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William Morris Hunt letters and photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Morris Hunt letters and photographs
<b>Date:</b>	[ca.1873-1898]
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.huntwill
<b>Creator:</b>	Hunt, William Morris, 1824-1879
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Items ((on 3 partial microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donor of the photos on reel 64 unknown. The catalogs are actually from the Macbeth Gallery records, and may have been microfilmed with them. Letter on reel 2814, fr. 773-777 donated 1981 by Letitia Howe; and reel 3697 transferred from the National Museum of American Art, 1986.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 64, 2814, and 3697 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

William Morris Hunt (1824-1879) was a painter and instructor from Boston, Mass. Hunt drowned in the Isle of Shoals, N.H., possibly a suicide.

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## Scope and Contents

Two letters, 6 photographs; and 2 catalogs.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 64: 6 photographs of his paintings, priced catalog used for a sale of his paintings (1880), and an auction catalog (1898).

## Scope and Contents

REEL 2814: Portion of an undated letter to an unknown person from Hunt. He quotes from an article "Peintre Vivants" in the REVUE DE PARIS.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 3697: A letter to William Claflin, August 21, 1873, regarding Hunt's PORTRAIT OF AGNES ELIZABETH CLAFLIN (William Claflin's daughter). Hunt offers to show Claflin the "best way of turning the picture for the proper light." Also included is a receipt for three thousand dollars for the portrait.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Painting, American  
Portrait painting -- Massachusetts

Names:

Claflin, William

Occupations:

Painters -- Massachusetts -- Boston  
Portrait painters -- Massachusetts -- Boston