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[James Ramsay Hunt case books](#)

HUNT, JAMES RAMSAY, 1875-1937.

James Ramsay Hunt casebooks, 1903-1937.

14.5 cubic feet (44 boxes)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Hunt received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1893 and quickly become one of the country's leading neurologists. He was on the faculty of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University in 1911-13 and again from 1924 until his death. He was Consulting Neurologist and Senior Attending Neurologist at the Neurological Institute of New York from c.1914 to 1937.

SUMMARY: Records of patients seen by Hunt, approximately 4,219 cases dating from 1903 to 1937. Each record includes patient's name, age, occupation, residence, diagnosis and a medical history, which is often extensive. There may also be laboratory results, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other printed material.

There is a large amount of correspondence; while some is from patients, the bulk comes from referring physicians, family members, teachers, psychologists, and others involved in a particular case. The cases here appear to be Hunt's private patients. Typical of early 20th century U.S. neurologists, Hunt's practice included many patients who today would be under the care of a psychiatrist.

The records were originally housed in 30 case books: 29 volumes of cases and a one-volume name index. Because the volumes were so tightly bound they were difficult to use, Archives & Special Collections staff in 2012 unbound the volumes and filed each case in its own folder. The 30 books were rehoused in 44 document boxes.

ACCESS: Because the casebooks include Confidential Health Information (CHI) as defined by Columbia University policies governing data security and privacy, access is allowed only under the terms of Archives and Special Collections' [Access Policy to Records Containing Confidential Health Information](#).

PROVENANCE: Gift of Alice Hunt Sokoloff, daughter of James Ramsay Hunt, 1984.

SUBJECTS

Mental illness – Case studies.

Mental illness – Treatment.

Neurology – Case studies.

Psychiatry – Case studies.

Nervous system – Diseases – Treatment.

Medical records.

Physicians – New York (State) – New York.
Neurologists.
Psychiatrists.

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Box Case Numbers

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2	91-201
3	202-310
4	311-420
5	421-520
6	521-625
7	626-733
8	734-850
9	851-970
10	971-1079
11	1080-1175
12	1176-1286
13	1287-1399
14	1400-1509
15	1510-1615
16	1616-1720
17	1721-1825
18	1826-1931
19	1932-2037
20	2038-2134
21	2135-2229
22	2230-2337
23	2238-2414

24	2416-2514
25	2515-2601
26	2602-2707
27	2708-2810
28	2811-2911
29	2912-3003
30	3004-3110
31	3111-3211
32	3212-3312
33	3313-3382
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35	3452-3530
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37	3621-3696
38	3697-3780
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40	3861-3941
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42	4023-4103
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