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South Carolina Hunley Commission Papers, 1995-2014 SCHS # 0582.00

Creator: Randall B. Burbage

Description: 3.5 linear ft. (4 boxes + 6 volumes)

Biographical/Historical Note: Randy Burbage is a native of Charleston and is owner of Randy Burbage Equipment Company. He is a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and has served as commander of the South Carolina Division of the SCV. He was awarded the Order of Palmetto by Governor Carroll Campbell in 1993. In 1995, the governor of South Carolina appointed him to the South Carolina Hunley Commission. Burbage was chairman of the Hunley Funeral Committee from 2002-2004. The Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley* was raised from the ocean bottom and put into a conservation tank in North Charleston in August 2000.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of papers mainly reflecting Randy Burbage's activities as a member of the South Carolina Hunley Commission and his leadership and work in preparing the funeral for the crewmen of the submarine. Included are minutes of meetings, correspondence, reports, agreements, printed material and other papers pertaining to the recovery and conservation of the Hunley submarine, sites for a proposed Hunley museum in the Charleston area, publicity and public relations relating to the Hunley, the formation and work of the South Carolina Hunley Commission and the Friends of the Hunley, recovery of the human remains on the submarine, and the funeral for the Hunley crew in Charleston in August 2004. Five scrapbooks covering the same topics include clippings, memorabilia, programs, and correspondence. An oversize binder contains a proposal (2002) to establish a Hunley museum at the old Naval Base in North Charleston, S.C. One of the principal correspondents represented in these papers is state senator Glenn F. McConnell.

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BOX 1

- 1 Papers relating the Hunley crew and the funeral, 2001-2003.
- 2 Papers relating to the Hunley crew and the funeral, 2004.

- 3 Papers relating to the Hunley crew and the funeral, no date.
- 4 Correspondence, minutes, etc., chiefly relating to the S.C. Hunley Commission, 1996.
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- 10 Correspondence, minutes, etc., chiefly relating to the S.C. Hunley Commission, 2002.

BOX 2

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- 2 Correspondence, minutes, etc., chiefly relating to the S.C. Hunley Commission, 2004.
- 3 Correspondence, minutes, etc., chiefly relating to the S.C. Hunley Commission, 2005-2011.
- 4 Correspondence, minutes, etc., chiefly relating to the S.C. Hunley Commission, no date.
- 5 Draft, 2004, of the “H. L. Hunley Conservation Plan: Peer Review Comments and Author Responses.”
- 6 Proposals, 2010 and 2011, to rotate the Hunley submarine.
- 7 Draft of a Hunley conservation agreement.
- 8 Papers relating to a proposed museum for the Hunley, 2000-2005.
- 9 Papers relating to a proposed Hunley museum at Patriots Point, Mount Pleasant.
- 10 Booklet: “The Journey Home ... to Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.”
- 11 Papers relating to a proposed Hunley museum at the Charleston Museum.

BOX 3

- 1 Papers relating to a proposed Hunley museum at the Charleston Museum.
- 2 Papers relating to a proposed museum in Charleston, S.C.
- 3 Miscellaneous items, including publicity for the Hunley movie; photographs; and a volunteer manual of the Friends of the Hunley.
- 4 Two compact discs, one of which is labeled as a Hunley power point presentation. The second is labeled "Hunley artifacts."
- 5 Issues of *The Blue Light*, the official newsletter of the Friends of the Hunley, 2001-2005.
- 6 Issues of *The Blue Light*, the official newsletter of the Friends of the Hunley, 2006-2014.
- 7 Other printed material pertaining to the Hunley submarine, including an article in the *National Geographic* (July 2002).
- 8 Newspaper clippings of articles pertaining to the Hunley.
- 9 Issue, Aug. 13, 2000, of the *The Post and Courier* newspaper containing a special section pertaining to the raising of the Hunley submarine.

Box 4

- 1 Proposal for a video project, "The Hunley Experience," submitted by FV Productions.
- 2 "Preliminary Study for the Recovery of the H.L. Hunley," 1999.
- 3 "H.L. Hunley General Recovery Procedures," 2000.
- 4 "A Proposal to Safely Recover the H.L. Hunley Submarine," 1999.
- 5 "H.L. Hunley Conservation Plan," 2004.
- 6 "Conservation of the H.L. Hunley," 2000.
- 7 "Final Documents from Clemson University Transaction," [2007].
- 8 "Proposal for the CSS H.L. Hunley Museum," submitted by the City of Charleston, 2002.

Scrapbooks:

Binder #1: "Friends of the Hunley – Public Relations Activities and Media Exposure, June 14, 1999." This binder contains "a collection of articles pertaining to the *Hunley* project," most of which date from 1997 to 1999.

Binder #2: (maroon cover) This binder contains materials dating 1996 to 1998 and includes memos and other correspondence of Senator Glenn F. McConnell relating to the formation and activities of the South Carolina Hunley Commission; the plans for an "assessment expedition" to the site of the wreck; and other matters. Also included are minutes of Hunley Commission meetings.

Binder #3: (black cover) This binder contains correspondence, minutes, plans and other information, 2003-2004, pertaining to the funeral for the Hunley crew in April 2004.

Binder #4: (gray cover) This binder, 1995, contains minutes, correspondence, reports, agreements and other information pertaining to plans for the recovery and conservation of the Hunley submarine, and the recovery and interment of the human remains found on the vessel. Includes correspondence of Randy Burbage, Senator Glenn McConnell and others; minutes of the Hunley Commission meetings; and a "Preliminary Proposal for the Recovery and Management of the CSS H. L. Hunley," prepared for the South Carolina Hunley Commission by the CSS H. L. Hunley Project Group of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Binder #5: (black cover) This binder, marked "Hunley Funerals," contains correspondence, clippings, programs, memorabilia, regulations, and other material relating to the funeral for the Hunley crew in August 2004 as well as related events and memorial services. Most of the material dates to 2004.

Oversize bound volume (located with the scrapbooks): A spiral binder with cover title: "H. L. Hunley Museum, City of North Charleston." This is an illustrated proposal, 2002, to establish a Hunley museum at the old Naval Base in North Charleston.