

ArMs 1985.050
(also 2006.026)
Hart-Linton Family Collection
1 record carton
4C: 7.5.D
one DB in Mezz (Photos)

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1865-1949

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Introduction

This collection appears to have been separated into two or three components at some unknown point after arriving at the Historical Society. The portion ostensibly accessioned as 1985.050, the papers of Ronald Hart, 1896-1950, consisted of two Cornell University class books from 1916, photographs that were afterward separated to the image collections, a folder of legal and financial documents (chiefly estate papers), and a box of loose, unprocessed material. This portion of the collection was accessioned as "World War I collection" but was not included in the HDI-RLIN survey, so has no RLIN catalog number.

The remainder of the collection, found in 2006 and accessioned as the Edith Linton Hart Family Collection, 1965-1949, contained family correspondence and photos of Edith Linton Hart, her parents (Edward F. Linton and Julia A. B. Linton), her sisters, husband Frank Elsworth Hart, and two sons, Ronald and Linton, Ronald being the donor of all or most of the papers. The collection is a warmly evocative collection of c.1900 family photos and correspondence that reveal a happy marriage and two little boys, a Victorian home in Flatlands with servants, unexpected widowhood, and Mrs. Hart becoming a New York City public school teacher who earned her own living. Photographs, including two tintypes, were not removed from this portion of the overall collection and are scattered throughout the folders.

The three components are herewith reunited under the original accession number and are to be housed in a single record carton under the title "Hart-Linton Family Collection." The previously separated photos housed in the Mezzanine with the Image Collections will remain there, and the images in the 4C record carton will be added to the document box in the Mezzanine, since all are clearly related materials. The second accession number, 2006.026, has been rescinded. There are no restrictions on the collection, though some sensitive family financial correspondence is present.

Scope and Content

The Hart-Linton family materials include correspondence, certificates, obituary notices, wedding invitations, genealogy notes and papers, deeds and insurance, securities account books, and a number of images, including images of the interior of the Hart residence at 494 Jamaica Avenue in Flatlands, an image of Edith with her mother and sisters c. 1865, a tintype of the opening of the Union Elevated Railroad in 1888, and images of her son, Ronald Hart, in World War I uniform. Edith Linton married Frank Elsworth Hart in Plymouth Church in 1889 or 1890. He died in 1895, leaving her with two small boys. His father, Frederick D. Hart, was chief engineer of Ridgewood Water Works. Edith then became a music teacher in the public schools and retired in 1921.

The materials in Box A0517 are removed from that box and added to the Hart-Linton record carton. The loose materials from the record carton are being foldered, and the images from the Mezzanine are to be transferred back into the record carton so that all Hart-Linton items will be in one box. A number of news clippings should be photocopied for long-term preservation. An AMC record is needed for BobCat. A rotted leather portfolio case was discarded.

The photos, "Ronald Hart Family Photos," 1986.050, are images of the Hart and Packard families as are images in the 4C record carton

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1-55	1865-1949