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[James Ramsay Hunt case books](#)

**HUNT, JAMES RAMSAY, 1875-1937.**

**Case Books, 1903-1937.**

**14.5 cubic feet (44 boxes)**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:** Access allowed under terms of Archives and Special Collections' Access Policy to Records Containing Protected 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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8	734-850
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10	971-1079
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12	1176-1286
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19	1932-2037
20	2038-2134
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