

**HUNTER (EDWIN) PAPERS**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	2.3 linear feet
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana, Texas
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1956-2001
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1970-1980
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of Judge Edwin Hunter of Lake Charles. Consists of correspondence and filings related to cases in Jefferson Davis Parish, Rapides Parish, and Lake Charles, Alexandria, Shreveport, and Lafayette. Also information regarding integration and school boards.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	None
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Edwin Ford Hunter, Jr. was born February 18, 1911, in Alexandria, La. to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ford Hunter; grandson of Judge and Mrs. Edwin Gardner Hunter; great-grandson of Judge and Mrs. Robert A. Hunter.

He married Shirley Kidd on October 11, 1941 and had three children: Edwin Kidd Hunter (attorney), Janin Hunter Robert (educator), and Kelly Hunter Bowler (pharmacist).

In 1937 he received a law degree (L.L.B) from George Washington University (Washington, D.C.) while working part time on Capitol Hill under the patronage of the late Senator John Overton. He practiced law at Smith, Hunter, Risinger and Shuey in Shreveport, La. from 1940-1953; was appointed U.S. Judge by President Eisenhower from 1954-1993; was Chief Judge, Western District of Louisiana from 1970-1976; and presided over federal appellate courts in New York, Texas, Georgia and South Carolina.

He served as a State Representative in the Louisiana Legislature, the State chairman of the American Bar Association, commander of the Lowe-McFarlane American Legion Post, and was a decorated naval officer who served in World War II.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Edwin Hunter Papers chronicle a portion of the legal career of Judge Edwin Ford Hunter, Jr. The first half of the collection contains files, identified by location, that include trial calendars for cases presented before Judge Hunter, and copies of legal papers with related correspondence. The legal papers identify the litigants, the docket number, and information based on its purpose (Order of Dismissal, Briefs, Motions, etc.). The correspondence addresses issues discussed in the surrounding legal papers, with the principle parties of the correspondence being attorneys and the judge. The topics of the cases mentioned are general in nature and reflect the typical cases assigned to Judge Hunter.

The second half of the collection is arranged alphabetically by subject or geographical location, and contains information regarding the integration and desegregation of the public schools in Louisiana, specifically Bossier, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Rapides parishes. Topics broadly cover the school boards and racial issues for the above mentioned parishes, as well as papers for the Bi-Racial Committee of Calcasieu Parish. Items include copies of correspondence among the school boards, attorneys, and Judge Hunter; statistics of the percentage of African American students in schools; legal documents, such as orders, motions, briefs and other pleadings; and newspaper clippings. Items for the Bi-Racial Committee include letters to members, membership lists, meeting minutes, and correspondence. It should be noted that some reports and correspondence involving the Bi-Racial Committee may be found in folders not specifically labeled "Bi-Racial Committee."

Three legal-sized folders with pleadings regarding the 1979 case of Merchants National Bank of Mobile vs. The Dredge General G.L Gillespie, et al., including counter plaintiffs and counter defendants.

One folder of articles (1956-1958) and another of newspaper clippings (1956-1964) both contain publications of arguments about segregation and integration.

The two oversized folders contain maps. One houses nine street maps of a section of Lake Charles (La.) with different school zones and districts highlighted; they are either dated "1970" or have no date. The other folder houses six maps of Calcasieu Parish (La.) from the 1970s which indicate different districts, population, and are color coded.

**INDEX TERMS**

African American children – Education - Louisiana

African Americans – Segregation – Louisiana – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Bi-Racial Committee (Calcasieu Parish, La.)

Bossier Parish (La.). School Board.

Calcasieu Parish (La.). School Board.

Discrimination in education – Louisiana.

Jefferson Parish (La.). School Board.

Judges – Louisiana.

Legal correspondence.

Pleading.

Race relations – Louisiana.

Rapides Parish (La.). School Board.

School integration – Louisiana.

Segregation in education – Law and legislation – Louisiana.

United States. District Court (Louisiana : Western District).

**CONTAINER LIST**

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		5	Segregation – cases and comments, June-Oct 1970
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		9	Acadian people – Louisiana, 1968-1980
		10	Clippings, 1956-1964
		11	Articles, 1956-1958
OS:H		1	Nine maps of Lake Charles (La.)
		2	Six maps of Calcasieu Parish (La.)