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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

James Otis Hoyt (1842-1896) was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University, from which he graduated in 1865. Upon graduation, he spent a year as a teacher at Saint Mark's School in Southborough, Massachusetts. He returned to Harvard to pursue a degree in Law, which he received in 1868; while there, he was a proctor and teacher of history. He then moved to New York, where he worked briefly in several law firms before founding his own firm with Richard Christian (R.C.) Fellows in 1871. The firm would later become Fellows, Hoyt, and Schell (with Edward H. Schell), and finally Hoyt and Schell. Hoyt was a director and general counsel to the Manhattan Life Insurance Company, and general counsel to the National Butchers' and Drovers' bank and the Manhattan Savings Bank. In 1876 he married Fellows's sister, Emily Fellows (1847-1909), and the two had three daughters: Mary (1877-19??), Harriet (1880-19??), and Emily (1883-1919). Hoyt

died unexpectedly of an illness in 1896. Mary attended Bryn Mawr from 1895-1898. From 1916-1917 she studied nursing and wireless signal work and from 1917-1919 she worked as an Auxiliary Nurse for the American Red Cross in France.

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Summary

The Hoyt Family collection is comprised primarily of the papers of James Otis Hoyt, his wife, Emily (née Fellows), and two of their three daughters, Emily and Mary Fellows Hoyt. These papers include personal correspondence, financial documents, and printed materials.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in four series.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Lawyers
- World War, 1914-1918 -- War work -- Red Cross
- Correspondence
- Invoices
- Love letters
- Picture postcards
- Visiting cards
- Schell, Augustus, 1812-1884
- Fellows family
- Hoyt family
- American Red Cross
- Harvard College (1780-)
- Harvard Law School
- Harvard University
- St. Mark's School
- Woodlawn Cemetery (New York, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Hoyt, James Otis, 1855-1896

Scope and Contents

The bulk of James Otis Hoyt's papers date from the 1860s, when he was a student at Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Of his correspondence, most are letters of a personal nature, including a number of love letters from a woman named Sara W. There are also a number of his writings, including a dissertation written in his junior year at Harvard entitled "On Carey's View of Trade as the Instrument of Commerce" and a later work entitled "Concerning the Liability of Partners as to Third Partners." There are also financial documents (mostly bills), and teaching materials from his time as a teacher at St. Mark's School and at Harvard.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1860s-1890s	box 1	folder 1
Exeter and Harvard, 1860s	box 1	folder 2
Financial, 1860s	box 1	folder 3
Letters from Sara, 1864-1864 April	box 1	folder 4
Letters from Sara, 1864 May-1867 undated, 1864, undated		

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	box 1	folder 5
Teaching Materials, circa, 1860s	box 1	folder 6
Writings		
Undated	box 1	folder 7
"Carey's View of Trade as the Instrument of Commerce", 1865	box 1	folder 8
"Concerning the Liability of Partners as to Third Persons", undated	box 1	folder 9
School Compositions, 1850s	box 1	folder 10
Personal Correspondence		
1861-1863	box 2	folder 1
1864	box 2	folder 2
1865	box 2	folder 3
1866	box 2	folder 4
1867	box 2	folder 5
1868-1896	box 2	folder 6
Circa, 1860s <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 2	folder 7 to 8

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Series II: Hoyt, Mrs. James Otis (Emily Fellows), 1885-1909

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Hoyt's papers are composed of personal correspondence and financial documents. Personal correspondence includes letters from friends (many are condolences written at the time of her husband's death) and from Mary, written during her time at Bryn Mawr. Among the financial documents are insurance policies, a deed to a family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, and correspondence and official papers relating to the estates of her brother, Richard Christian Fellows, and Augustus Schell.

Title/Description	Instances	
Estates of Richard Christian Fellows and Augustus Schell, 1897-1905	box 3	folder 1
Estate, 1911-1918	box 3	folder 2
Financial Documents, 1896-1908	box 3	folder 3
Personal Correspondence		
1885-1898	box 3	folder 4
1900-1909	box 3	folder 5

Undated

box 3

folder 6

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This series contains the papers of Emily Hoyt (sometimes called Pansy), Mary Fellows Hoyt, and James O. Hoyt's mother, Harriet M. Hammond Hoyt (Mrs. James B. Hoyt). Emily's papers include financial documents and personal correspondence, the bulk of which are letters written to her by Mary in 1917 and 1918 during her time as an American Red Cross nurse in France. Mary's papers include her personal correspondence and financial documents. There are also several official papers for both sisters, including an automobile registration and Mary's passport. The letters addressed to Mrs. James B. Hoyt are mostly from her young grandchildren. The folder titled "Unidentified Correspondence" includes letters addressed to "Miss Hoyt" and to "The Misses Hoyt."

Title/Description	Instances	
Hoyt, Mary and Emily--Official Documents, 1890-1923	box 4	folder 1
Hoyt, Emily		
Financial Documents, 1914-1919	box 4	folder 2
Personal Correspondence, 1918	box 4	folder 3
Emily--Letters from Mary Hoyt, 1917	box 4	folder 4
Letters from Mary Hoyt, 1918	box 4	folder 5
Hoyt, Mary F.		
Financial Documents, 1909-1919	box 4	folder 6
Personal Correspondence		
1885-1905	box 4	folder 7
1906	box 4	folder 8
1907-1824	box 4	folder 9
Undated	box 4	folder 10
Hoyt, Mrs. James B. (Harriet M. Hammond Hoyt)--Personal Correspondence, 1882-1891	box 5	folder 1
Unidentified Correspondence, 1905-1921	box 5	folder 2

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Scope and Contents

This series is comprised of the less personal documents that were included in the family's collection. There are a number of calling cards and invitations, and ephemera, such as advertisements, programs, and mailings from various clubs. Of particular interest is a large collection of American and European postcards from the 1900s and 1910s, amassed by Mary Fellows Hoyt. Also included are the plans for a boat, a house, and a building which is most likely the family's townhouse at 310 west 75th st. in New York, built in 1893.

Title/Description	Instances	
Blueprints, undated	box 5	folder 3
Financial Documents, 1910s	box 5	folder 4
Picture Postcards, 1903-1919	box 5	folder 5
Picture Postcards, undated	box 5	folder 6
Printed Material, 1860s	box 5	folder 7
Printed Material, 1910s	box 5	folder 8
Writings and Photographs, undated	box 5	folder 9
Visiting Cards and Invitations, undated	box 5	folder 10

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