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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of Sanford Conley Hunt and his wife, Margaret Bright Hunt, include correspondence, genealogy, military records, Civil War histories, organizational memberships, probate documents, wills, land patents, and deeds.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The Hunt Family Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Virginia Hunt Robertson, the daughter of Sanford Conley and Margaret Josephine Hunt, on 16 March 1981 (Accession No. 2361). Additions to the collection were made on 3 September 1981 (Accession No. 2384), 8 October 1981 (Accession No. 2388), and 11 March 1982 (Accession No. 2403).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sanford Conley Hunt, the son of William B. and Mary A. Hunt, was born April 9, 1867, in Boone County, Missouri. Margaret Josephine Bright was born February 10, 1880, to William A. and Sallie Carter Bright in Columbia, Missouri. Sanford married Margaret Bright on September 27, 1899, in Columbia, Missouri. They had two daughters: Mary Frances Hunt and Virginia Bright Hunt. Sanford Hunt and his father-in-law, William A. Bright, helped to establish the Boone County Trust Company in 1903 at the corner of Ninth Street and Broadway in downtown Columbia. Sanford Hunt served as vice president of the Boone County Trust Company from 1903 until 1931 when he became president. He served as president until his death on March 3, 1934. His work as a financial leader in Columbia contributed to the growth and development of the city in the early twentieth century.

Margaret Hunt was active in many community organizations, especially those related to ancestry, and in the Democratic Party. She served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco during the 1920 U.S. presidential campaign. Margaret Hunt died in Columbia on January 25, 1945.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Hunt Family Papers consist mainly of genealogy records that trace the ancestry of the Hunt and Bright families. The lineages were created in an effort to gain membership to national and international ancestral organizations. The membership papers of many organizations are included in the collection.

The deeds and land patents date from 1847 to 1901 and concern the estate and lands of Linneus B. Hunt in Boone County, Missouri. Sanford C. Hunt was the trustee of the estates of James T. Conley and William T. Conley, and the probate records concern the settlements of these two estates. The will of Russell Sage is also included in the collection, but the connection between the Sage and Hunt families is unclear.

There are two folders containing military information. The first is a collection of typed Civil War histories. The second contains war records of ancestors of the Hunt family. Some of the records are not originals, but were written on forms to submit for membership into ancestral organizations Margaret Hunt was interested in joining.

The correspondence folder contains letters that cover various topics, including genealogy, admittance into ancestral organizations, and rental property in Columbia, Missouri. The correspondence contains mainly letters written and received by Margaret Hunt.

The miscellaneous folder contains an 1879 insurance policy for William B. Hunt, a certificate of completion of a bookkeeping course for Sanford C. Hunt from the University of Missouri, and a small eulogy book from Sanford C. Hunt's fellow bankers after his death in 1934. Also included are the marriage announcement for Sanford Conley Hunt and Margaret Josephine Bright, and Margaret Hunt's honorary appointment to a Citizen's Conference on Education in 1920.

For more information, see the [Sanford Conley Hunt Papers \(C3629\)](#) and the Rella Bright Evans Papers (C3626). Rella Evans was a professional genealogist who researched the Bright and Carter families.

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