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**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Ravi D. Goel collection of  
Herbert Wing, Jr. (1889-1972) Papers** **MC 2022.4**

Material: Papers (1915-1952)

Volume: 0.5 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donation: Donated by Ravi D. Goel, 2021

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Herbert Wing, Jr. was born on December 8, 1889 to Herbert Wing, Sr. and Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing. He grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1909. He received his Ph.D. in 1915 from the University of Wisconsin.

During the year of 1909, Wing worked as an assistant principal at the Wilmington High School in Wilmington, Massachusetts, and in 1910 he began working as a student assistant in European history at the University of Wisconsin. Wing came to Dickinson College in 1915 as an associate professor of Greek language and literature. He taught at Dickinson until retiring in 1960, offering courses in German, Greek, Latin, geography, and history. He also served as the chair of the Greek and history departments beginning in 1937.

Wing married Helen Leonard Gilman in 1916; they had one son together, Herbert Gilman Wing, who attended Dickinson and graduated in 1948. Herbert Gilman married Holland "Holly" Balch in 1949.

Herbert Wing, Jr. died on September 13, 1972 at the age of 82.

This collection is comprised of correspondence between different members of the Wing family, including Herbert Wing Jr., his parents, Helen Gilman, her family members, Herbert Gilman Wing, and Holly Balch, between the years of 1915 and 1952.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Ravi D. Goel collection of Herbert Wing, Jr. Papers has been organized into one series, Correspondence, and further divided into subseries by recipient. It contains letters, both handwritten and typewritten, and postcards. The collection documents family relationships, and

correspondence mainly consists of family news and updates. When not provided in the letter itself, dates for letters are taken from postmarked envelopes.

The “Aunts” subseries contains letters sent by various family members to aunts on Helen Gilman’s side of the family. Some of the letters are addressed to “The Misses Moseley,” implying that two or more sisters lived together and received joint letters from family.

The Balch Wing, Holland “Holly” subseries contains letters sent to Holly. Only one is from a family member, and the other two appear to be from friends, possibly from school.

The Gilman Wing, Helen subseries consists of letters sent to Helen Leonard Gilman Wing, mostly from “Aunty.”

The Wing, Herbert Gilman subseries contains letters to Herbert Gilman Wing, the son of Helen Gilman and Herbert Wing, Jr. There are two letters in this subseries, both from his wife, Holly.

The Wing, Herbert Gilman & Holland “Holly” Balch Wing subseries contains letters sent to both Herbert Gilman and Holly Balch Wing, all from either Herbert’s mother or father.

The Wing, Jr., Herbert subseries consists of letters to Herbert Wing, Jr., primarily from his mother Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing.

The Wing, Jr., Herbert & Helen Gilman Wing subseries contains letters sent to both Herbert and Helen from various family members.

The last subseries is titled Unnamed Recipients and contains two letters, both of which have no envelopes and no clear recipients.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 - MC 2022.4

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### “Aunts”

- Folder 01) From Jeannette – Feb. 5, 1920 [originally in same envelope as Folder 16: Aunty to Helen]
- Folder 02) From Laura – Jan. 3, 1922 [postcard]
- Folder 03) From Jeannette – Jan. 4, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 17: Aunty to Helen]
- Folder 04) From Laura – Jan. 30, 1922 [postcard]
- Folder 05) From Laura – Feb. 6, 1922 [postcard]
- Folder 06) From Laura – Feb. 15, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 22: [Aunty?] to Helen]
- Folder 07) From “Rosebud” [Laura? Based on handwriting] – Feb. 20, 1922
- Folder 08) From Laura – Feb. 27, 1922  
[originally in same envelope as Folder 24: Aunty to Helen, & Folder 25: Aunty to Helen]
- Folder 09) From Jeannette Gilman – Dec. 17, 1920
- Folder 10) From Laura – undated, “Saturday afternoon”

**BOX 1 - MC 2022.4 (cont.)**

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Balch Wing, Holland Holly

Folder 11) From "Daddy" – Oct. 12, 1949

Folder 12) From Sally to "Dear Pixie" [likely Holly] – undated, "Sunday"

Folder 13) From Barbara – undated, "Saturday"

Gilman Wing, Helen

Folder 14) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (mother-in-law) – Dec. 3, 1917

Folder 15) From Laura – Aug. 18, 1919

Folder 16) From "Aunty" – Feb. 5, 1920 [originally in same envelope as Folder 02: Jeannette to Aunts]

Folder 17) From "Aunty" – Jan. 4, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 04: Jeannette to Aunts]

Folder 18) From "Aunty" [based on handwriting] – Jan. 5, 1922

Folder 19) From "Aunty" – Feb. 3, 1922

Folder 20) From "Aunty" – Feb. 9, 1922

Folder 21) From "Aunty" – Feb. 12, 1922

Folder 22) From [Aunty?] – Feb. 15, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 07: Laura to Aunts]

Folder 23) From "Aunty" – Feb. 24, 1922

Folder 24) From "Aunty" – Feb. 27, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 09: Laura to Aunts, & Folder 25: Aunty to Helen]

Folder 25) From "Aunty" – Feb. 27, 1922 [originally in same envelope as Folder 09: Laura to Aunts, & Folder 24: Aunty to Helen]

Folder 26) From "Aunty" – undated, "Wednesday evening"

Folder 27) From "Aunty" – undated, "Madison, Wednesday afternoon"

Folder 28) From Aunt Carolina – Dec. 28, [unknown year]

Folder 29) Envelope addressed to Mrs. Herbert Wing Jr. – Nov. 26, 1920

Wing, Herbert Gilman

Folder 30) From "Hol" [Holly] – Jul. 31, 1951

Folder 31) From Holly to "Dearest" [likely Herbert Gilman Wing] – undated

Wing, Herbert Gilman & Holland "Holly" Balch Wing

Folder 32) From Herbert Wing, Jr. (father) – Sep. 28, 1949 [postcard]

Folder 33) From Herbert Wing, Jr. (father) – Sep. 29, 1949 [postcard]

Folder 34) From Herbert Wing, Jr. (father) – Jun. 17, 1950

Folder 35) From Helen Gilman Wing (mother) – Jul. 10, 1950

Folder 36) From Helen Gilman Wing (mother) – May 31, 1951

Folder 37) From Herbert Wing, Jr. (father) – May 19, 1951

Folder 38) From Helen Gilman Wing (mother) – Oct. 6, 1951

Folder 39) From Helen Gilman Wing (mother) – Mar. 19, 1952 [postcard]

**BOX 1 - MC 2022.4 (cont.)**

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Wing, Jr., Herbert

- Folder 40) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (mother) – Sep. 9, 1915
- Folder 41) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (mother) – Sep. 19, 1915
- Folder 42) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (mother) – Sep. 24, 1915
- Folder 43) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (mother) – circa Oct. 1915  
[postcard]
- Folder 44) From Herbert Wing, Sr. (father) – Oct. 22, 1917
- Folder 45) From Lawrence – Oct. 26, 1921 [postcard]

Wing, Jr., Herbert & Helen Gilman Wing

- Folder 46) From Aunt Laura – Feb. 15, 1917
- Folder 47) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) – Sep. 13, 1917
- Folder 48) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) – Sep. 18, 1917
- Folder 49) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) – Oct. 4, 1917
- Folder 50) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) – Nov. 30, 1917  
[with postscript from Herbert Wing, Sr. (Herbert's father)]
- Folder 51) From Aunt Laura – Dec. 19, 1917
- Folder 52) From Aunt Laura – Jan. 6, 1918
- Folder 53) From Aunt Laura – Feb. 15, 1919
- Folder 54) From Jeannette Gilman (Helen's sister) – Dec. 30, 1919
- Folder 55) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) – May 30, 1921
- Folder 56) From Mildred, Lawrence, & "Nephew Richard" – undated [circa  
Richard's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday]

Unnamed Recipients

- Folder 57) From Elizabeth Davis Potter Wing (Herbert's mother) to "Dear Folks"  
– Mar. 12, 1943 [includes card of Mrs. William K. Norton]
- Folder 58) From Aunt C to "Sweet-heart" – undated, "Saturday night"

This collection register was prepared by Juliana Rhinehart, April 2022.