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HECTOR FAMILY PAPERS

COLLECTION SUMMARY
of the
HECTOR FAMILY PAPERS

The Hector papers were found in various locations at the Museum of the Big Bend during 1976. As a result, the papers will be designated as an original accession without citation of a donor. As Ira Hector was a nephew of Everett E. Townsend, it may be that Townsend donated the papers along with his own (See: E. E. Townsend Collection). According to information supplied by tbl. Phillip L. Hector, the papers were donated by Everett E. Townsend. As E.E. Townsend donated his papers to the West Texas Historic and Scientific Society in 1935-1948, it is probable that the Hector papers were received during this period. All papers donated to the Society became the property of Sul Ross State University in 1968. Ira Hector, who owned land in the Chisos Mountain Basin, donated a plot of land to Brewster County in 1933 or 1934. This donation was very important, as a water source was being sought at that time in order that a Civilian Conservation Corps camp could be located in the Basin. A productive well was brought in on April 16, 1934, which enabled the camp to be established and improvements to be made in the area, which contributed to the ongoing efforts to develop the area as a national park (See: Ronnie C. Tyler, The Big Bend: A History of the Last Texas Frontier, pp. 194-195).

The papers show the Hector family to be living in Aberdeen, Scotland in the early 19th century. By 1831, members of the family arrived in Giles County, Virginia. A Mrs. Hector is located in Seguin, Texas by 1848. (See: Summary, Appendix I for more complete information.)

O. H. Hector and Ira Hector were late 19th and early 20th century settlers in the Big Bend region of Texas. One paper demonstrates the appointment of O.H. Hector as a legal representative in 1893. (See: Legal Documents 1830-1893). It is noted that by 1910, O. H. Hector is homesteading along Tornillo Creek in southern Brewster County and growing crops (See: Clifford B. Casey, Mirages, Mysteries and Reality: Brewster Count , Texas ..., pp. 107, 173). This information is cited as false by Phillip L. Hector. See: Summary Appendix I). The papers primarily concern business and legal matters of the Hector family prior to the Civil War, with a small amount of family correspondence also included. Overall, the materials are in a very fragile state and some conservation efforts have been made in an attempt to preserve them. The entire collection is housed in a single wallet. One item is housed in Oversize Folder #3.

Kenneth D. Perry, Archivist
September 30, 1977
Revised: March 30, 1978
Correspondence includes letters between John Hector, James Hector, Elizabeth Smith and Charlotte T. Hector.

Business correspondence includes letters between John Hector, James Hector, Adam & Anderson, and Mrs. C. T. Hector. Also, the results of a meeting of the creditors of the late Mr. Alexander Duncan, Jr., and Andrew Duncan are contained.

Financial papers include Robert Davidson's paper, an Abstract of Charges on Goods Sold for Account of James Hector, and Adam & Anderson's account with Lieutenant Mathieson for Mrs. Hector and family.

Legal documents include an account and scheme for the division of the share of the trust funds of the late Lieutenant Alexander Matheson, and Disposition and Deed: Lieutenant Alex. Matheson, Mr. Hugh Leslie, and John Jamieson. Lieutenant Matheson's name appears with two spellings: Matheson and Mathieson.

Folder 1 Correspondence 1816-1867 (14 leaves)

John Hector to James Hector 1816 (1 leaf)
Elizabeth Smith to James Hector 1831-1832 (2 leaves)
Alexander Hector to Mrs. James Hector, Sr. 1831-1848 (5 leaves)
Mary Hector to James Hector 1831 (1 leaf)
Catherine Hector to James Hector 1833 (1 leaf)
James H. Pipes to James P. Hector 1836 (1 leaf)
Charlotte T. Hector to James Hector 1839 (1 leaf)
Charles H. and Eliza S. Pickering to Eliza L. Logan 1842 (1 leaf)
David Hector to James Hector 1867 (1 leaf)

Folder 2 Business Correspondence 1816-1889 (27 leaves)

John Hector to James Hector 1816-1817 (3 leaves)*
J. A. Sepsel to James Hector 1832 (1 leaf)
George S. Sampson to James Hector 1832 (3 leaves)
J. H. Piper to James Hector 1836 (1 leaf)
Adam & Anderson to H. William Butt 1837 (1 leaf)
Adam & Anderson to James Hector 1837-1849 (4 leaves)
Mrs. C. T. Hector to Adam & Anderson 1839 (1 leaf)
Adams & Anderson to Strachan & Anderson 1840 (1 leaf)
Letter to Mrs. C. T. Hector 1846 (1 leaf)
D. W. Heard to James P. Hector 1868, 1871 (5 leaves)
James P. Hector to J. Ruechler 1871 (1 leaf)
F. H. Lorn to W. W. Arvett 1877 (1 leaf)
A. M. Eashine to James P. Hector 1879 (1 leaf)
J. D. Rylander to James P. Hector 1884 (1 leaf)
James P. Hector to F. Groos & Co. 1889 (1 leaf)
Dibell & Mosheim to F. Groos & Co. 1889 (1 leaf)

*One letter housed in oversize file
Folder 3 Business Correspondence 1830-1846 (20 leaves)

Results of a meeting of the creditors of the late Mr. Alexander Duncan, Jr., merchant in Aberdeen; Alex Duncan and Son, merchants; and Andrew Dunc n, sole surviving partner of that firm. June 22, 1830 (1 leaf)

Adams & Anderson to James Hector August 20, 1831; April 13, 1832; January 31, 1834; July 15, 1835; April 7, 1837 (2 copies) (6 leaves)

Adams & Anderson, account to Mrs. C. T. Hector 1831 (1 leaf)

Adams & Anderson to Mrs. C. T. Hector February 5, 1830; May 7, 1839; February 11, 1840; December 9, 1840; March 27, 1841; April 27, 1841 January 3, 1843; September 1, 1845; c. 1846. (9 leaves)

Bill of Exchange by H. Hector July 2, 1845 (1 leaf)

Folder 4 Financial Papers 1813-1890 (25 leaves)

Robert Davidson Papers September, 1813 (1 leaf)

William Forrest account with James Hector August, 1814 (1 leaf)

Abstract of Charges on Goods Sold for Account of James Hector May 31, 1815 (1 leaf)

James Hector account with John Hector June 1, 1815 (1 leaf)

James Hector account with William Forrest June 26, 1815 (1 leaf)

Note of payment to Mrs. Charlotte Theresa Hector from James Hector June 3, 1830 (1 leaf)

Extract of letter from Adam Lauderson to Borrman Johnston April 13, 1832 (1 leaf)

Adams & Anderson account with Lieutenant Mathieson for Mrs. Hector April 7, 1837; January, 1840 (2 leaves)

Bank of United States currency bill December 15, 1840 (1 leaf)

Promissory Note, Adam Sanders to R.V.J. Smith February 25, 1841 (1 leaf)

Mrs. Hector to A. Sanders June 6, 1843 (1 leaf)

Lieutenant Mathieson, trustee for Mrs. Hector’s account with Adams & Anderson 1845, 1846, 1849 (4 leaves)

Revenue Account March, 1849 (1 leaf)

James P. Hector to Lewis & Grossbeck 1849 (1 leaf)

Notes on land ownership January 7, 1886 (1 leaf)

James P. Hector account with F. Groos & Co. September 27, 1890 (2 leaves)

Notes on land ownership January 7, 1886 (1 leaf)

Loan repayments n.d. (1 leaf)

Notes on Labanne Grant n.d. (1 leaf)

Memorandum on Debts and Credits n.d. (1 leaf)

Statement n.d. (1 leaf)
Folder 5 **Legal Documents 1830-1893** (29 leaves)

Account and Scheme of Division of the Share of the Trust Funds of the Late Lieutenant Alex. Mathieson January 15, 1849 (4 leaves)
Appointment of O. H. Hector as Legal and Lawful Representative to A. L. Hector September 25, 1893 (1 leaf)
T. T. Barbee's note April 21, 1880 (1 leif)
Directions for Executing Deeds tlay, 1849 (1 leaf)
Disposition and Deed, Lieutenant Alex Mathieson to Mrs. Mathieson, Mr. Hugh Leslie and John Jamieson 1830 (14 leaves)
Field notes of Peter Duntan, L. Lingleton, and William Sommers November 28, 1846 (1 leaf)
James Hector admitted a free burgess and guild February 11, 1813 (1 leaf)
Land Deed 1869-1889 (2 leaves)
Memorandum of Instructions for Executing the Discharge by Mrs. Hector to Lieutenant Mathieson's Trustees n.d. (1 leaf)
Power of Attorney January 24, 1870 (1 leaf)
Promissory Note December 27, 1889 (1 leaf)
Sale of land from J. P. Hector to J. D. Rylander ay 25, 1885 (1 leaf)

Folder 6 **Miscellaneous 1817** (8 leaves)

Cures and recipes n.d. (2 leaves)
Excerpt from letter n.d. (1 leaf)
Notes n.d. (1 leaf)
Partial letters 1817 (2 leaves)
Sketches of land sections n.d. (2 leaves)

Folder 7 **Appendix I:** James P. Hector to Henry Waller, 1852 (6 leaves) and transcription (10 leaves)
Due to inquiries made to Mrs. T. R. Bullard of Carlsbad, Texas (the former Mary Lee Hector) who referred the inquiry to Mr. Phillip L. Hector (Mrs. Bullard's uncle), more complete evidence has been established as to the provenance and history of the Hector Family Papers.

In a statement from Mr. Phillip L. Hector the following facts have been determined:

Immediate Genealogy

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Revealed in this genealogy is the fact that Ira Hector is the son of O. H. Hector as is Phillip L. Hector. The following information is the stated account of Hector family history by Mr. Phillip L. Hector:

Papa and Mother moved to Alpine, Texas from Eagle Pass Sept. 1st, 1902. They took up land between Alpine and Ft, Stockton when I was between 5 & 7 years old. I don't know where that date of papa's taking up land near Tornillo creek. I had heard that but it is not true. He left the
Alpine country around 1914, I don't remember just when. He died in 1931. Mother and Ira moved to the Tornillo creek territory in 1917. We had two section [sic] of land in the Chisos Mts. or better know [sic], Bason [sic]. We sold the Park one section and gave the other to the Park, upon which the Big Bend Park started.

Ira was only 14 years old, I was 3, when we moved to Alpine, (9/1/’02)

My Grand*dad wrote the part that I have given in 1876, I think This is what he

Our name was De Hector, Italians [sic], liveing [sic] in Spain from there they moved to Norway from there they moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, after they were there they dropped [sic] the De and from there on it was just Hector. I don't know any of the dates but from other records began in the 1600's and claim that there was no record to be found and they had traced back 50 years back, so I imagine that that must have been the time when the De was dropp(ed) as I have the names and dates of the Names from then on to my Grand-dad. They are at My Grand-daughtr's [sic] so will have to wait until I can get them. They landed in Newfoundland in 1820 shortly moveing [sic] on to Va. My Great grand*dad must have been on the surveying line as he bought and settel [sic] land for a firm in Scotland. He surveyed and started the State of West Virginia. Just when they came to Texas I don't know some of the Klan came in the 30's [1830's].

I will send you more information as soon as I can get

Phillip L. Hector

For additional genealogical information, see attached family record given by Mr. Phillip L. Hector.
CONTENT NOTES

Enter names, dates (birth, marriage, and death), significant events, etc., which are directly related to the individual whose papers are undergoing inventory.

NOTE: Write legibly or print!

The bulk of the correspondence centers on Alex Hector writing to Mrs. James Hector, Sr.

(Aug. 20, 1839) The Hector family moved from Aberdeen, Scotland, to Giles County, Virginia. Alex Hector lives in Edinburgh (July 26, 1831)

John Hector is married and settled at a place some distance from Hamburg, Germany, as a manager for an English house (March 13, 1832)

James Hector died, c. 1847 (n.d. letter; Alex Hector to sister)

John Hector died in Buenos Ayres [Aires] c. 1845 (March 29, 1847)

Mrs. Hector moved to Seguin, Texas c. 1848 (April 21, 1848)

Charlotte T. Hector married to James Hector (August 20, 1839)