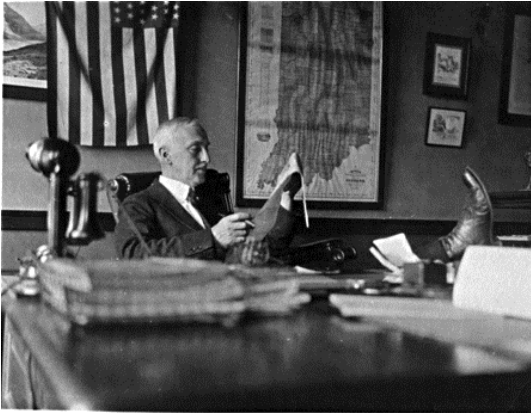


Guide to the Hilton U. Brown Collection

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Summary

Volume of Collection

3 manuscript boxes, 1 small box (?)

Collection Dates

1847–1958, 1916–19 bulk

Citation

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Related Collections

University archives holdings include materials about Hilton U. Brown's many years of service on Butler University's Board of Directors, section "Board of Trustees"; a college graduation photograph in the "Class of 1880" folder; and clippings in the biographical files. *Book of Memories* and *Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery* are available in the archives and in the library's general collection.

Biographical Sketch

Hilton Ultimus Brown (Feb. 20, 1859–Sept. 20, 1958) was a devoted supporter of Butler University, successful newspaperman, and civic leader. "I must divide myself into many parts for in my long life here I have become engaged with many interests," Brown wrote a few days before his death. An Indianapolis

native, Brown entered North Western Christian University (now Butler University) in 1874. Brown earned his undergraduate degree from BU in 1880; in 1882 he received an M.A. from the school. After working as the principal for the Oaktown Academy in southern Indiana for one year, Brown joined the staff of the *Indianapolis News* in 1881. He spent seventy-seven years with the paper in a variety of capacities: reporter, managing editor, general manager, and secretary-treasurer. When in 1948 the *News* became part of Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc., Brown became vice president of the corporation.

Brown began his years of service to BU when he was elected to the board of directors in 1885; just twenty-five years old, he was the youngest member ever elected. Brown served on the board for seventy years, fifty-two as president. When he retired in 1955, the board elected him president emeritus. In 1959 Brown was posthumously awarded the Butler Award for distinguished service to the school.

On October 30, 1873 Brown married Jennie Hannah. The couple had ten children, five boys, five girls, and raised their family in Irvington, where Brown served on town and school boards. In 1939 Brown received the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Staff of Honor for contributions made to the city through journalism and service.

Scope and Content

This collection fills three manuscript boxes and one half-size box. The bulk of the collection is the correspondence from Hilton U. Brown Jr. (HUBJr.) and Paul V. Brown written during World War I. Following the death of HUBJr. in the war, Brown published some of these letters in *Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery*; the collection includes typescripts of letters selected to appear in the book. These letters, in addition to letters of sympathy regarding HUBJr.'s death, reveal not only the character of HUBJr., but also the American attitude toward World War I. A glimpse of French attitudes toward American soldiers can be found in the few letters written by the French couple who cared for HUBJr.'s grave in France. The collection also includes a scant amount of business and financial papers, as well as personal papers not related to Brown's sons. Photographs are primarily from Paul V. Brown's military days, they range from shots taken during training to a few photographs taken overseas. There is a portrait of HUBJr. wearing his uniform; it was taken in a French studio. There are a limited number of photographs of family and friends.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., July–Sept. 1916
1	2	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., Sept. 8–Dec. 1916
1	3	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., Aug. 30–Nov. 10, 1917
1	4	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., Nov. 15–Dec. 29, 1917
1	5	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., Nov. 25, 1917
1	6	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., Feb. 7–June 11, 1918
1	7	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., May 20, 1918
1	8	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., June 16–Aug. 8, 1918
1	9	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr., July 13–Sept. 20, 1918
1	10	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr. to Marie Fitzgerald, July 1916–Oct. 1917
1	11	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr. to Marie Fitzgerald, May–Oct. 1917
1	12	Letters from Hilton U. Brown Jr. to Marie Fitzgerald, Dec. 10, 1917–Oct. 25, 1918
1	13	Hilton U. Brown Jr., miscellaneous belongings
1	14	Hilton U. Brown Jr., miscellaneous writings
1	15	Telegrams, 1918, originals--use photocopies
1	16	Telegrams, 1918, photocopies, please use
1	17	Letters of sympathy regarding Hilton U. Brown Jr., Dec. 7–Dec. 25, 1918
1	18	Letters of sympathy regarding Hilton U. Brown Jr., n.d., Dec. 1918
1	19	Letters of sympathy regarding Hilton. U. Brown Jr., Jan. 4, 1919–Oct. 18, 1920
1	20	Letters of sympathy regarding Hilton. U. Brown Jr., Jan.–April 1919
1	21	Miscellaneous items regarding Hilton U. Brown Jr.
1	22	Items from Helen Wilson regarding Hilton U. Brown Jr.
2	1	Miscellaneous souvenirs from France, 1919
2	2	Hilton U. Brown, miscellaneous correspondence, France, 1919
2	3	Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Wiblet, correspondence and Memorial Day memorabilia, May 31, 1920–June 6, 1921
2	4	Items compiled for <i>Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , May 1915–Nov. 25, 1917
2	5	Items compiled for <i>Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , Nov. 29, 1917–June 30, 1918
2	6	Items compiled for <i>Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , July 4, 1918–Dec. 26, 1918
2	7	Items compiled for <i>Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , Dec. 12, 1918–Aug. 10, 1920

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2	8	Items compiled for <i>Hilton U. Brown Jr.: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , Aug. 10–Sept. 14, 1920
2	9	Correspondence regarding <i>Hilton U. Brown: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , Sept. 16–Dec. 14, 1920
2	10	Correspondence regarding <i>Hilton U. Brown: One of Three Brothers in Artillery</i> , Dec. 21, 1920–Jan. 25, 1935
2	11	Letters from Paul V. Brown, Aug. 1, 1916–Dec. 17, 1917
2	12	Letters from Paul V. Brown, Jan. 4–Nov. 26, 1918
2	13	Letters from Paul V. Brown, Jan. 17–March 15, 1919
2	14	Letters from Paul V. Brown, March 26–July 15, 1919
2	15	Letters from Paul V. Brown, typescripts, Nov. 1917–Nov. 26, 1918
2	16	Paul V. Brown, postcards, 1916–1919
2	17	Paul V. Brown, miscellaneous items, Paul V. Brown
2	18	Archibald A. Brown, miscellaneous items,
2	19	Letters, Hilton U. Brown to Paul V. Brown, typescripts, March 1, 1918–July 1, 1920
2	20	Hilton U. Brown, miscellaneous writings, 1919
3	1	Hilton U. Brown to Jennie Brown, May 9–July 24, 1919
3	2	Hilton U. Brown to Jean, Jessie, and Julia Brown, March 7–July 25, 1919
3	3	Letters to Hilton Sr., from family, May 5, 1919–Aug. 12, 1920
3	4	Letters to Hilton U. Brown, Nov. 21, 1880–Jan. 8, 1919
3	5	Letters to Hilton U. Brown, March 9, 1919–Jan. 2, 1952
3	6	Letters concerning sale of Noblesville land, 1956–58
3	7	Jennie H. Brown, miscellaneous items, 1896–1932
3	8	Letters regarding family of Jennie H. Brown, 1847–1939
3	9	Elizabeth Hamilton Brown, genealogy, 1890
3	10	Residence, 5087 Washington Street, Irvington, 1892–1945
3	11	Miscellaneous financial papers
3	12	Miscellaneous business papers, 1947–48
3	13	Letters of sympathy regarding Jennie H. Brown, Dec. 9–11, 1939
3	14	Letters of sympathy regarding Jennie H. Brown, Dec. 11–12, 1939
3	15	Letters of sympathy regarding Jennie H. Brown, Dec. 13–14, 1939
3	16	Letters of sympathy regarding Jennie H. Brown, Dec. 15–28, 1939
3	17	Letters of sympathy regarding Jennie H. Brown, Jan. 1–26, 1940
3	18	Letters to Hilton U. Brown, from family, 1939–48
3	19	Hilton U. Brown, miscellaneous items

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3	20	Hilton U. Brown, miscellaneous items
3	21	<i>National Geographic Magazine</i> , January 1934, and flowers from Hilton U. Brown Jr.'s grave
4	1	Photographs, Hilton U. Brown Jr., Paul V. Brown, Brown family and friends, 1917–70
4	2	Photographs, Paul V. Brown army photographs, 1916
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4	8	Photographs, Lonnie Eddy (Mrs. Brown's family)