George W. Hunter Papers

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: This collection contains materials from the papers of George W. Hunter, a biology professor and textbook author active in the early part of the twentieth century. Items include questionnaires, correspondence, and reports regarding school health education curricula. Hunter held many teaching positions, and is probably best known for writing "Civic Biology: Presented in Problems," the 1914 biology textbook which figured into the infamous Scopes "Monkey" trial of 1925 due to its inclusion of teachings on evolution. Later in life, Hunter taught classes at Pomona College and lectured at Claremont Graduate University.
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Accruals: No additions to the collection are anticipated.
Processing Information: Original order maintained. Items were rehoused in archival folders and boxes. Metal fasteners were removed and replaced with plastic.
Biographical / Historical
George W. Hunter (circa 1874 - 1948) was born in Mamaroneck, New York and earned his doctorate in from New York University. He was a biology teacher, professor, and textbook author. In the course of his career, Hunter wrote or co-wrote twenty biology textbooks.
Most notably, in 1914 Hunter published "A Civic Biology: Presented in Problems," the textbook that was the center of the notorious Scopes "Monkey" Trial. As part of an ACLU strategy, John Thomas Scopes was put on trial in 1925 for using the text in violation of Tennessee's Butler Act, which forbade the teaching of evolution in any state-funded school. In his book, Hunter expressed acceptance of evolution, but also of eugenics and scientific racism. The text was the state-approved biology text before the Butler act, but after the trial, apparently due to the criticism leveled at it during the proceedings, an updated version of "Civic Biology" was issued in 1927 with the five pages on evolution removed.
After teaching at Knox College and Carleton College, in 1926 Hunter joined Pomona College as a biology teacher, giving one class per semester. He also lectured at Claremont Graduate University, and lived in Claremont until his death in 1948.
Sources
Scope and Contents
This collection contains questionnaires, correspondence, and reports regarding school health education curricula. Reports cover health education at the high school, junior college, and college level.
Organization and Arrangement
This collection is arranged at the file level.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subject Terms
Biology
Education Curricula
Educators -- United States
Health education
Health--Research
Pomona College (Claremont, Calif.)

Genre and Form of Materials
Correspondence
Questionnaires
Reports

Box 1, Folder 1  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges (folder 1)
Note
Questionnaires to colleges throughout southern California - junior colleges, high Schools and colleges.

Box 1, Folder 2  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges (folder 2)
Box 1, Folder 3  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges (folder 3)
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Box 1, Folder 7  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges (folder 7)
Box 1, Folder 8  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges (folder 8)
Box 1, Folder 9  Correspondence from JB Lellod, President of Sacramento Junior College 1928 January 13
Box 1, Folder 10 Information (folder 1)
Note
Health cards for various schools throughout southern California: special bulletin from the Glendale Junior College dated November 17, 1927; summary of work in Corrective Physical Education, September 1927 to January 27, 1928; and descriptive outline of health instruction and care given girls in Chaffey Union High School and Junior College, 1924-1927.

Box 1, Folder 11 Information (folder 2)
Note
Health cards for various schools throughout southern California, 1920s: Brown University Psychological Examination Series II and psychological exam for high school graduates and college frosh - 1926 series and 1927 series.

Box 1, Folder 12 Information (folder 3)
Note
Various information from southern California schools, health cards and requirements for the late 1920s. Correspondence from Mauriel Lombard, Director of Physical Education for Women at San Jose State Teachers College, October 13, 1927, and notes for Pomona College dated September 8, 1927.
Box 1, Folder 13  **Information (folder 4)**

Note
Health cards from various schools through southern California, 1920s. Correspondence from V. L. Duke, President of University of Redlands, December 16, 1927. Correspondence from Robert L. Breeden, graduate manager of College of the Pacific, October 12, 1927. Report of Activities in clinic and infirmary, 1926-1927. Schedule of classes, September 1927 to January 1928, and Whittier College memo from J. H. Coffia, September 20, 1927 and also from Beryl Cole (secretary), January 21, 1928.

Box 1, Folder 14  **Information (folder 5)**

Note
Health cards from various schools throughout southern California. College of the Pacific freshman day program, 1926; annual report - College of the Pacific Infirmary, 1926-1927; infirmary summaries, September 16 to June 10, 1927 and correspondence from summaries, September 16 to June 10, 1927; and correspondence from Inga Howard, secretary to Dr. Millikan at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, August 3, 1927.

Box 2, Folder 1  **Progressive Education Association and correspondence**

Note
Includes: Progressive Education Association, April 27, 1937 and correspondence to Dr. M. L. Darsie, dean of School of Education, University of Southern California, October 14, 1927 and April 29, 1937.

Box 2, Folder 2  **Notes**

Note
Includes: Problem of Transfer of Naming (1928-1937) handwritten notes; Education and organized interests in America by Bruce Ramp, 1936.

Box 2, Folder 3  **Correspondence from Claremont Colleges to Dr. Hunter 1933 June 17**

Box 2, Folder 4  **Correspondence from E. Laurence Palmer, professor of Rural Education at Cornell University 1938-1939**

Box 2, Folder 5  **Correspondence and response from Lee E. Boyer 1938 September 15**

Box 2, Folder 6  **Correspondence 1929**

Note
Correspondence to Mr. Earl Wright, Fresno Teachers College, May 23, 1929; Mr. E. L. Brown, principal of Chico High School, May 22, 1929; and Miss Nichols, November 21, 1929.

Box 2, Folder 7  **Various miscellaneous notes**

Note
Includes: Mr. Poultnery, science 1B; list of lectures throughout southern California colleges; a plan of courses to take, 1928-1929; and correspondence to Dr. Donglaís, April 4, 1928.

Box 2, Folder 8  **Hand-written notes - outline for summary**

Box 2, Folder 9  **Reports (folder 1)**

Note
Report of visit to Humboldt Teachers College, October 20-November 3; health education in primary grades at Humboldt; Humboldt State Teachers college confidential medical report; course survey - Humboldt State Teachers College, April 2, 1929; and suggestions for improvement, October 1928.
Box 2, Folder 10  **Reports (folder 2)**

Note
Report of Fresno State Teachers College, visits May 13-16 and 22-24. Miscellaneous notes on hygiene courses taught in schools; and correspondence from Mabel Akers, December 6, 1929.

Box 2, Folder 11  **Health**

Note
Includes: College hygiene and the health service, 1920-1929 and the Gates-Strang Health Knowledge test.

Box 2, Folder 12  **Food and health**

Note
Includes: Food selection score card demonstration, September 1926; lunchroom standards; unit course in hygiene and public health; coordinator of health work; and Can you "pass" in health intelligence by William R. P. Emerson, M.D.

Box 2, Folder 13  **Student - health service and instruction**

Box 2, Folder 14  **School health program**

Note
Includes: personal health score card, directory of the public schools (1928-1929); a study of the organization and administration of the school health program, 1920s; and the district school information sheet.

Box 2, Folder 15  **Health education**

Note
Includes: correspondence from Peterson, director of health, May 13, 1929; health education conference, June 23-28, 1924; health instruction; questionnaires given to physical education majors, April 22, 1929; and hygiene questionnaires.

Box 2, Folder 16  **Correspondence 1928-1930**

Note
Correspondence from Earl Wright, March 7, 1929; correspondence from Edna Bailey, January 28, 1930; and correspondence from Theresa Dansdill, December 13, 1928.

Box 2, Folder 17  **Correspondence 1925 June 30 and undated**

Note
Correspondence from Mr. I. T. Chapman, June 30, 1925 and letter to President of Colgate University.

Box 2, Folder 18  **Correspondence and health, grades, and taxes**

Note
Correspondence from Edward L. Marishaler, April 30, 1929 and health, grades, and taxes from 1924-1927.

Box 2, Folder 19  **Personal inventory and correspondence**

Note
Includes: personal inventory B2-C3; correspondence to Mrs. Edythe Tate-Thompson, April 5, 1928; correspondence from Sophia Peterson, April 12, March 30, and April 30, 1929. Various correspondences dating from March 3, 1928 thru January 21, 1930.

Box 2, Folder 20  **Various correspondences 1928 December 13-1929 April 16**

Box 3, Folder 1  **Correspondence from Edyth Tate-Thompson 1927 June 2-1928 November 1**

Box 3, Folder 2  **Correspondence from Edyth Tate-Thompson 1927 July 20-1928 October 29**
Box 3, Folder 3  Correspondence from Edyth Tate-Thompson 1928 November 26-1930 January 30
Box 3, Folder 4  Various correspondences to George W. Hunter 1927 October 4-1930 March 18
Box 3, Folder 5  Writings
   Note

Box 3, Folder 6  Public health and standards
   Note
   Includes: Los Angeles County Public Health Association, March 9, 1928; Find health survey of the small college and junior colleges, 1927; personal health standard for adults, 1925; and educational tests and scales, 1928.

Box 3, Folder 7  Personal notes
Box 3, Folder 8  Californian Tuberculosis Association teacher training college reports
Box 3, Folder 9  Various correspondences 1927 August 10-1928 December 19
Box 3, Folder 10  Outline and correspondence
   Note
   A general outline and syllabus on hygiene. Correspondence to Dr. Hunter, January 18, 1928.

Box 3, Folder 11  Possible causes of underweight, Humboldt Teacher College
Box 3, Folder 12  Various correspondences from Southern California colleges 1927 August 19-1928 January 13
Box 3, Folder 13  Various correspondences from Southern California colleges 1927 July 28-1928 February 17
Box 3, Folder 14  Report on field work in teachers' colleges of California 1928 September-1930 January
   Note
   Includes rough drafts.

Box 3, Folder 15  Personal hand-written notes on final reports, statistics, and plotted information
Box 3, Folder 16  Personal hygiene - health education
Box 3, Folder 17  Plan for health education questionnaire to colleges
Box 3, Folder 18  Health education
Box 3, Folder 19  Notes on Personal Health Score Card for use in high schools and colleges
Box 3, Folder 20  Correspondences to Mrs. Edyth Tate-Thompson 1927 July 28-1930 March 6
Box 3, Folder 21  Various correspondences 1937 December 9-1938 April 28
Box 4, Folder 1  Acceptability factors 1919-1925
Box 4, Folder 2  Journals
   Note
   Includes: Joliet Township High School Bulletin, November 7, 1927; What can be done regarding unfounded beliefs?, May 14, 1932; Is there a sequence in secondary school science?, December 13, 1924; and Science Newsletter, June 11, 1938.

Box 4, Folder 3  Tests
   Note
   Includes: reading test (no dates but it is for grade school children); health materials for school, April 7, 1938; commercial law test, 1930; and achievement test number 1 for general business training, 1932.

Box 4, Folder 4  Application for American Nature Association fellowship in conservation education
Box 4, Folder 5  Secondary school science
   Note
   Questionnaire on practices and points of view in secondary school science instruction; objectives of secondary school science, 1937, and final report.
Box 4, Folder 6  Preparation for biological science
    Note
    Extremely fragile.

Box 4, Folder 7  Bills, receipts, and some handwritten notes