter family business and of four generations of the Burke family.

The papers are divided into four series: *The Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter*; Hunter Family Papers; Burke Family Papers; and Oversize Material. The period covered is from 1834 to roughly the mid-twentieth century, with the bulk of the material from the late nineteenth century through the 1930s. The majority of the material consists of the correspondence and business papers of the Hunter and Burke families in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Series I: *The Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter, 1813-1902*

Boxes 1

There are four versions of Hunter's narrative. Three were penned by Robert Hancock Hunter (*The Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter, 1813-1902*), and one by his brother, Thomas J. Hunter. Of note is the stenograph pad with an unpublished, 1884 handwritten version of R. H. Hunter's memoir. Material found in this version absent from the memoir's published version includes: Hunter's education; cholera; how a Mexican Catholic's reading of the Bible led to a career as a type-setter for printer Gail Borden; farm work (well-digging, brick-making; yoke mending); fights with Indians; and an incident of drunkenness.

Series II: The Hunter Family Papers, 1846-1936, and undated
Box 1

The Hunter Family Papers are arranged in six subseries: Correspondence Relating to the Hunter Family History; Other Correspondence; Business and Legal Material; Pension Application of R.H. Hunter; Photographs; and Printed Material.

The bulk of the correspondence contains letters that relate to the family's history. In several letters to his brothers and to Andrew Jackson Sowell, R.H. Hunter continues to discuss the particulars of his memoirs, almost to the end of his life. Other letters from Hunter to Sowell discuss a fight with Indians at Richmond, Texas and Dr. Johnson Hunter. There are two letters from Texas General Land Agent T.L. Wren discussing military service in the Texas Revolution. One letter comments on Hunter's tale of how he obtained the rifle he used during his military service.

Other Correspondence includes a letter written by Dr. Johnson C. Hunter, dated 1846 and describing the hardships of life in the Republic of Texas. Other letters in this group discuss life and events during the Civil War.

Business and Legal Documents cover fifty years of business and legal transactions of the Hunter family. The papers include store ledgers, land deeds, and contracts. There are several land tax receipts and an 1855 receipt for the purchase of oxen.

Pension Application of R. H. Hunter includes a list of his service dates and commands in support of his application for a pension for service in the Texas Revolutionary Army. This matter supplements the information about his service in the *Narrative* and various letters. One of the supporting documents is in the Oversized Folder.

Photographs include three images – two of the four Hunter brothers (R.H., T.J., William., and T.W.) posed together and with their families. R.H. is presumed to be among the Veterans of the Texas Revolution reunion who were photographed as a group at their reunion in Belton, Texas, around 1883.

Printed Material contains: a poem of unknown provenance, a handwritten list of Texas Navy Commodores, a note about an item in the Atlanta Constitution newspaper, and an invitation to the San Jacinto Monument dedication in 1900.

**Series III: The Burke Family Papers, 1834-1955, and undated,
Box 2 and oversize**

The Burke Family Papers span 1834-1955 and is arranged in in five subseries: Correspondence; Business and Legal Materials; W.P. Burke Pension Material; Genealogy; and Photographs.

Correspondence is divided into three sections: William P. Burke; William Burke; and R.J. Burke and Others. The William P. Burke correspondence spans 1890-1935 and contains letters to and from W.P. Burke. An 1890 letter to his father reveals that W.P. worked in Hallettsville, Tx., at an unspecified job. Another letter reveals that W.P. Burke was a Mason. Several letters written to W.P. on the letterhead of a Flatonia, Texas, back to W.P. provide information about E.M. Burke's occupation. A 1935 letter to W.P. from his son Robert J. (Bob) describes Bob's life working in the Civilian Conservation Corps forestry camp in Ellsinore, Missouri.

The William Burke Correspondence spans 1890-1918, and his correspondence consists of letters to and from his brothers and cousins, most containing family news. And finally, the R.J. Burke and Others Correspondence span 1921-1929 and include two telegrams in 1929 to Bob Burke regarding a ring and a 1921 letter of unknown authorship to "Bob and Thelma" with relationship advice. Bob Burke was listed as divorced on the 1930 U.S. Census, so the reference to Thelma in the 1921 letter may be to his first wife.

Business and Legal Material is divided into four sections: W.P. Burke; William Burke; James Burke; and Other Business Records. The Business and Legal material of W.P. Burke spans 1897-1955 and includes deeds and letters relating to a company called the Flatonia Oil Prospect. During World War I, W.P. Burke and his spouse conveyed or leased land to that company. A few years later, the land was re-conveyed to the Burkes. Correspondence indicates that W.P. Burke sought an explanation for the company's failure to fulfill its contractual obligations.

William Burke's Business and Legal material spans 1845-1892 and contains tax receipts, accounts ledgers, and a school tuition receipt during the period 1845 to 1890. There is also a summons from an 1892 lawsuit against William by a Fayette County, Texas, bank.

James Burke was W.P. Burke's grandfather, and his business and legal materials span 1834-1865. It contains the collection's oldest item - an 1834 letter to James Burke from planter Benjamin Ogden [possibly a relative of James' wife] trying to secure a loan. County tax receipts show that James Burke had property in Union County Arkansas in the 1840s. A receipt for Confederate money and an 1865 receipt for 72 pounds of bacon provide some information about commercial transactions in Confederate Texas.

This collection also contains a few other business records between 1910-1922.

Material relating to the Pension application of W.P. Burke spans 1931-1936. W. P. Burke applied for a pension from the federal government based on his employment as a custodian for the U.S. Army 8th Corps Area in San Antonio. The documents include letters in support of his application from his doctor and a business acquaintance.

Burke-Hunter Families Genealogy Materials dates from circa 1900. In November 1900, R. H. Hunter wrote a Hunter family genealogy for his grandson W.P. Burke and his wife "Binnie," probably nickname for Rosa Jackson Burke, who had just married W.P. There are also genealogies are for the families of Dr. Johnson Hunter, Jonathan Hunter, and Paul Pressler Burke.

The Burke photographs contain portraits and group photographs of W.P. Burke's parents, his brothers and their wives, his children, and his grandchildren. There are several unidentified portraits and group photographs. Most of the photographs date from the first half of the twentieth century.

Printed Material spans 1903-1955 and includes several wedding invitations for Burke-affiliated couples who married in Texas and Louisiana before World War I. Also included is an invitation to W. Lee O'Daniel's 1939 inauguration as governor of Texas.

Series IV: Oversize Material, 1935 and undated
Map Case Drawer 23

Oversized items include photographs, a certificate, and a broadsheet. Many of these are a part of earlier series but are housed here due to size.

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Container List

Series I: Robert Hancock Hunter Narrative, 1884, 1893, 1900, 1936

Box Folder

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| 1 | | Stenographic pad with handwritten version of R.H. Hunter's Narrative, 1884, unpublished, 110 pages. This handwritten manuscript includes details not found in the 1936 published version and describes Hunter's life in pre- and post-revolutionary Texas. (Note: Very fragile - access is by permission only) |
| 1 | 1 | "Narrative of Robert Hancock Hunter," 1936, pamphlet-size edition, edited by Beulah G. Green. First published version of Hunter's memoir.

Narrative of Thomas J. Hunter (Robert's brother), dated March 2, 1893, unpublished, 4 pages.

R.H. Hunter to A.J. Sowell, letter including memoir, 24 pages, April 26, 1900 |

Series II: Hunter Family Papers, 1839-1900, undated,

Box Folder

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| 1 | 2 | <u>Correspondence, 1884-1900</u>

March 14, 1884, 2 pages, from R.H. Hunter to T.W. Hunter
March 30, 1884, 5 pages, from R. H. Hunter to his brother T.W. Hunter, with a fragment part of an undated San Antonio newspaper clipping
June 28, 1889, 2 pages, from William Hunter to his brother Robert H. Hunter
September 1891, from Texas General Land Agent T.L. Wren to R. H. Hunter
April 10, 1892, from R. H. Hunter to T.W Hunter
December 14, 1893, 5 pages, from Robert H. Hunter to T.J. Hunter
January 31, 1894, from Texas General Land agent T.L. Wren to Robert H. Hunter
October 6, 1894, 11 pages, from Robert H. Hunter to T.J. Hunter
December 3, 1894 from R.W. Lay to his uncle Robert H. Hunter |
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Series II: Hunter Family Papers

Box Folder

1 2 Correspondence, continued

April 2, 1900, from William Hunter to R.H. Hunter

May 3, 1900, 2 pages, from R.H. Hunter to Andrew Jackson Sowell

May 13, 1900, from R.H. Hunter to Andrew Jackson Sowell

August 15, 1900, from Texas General Land Agent T.L. Wren to R.H. Hunter

1 3 Other Correspondence, 1846-1890 (1846-1890)

September 30, 1846, from Johnson Hunter

June 18, 1864, probably from William Hunter to R.H. Hunter

August 18, 1864, from William Hunter to "Bro Thomas"

January 8, 1865, 3 pages, from William Hunter to "Dear Sir" [R.H. Hunter]

April 15, 1865, 3 pages, from T. L Menefee to "Esteemed Friend" [R.H. Hunter]

March 27, 1890, from R.H. Hunter to A. Faulkner

November 16, 1890, from R.H. Hunter to neighbor Mrs. Mary Lockett

1 4 Business and Legal Materials, 1839-1900

Receipt, April 20, 1839, from Bastrop County Surveyor to Johnson Hunter

Contract, January 10, 1849, 2 pages, between R.H. Hunter and Pleasant

McNally re: sale of land

Store ledger 1850 entries signed on July 19, 1851 by Thomas D. Johnson in Seguin, Texas.

Deed, January 1, 1851, 2 pages, from R.H. Hunter to Joseph Traber

Letter, May 2, 1855, from Edward Tips to Mr. Beard, re: sale of oxen

Receipt, April 21, 1856 for county tax from L.A. Sanders to R.H Hunter for \$1.57

Receipt, March 5, 1868, from B. White to R.H. Hunter, for newspaper

Letter, March 24, 1881, from H.H Frost to R. H. Hunter, re: taxes due

Deed, February 11, 1882, from R.H. Hunter to W.H. Allen in 400 acres of land in Fayette Co., Tx.

Deed, April 16, 1883, from R.H Hunter to Jessie Legett for 10 acres land in Guadalupe County for \$150

Legal document, May 1, 1885, regarding the case styled: *E.B Noble vs. R.H. Hunter*

Series II: Hunter Family Papers

Box Folder

- 1 4 Business and Legal Materials, continued
- Court order, February 2, 1886, 2 pages, ordering that a lot be given to R.H. Hunter
- Note with partial date of 188__, signed by E.A. Burns, Lee County Tax Assessor Receipt, February 2, 1899, for tax payment of \$0.63 from Daniel B. Frazier (real estate and insurance broker) to R.H. Hunter.
- 1 5 Pension application of R.H. Hunter, circa 1883
- Application of Robert H. Hunter for a pension for service in the Texas Revolutionary, March 28, 1883
- Document, "A Bill for Pension," undated, supporting R.H. Hunter's application
- List of R.H. Hunter's service dates and commands during the Texas Revolution, 2 pages, signed by R.H. Hunter [Located in the Oversized Folder]
- Statement of service in Texas Revolution signed by R.H. Hunter
- 1 6 Photographs, circa 1883, undated
- Photograph, undated, of the four Hunter brothers. Seated, left to right, Thomas J. Hunter and Robert H. Hunter; standing, left to right, William Hunter and Thaddeus W. Hunter
- Photograph, undated, of the four Hunter brothers and their families.
- Photograph, ca.1883, Reunion of the Veterans of the 1836 Texas Revolution, Belton, Tx.
- 1 7 Printed matter, 1900, undated
- Invitation to the dedication of the San Jacinto Monument, 1900
- Poem, undated, handwritten, with notations "Joysina Amanda Hunter" and "Victoria, Texas"
- Poem, undated, handwritten notation that it was copied from the Atlanta Constitution newspaper
- List by R.H. Hunter of the names of the Commodores of the Texas Navy

Series III: Burke Family Papers, 1834-1955, undated

Box Folder

2 1 Correspondence - William Pinkney Burke (1890-1943)

- July 5, 1890, from W.P. Burke on letterhead of Burke and Knecht Pharmacy, Sweet Home, Tx., to his father William Burke, re: working in Hallettsville, Tx.
- March 30, 1903, from W.P. Burke at Rebecca Plantation, La., to his father William Burke, re: family news
- 1911, from Kettie to W.P. Burke (postcard)
- February 4, 1912, from Kettie to W.P. Burke (postcard)
- September 17, 1917, 2 pages, from T.E. Wright to W.P. Burke on U.S.P.O. letterhead, re: business conditions in Houma, La.
- June 11, 1922, from Bill and Kate to W.P. Burke (postcard)
- May 11, 1925, from Nelson Blackburn, re: dues for Masonic Lodge membership
- October 16, 1930, from Aunt Joe to W.P. Burke
- November 18, 1930, from E.M. Burke (brother) to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- October 29, 1932, from E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- May 5, 1933, from E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- June 27, 1933, 3 pages, from J.P. Cooke to W.P. Burke
- November 18, 1933, from E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- November 20, 1933, from E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- March 23, 1934, from E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke, re: family news
- November 7, 1934, from Harry Pennington to W.P. Burke
- January 14, 1935, from R.J. Burke to W.P. Burke and spouse, re: life in Ellsinor Forestry Camp in Missouri.
- September 4, 1935, 2 pages, from W.D. Hutchinson to W.P. Burke
- December 21, 1935, from Robert Burke to W.P. Burke
- April 2, 1942, from Clarence to Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Burke
- March 10, 1943, from R.C. Jackson to Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Burke
- June 1, 1943, from Anna Clare to W.P. Burke (postcard)
- Christmas greeting to Mrs. Pinkney Burke (postcard)
- Postcard addressed to Mrs. Pinkney Burke, New Orleans, La.
- undated, from J.F. Mansfield to W.P. Burke
- undated, from E.M. Burke on Flatonia National Farm Loan Association letterhead to W.P. Burke
- Envelope, undated, with Notation: "Binnie's mother and brother Henry"

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 2 Correspondence - William Burke, 1890-1918

December 5, 1890, sent from Rebecca Plantation to "Cousin Will" (fragment)
December 7, 1890, at "Schriever," addressed to William Burke
December 16, 1890, from B.W. Cooke to William Burke, re: family news
September 12, 1891, 2 pages, from U.C. Craig of El Dorado, Ark., to his cousin
William Burke
July 20, 1918, 2 pages, from T. Burke to his brother William Burke,
undated, from B.W. Cooke (fragment)
Envelope, postmarked "Ellendale, La.," addressed to William Burke

2 3 Correspondence - R.J. Burke and others, 1921-1929

1921, 2 pages, from T. O'Riley to Bob and Thelma re: marriage
September 8, 1924, to Mr. and Mr. R.J. Burke
December 2, 1929, from R.J. Burke to Thelma Stevens re: sale of ring
December 17, 1929, from Thelma to R.J. Burke re: sale of ring (telegram)

2 4 Business and Legal - W.P. Burke, 1897-1955

Certificate, January 23, 1897, from the sheriff of Terrebonne Parish, Houma, La.
Appointing W.P. Burke as a deputy sheriff
Bank bond, July 10, 1907, payable to W.P. Burke
Receipt, July 10, 1909, for bond valued at \$900 plus interest payable to W.P.
Burke
Letter, December 6, 1911, from J.Y. Send, candidate for U.S. Senate to W.P.
Burke
Certificate, October 12, 1911, from the Governor of Louisiana appointing W.P.
Burke of Ellendale, La. as the Louisiana delegate to the 31st Annual
Session of the Farmers National Congress.
Deed, February 12, 1915, 2 pages, from W.P. Burke and spouse to A.P. Sale
Deed, unsigned, June 24, 1915, multiple pages, from W.P. Burke and spouse to
E.G. Cowdin et al. (3 versions) [Note: see February 10, 1919,
reconveyance to Burkes infra]
Trustees Sale, May 25, 1918, from Trustee E.M. Burke to W.P. Burke and spouse
Deed, February 10, 1919, from E.G. Cowdin to W.P. Burke and spouse

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 4 Business and Legal - W.P. Burke, continued

Letter, February 15, 1920, from F.F. Hunter to A.M. Butts, re: drilling oil well
Letter, July 16, 1920, from H. Hurr to C.D. Krause, re: Flatonia Oil Prospect with a memorandum listing the company's assets
Letter, September 4, 1920, from C.D. Krause to W.P. Burke, re: Flatonia Oil Prospect
Letter, May 16, 1922, from unknown person to F.F. Hunter, re: oil lease
Letter, May 29, 1922, from F.F. Hunter to H. D. Ballenger, re: assignment of oil and gas lease
Letter, December 13, 1922, from John Knox to W.P. Burke, re: land sale
Letter, January 23, 1935, from Minneapolis, MN., Mayor H.G. Bainbridge to W.P. Burke, re: inquiry about insurance company
Certificate, April 22, 1936, showing W.P. Burke owned a share of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Rome, Ga.
Envelope, August 19, 1937, addressed to W.P. Burke from Franklin Spears, District No. 26 of San Antonio, Senate Chamber, Austin, Tx.
Deed certificate, unsigned, January 4, 1955, labeled "Klondike Big Inch Land Co., Inc."
Envelope, undated, with notation "Deed to Returned Lots from Flatonia Oil Prospect" written on front

2 5 Business and Legal - William Burke, 1845-1892

Tax receipt, April 29, 1845, from Gonzales County, Texas, to William Burke
Tax receipt, May 5, 1851, from Guadalupe County Texas to Lewis Beard
Tax receipt, February 2, 1852, from Guadalupe County Texas to P.H. Barnes
Store ledger, January 16, 1866, merchant G.W. Tuttle's ledger entry re: James Burke assumed debt owed by William Burke
Tax receipt, 1876 from Guadalupe County, Texas, to unknown person [recipient's name is illegible]
Certificate of appointment, August 29, 1878, naming William Burke as a trustee of the Oso School District #45 of Fayette County, Tx. [Located in Oversize Folder.]
Tax receipt, February 18, 1879, from State of Louisiana to H.W. Eells

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 5 Business and Legal - W.P. Burke, continued

Letter, March 30, 1881, from Lee County, Texas, Tax Assessor E.A. Burns to William Burke

Receipt, November 8, 1884, from Flatonia School District to William Burke for \$11.00 tuition paid for three boys

Note with envelope, marked March 12, 1890, from M.H. Allis of Moulton Institute to William Burke

Summons, 1892, from Fayette County court to William Burke to appear as a defendant in lawsuit by Flatonia National Bank

2 6 Business and Legal - James Burke (W.P. Burke's grandfather), 1834-1865

Letter, May 24, 1834, from Benjamin Ogden [relative of William Burke's wife] to James Burke, re: securing loan with cotton crop

Tax receipt, March 8, 1839, from Union County, Ark. to James Burke

Tax receipt, July 6, 1840, from Union County, Ark., to James Burke

Tax receipt, February 7, 1854, from Fayette County, Texas, to James Burke

Store ledger for 1860-1861, showing merchant S.C. Reed's ledger entries for account of James Burke

Receipt, November 20, 1864, from George Tuttle to James Burke for \$360 in Confederate money

Receipt, April 21, 1865, from W.W. Little, Lt. Col., Fayette County, Tx., to James Burke for payment of 72 pounds of bacon on debt of 1200 pounds of pork

2 7 Business and Legal - Other Business Records, 1910-1922

Vendor's lien, March 10, 1910, which lists debt of Joysina [Hunter] Walker

Letter, July 8, 1913, from "Papa" Starwood to "Dear friend" on letterhead of The Home Insurance Co., N.Y., C.A. Duval Insurance Agency, Houma, La., re: birth announcement

Letter fragment, June 23, 1922, from "Glasscock Leasing Co." addressed to "Gentlemen," re: inquiries about oil lease

Letter, undated, from Carlos Bee, U.S. House of Representatives, 14th District of Texas, to "Dear Sir" [Note: Bee held office 1919-1921]

Note, undated, re: land lots

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 8 Pension application of W.P. Burke, 1931-1936

Circular, May 1, 1931, 2 pages, from the United States Veteran's Administration, re: annuity forfeiture with table: "62 Year Group Non-forfeiture Plan"
Letter, February 2, 1932, from H.L. McCoy, re: annuity of W.P. Burke
Letter, July 7, 1932, from W.P. Burke to Director of Insurance, Veteran's Administration, re: annuity
Postcard, August 30, 1932, from Veteran's Administration to W.P. Burke, re: annuity
Postcard, August 10, 1936, from U.S. Treasury Department to W.P. Burke, re: referral of inquiry
Letter, August 25, 1936, from Dr. C.M. Cotham, re: disability of W.P. Burke
Letter, August 29, 1936, from U.S. Commissioner P.A. Lockhart, re: disability of W.P. Burke
Letter, December 5, 1936, from E. Bell, re: disability of W.P. Burke

2 9 Genealogy of Burke-Hunter Families, 1900, 1944, undated

Family Record, undated, 2 pages, with genealogy for Peter Pressler Burke and Winifred White Burke
Family Record, undated, 2 pages, with genealogy of Dr. Johnson Hunter
Family Record, undated, 5 pages, with genealogy of Jonathan Burke (2 copies)
Envelope, undated, with notation: "Birth record of R.H. Hunter Family"
Family record, undated, 2 pages, of R.H. Hunter
Family Record, undated, with genealogy for Benjamin Ogden and Susan Moor (Note: William Burke's maternal grandparents)
Family Record, dated November 30, 1900, 4 pages, with notation: "Presented to W.P. Burke and wife Binnie by R.H. Hunter, his grandfather" (Note: "Binnie" may have been Rosa Jackson Burke's nickname.)
Envelope, dated July 1944, with lock of W.P. Burke's hair

2 10 Photographs - Identified Places, undated

"Lookout Mtn." (3 photographs)
"Flatonia Ranch"
"W.P. Burke home"

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

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- 2 10 Photographs – Identified Places, continued
- “Rebecca Plantation, Houma, La.” (6 photographs)
“Marble Falls” (2 photographs)
“Reck at Gibson, La., S.P.RR.”
- 2 11 Photographs - Identified Individuals, undated
- William Burke (oval wooden frame)
Young man and woman, with notation: “from Robert to sister Ket with love”
Binnie Burke (3 photographs)
Aunt Hermie Burke
P.H. Burke
R.J. Burke
W.K. Eells
Kettie and Mamie
Martin J. Franklin
W.W. Burke, (5 photograph - several show him wearing Masonic hat and on lift)
Mamie Richardson
W.P. and Rosa Burke
W.P. Burke’s children: Robert J., R. Dudley, Dorothy, Valerie
W.P. Burke’s children with Mamie
William and Mary Burke with sons W.P. and E.M. Burke
W.P. and Binnie Burke (2 photographs)
Uniformed police officers, each with handwritten notation: “Capt. W.C. Dickman,
S.A.P.D.” (2 photographs)
- 2 12 Photographs - Groups of unidentified persons, (10 photographs), undated
- 2 13 Photographs - Robert J. “Bob” Burke Family, 1928-1950s
- Bob Burke with car, December 1928
Cadet William E. Burke in uniform of Missouri Military Academy
William E. Burke wearing hat, circa 1970
William E. Burke wearing a suit [possibly high school graduation] (2
photographs), September 7, 1949

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 13 Photographs – Robert J. “Bob” Burke, continued

2nd Lt. William E. Burke, U.S.A.F., in uniform, Jefferson City, Mo.

2nd Lt. William E. Burke in flight uniform in plane, Fort Hanining, April 1954

Edith Perkins Burke, wife of Bob Burke, circa 1950s

Schoolgirl [maybe Virginia Burke], (2 photographs)

Woman in pearls [probably relative of Edith]

Photo album, ca. 1928, leather, belonging to Bob Burke, acquired in Tulsa, Ok.

Contains photographs of: Edith by car; Bob by car; Edith in car; Bob in car; Bob crouching outside; Levins; 3 unidentified persons; Nolie, Alice, Ruth Callis; two unidentified women

Family portrait with subjects listed as Robert, Edith, Cadet William Burke and entitled “Dinner with his parents and his girlfriend” [Located in Oversize Folder]

2 14 Printed Material, 1903-1955

Funeral notice, June 5, 1903, for Mrs. William Burke in Flatonia, Texas

Invitation for wedding on August 3, 1904, of Maquerite Doane to Rev. Gardiner L. Tucker in New Orleans, La.

Invitation for wedding on March 7, 1906, of Florence A. Shensby to Jonathan L. Burke in Elgin, Tx.

Invitation for wedding on December 30, 1907, Annie Wall to Willis K. Eells in Pond, Miss.

Invitation for wedding on November 12, 1913, of Jennie A. Eells to Clarence L. Thorpe in Amite, La.

Invitation for wedding on June 25, 1919, of Hilda C. Moody to Hugo O. White in New Orleans, La.

Postcard dated 1935 addressed to W.P. Burke, Minerva, La., from Kettie

Invitation for inauguration on January 17, 1939, of Texas Governor W. Lee O’Daniel in Austin, Tx.

News clipping dated May 25, 1955, of item in Sunday News and Tribune mentions Mrs. Edith Burke of Jefferson City, Mo.

“Unusual Fact,” undated, consisting of typed information about the occurrence of five Mondays in the month of February

Poem, undated, entitled “Last Words of Funston”

Series III: Burke Family Papers, continued

Box Folder

2 14 Printed Material, continued

Envelope, undated, with notation on front "Binnie's mother and brother Henry"

Postcard, undated, addressed to W.P. Burke, Minerva P.O., Terrebonne, La., from
Kathie

Pass, undated, consisting of a small square of cardboard with handwritten notation
on either side: "Pass W.P.B. 230 Carson St. City"

Calling card and envelope, undated, with name of Mrs. John Dalton Shaffer.

Envelope addressed to Mrs. Burke, Minerva P.O., La.

Pamphlet, undated, Gospel of St. Matthew

Poem, undated, with notation: "To Mattie from Mollie"

Series IV: Oversize, 1935, undated

Mapcase Panoramic photograph of Berwick Bay, La.

Dr. 23 Certificate appointing William Burke as trustee for Oso District #45 of Fayette
County, Tx.

Photograph, undated, matted, of Robert "Bob" Burke family and friends at dinner
at the Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis

Texas Centennial broadsheet entitled "Republic of Texas News. Authentic News
of the Period of 1836," Vol. I, No. 1, Austin, April 2, 1935 (4 pages),
folio. This document contains "news stories" about the Texas Revolution.

List of service dates and commands in support of R.H. Hunter's Texas
Revolutionary War pension application