

Alexander Crombie Humphreys Collection

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Provenance Note:

The materials of the collection have been donated by Alexander Crombie Humphreys and various offices on campus.

Biographical Note:

Alexander Crombie Humphreys was a notable scholar and educator. He came to the United States from Scotland at the age of 8 and before he turned 16 years old he had successfully passed the competitive examinations of the United States Naval Academy, but was too young to be admitted. He entered business employment instead where his energy and talents were rapidly recognized. After a few years in the employment of an insurance company, Humphreys became secretary and superintendant of the Bayonne Gas Light Company. While holding that position, Humphreys was determined to acquire a technical education. In 1877, Humphreys entered Stevens Institute of Technology as a part time student. He finished in four years a course which he had been told would take six years to accomplish. He graduated in 1881.

From there on, Humphreys became a recognized leader in gas engineering and was called upon to design, construct and supervise the operations of many extensive water and gas plants in the USA and internationally. Humphreys established his own engineering firms in London and New York for this purpose.

In 1902, Humphreys was elected President of Stevens Institute of Technology. His administration of Stevens was marked by great progress in its growth and standard of the student body. This earned Humphreys the highest respect and affection from faculty and graduates during his presidency.

Many of the leading engineering societies chose Humphreys to lead their organization and he had been president of the American Institute of Consulting Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Gas Institute, American Gas Light Association, the Engineers Club and other important technical and social organizations. Humphreys was also member and trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching. These affiliations brought Humphreys into intimate contact with leading men in many walks of life. His ability, high character and strong personality inspired the admiration and respect of many.

Scope & Content Note:

This collection documents Alexander Crombie Humphrey's life and term as the 2nd President of Stevens Institute of Technology. Included are materials documenting his inauguration, educational speeches & articles, resignation & death.

Forms of material include writings and speeches; reports; correspondence; clippings; notes; commencement speeches; pamphlets and photographs

Inventory:

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Folder 1	Inauguration of AC Humphreys	
1	Taking Possession of the "Castle", May 27th XXXX	5/27/1927
2	Inaugural Address of AC Humphreys, President of the Stevens Institute of Technology, February 5th 1903, Delivered in Carnegie Laboratory of Engineering	2/5/1903
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4	Inauguration of AC Humphreys as President of the Stevens Institute of Technology	
Folder 2	Dedication Speeches	
1	Dedication of Morton Memorial Laboratory of Chemistry, June 13th 1906	6/13/1906
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3	Dedication of the William Hall Walker Gymnasium, Dedicatory Address by President AC Humphreys, November 18th 1916	11/18/1916
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Folder 3	Commencement Speeches Part 1	
1	New York Trade School Commencement, April 6th 1904	4/6/1904
2	General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, Address to the Graduating Class by AC Humphreys, President of Stevens Institute of Technology, April 22nd, 1909	4/22/1909
3	Commencement Newark Technical School	5/17/1909
4	Commencement of Grammar School No. 6, Bayonne	6/25/1909
5	Graduation Exercises, Orange High School- "Formal Education as Preparation for Life's Work & Duties"	6/24/1909
6	The Trenton School of Industrial Art Commencement	6/4/1910
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1	Duplicate Item #6,#7 Box 8, Folder 3	
2	Address to Graduating Class Union Hill High School	6/28/1917
3	Duplicate Item #2	
4	Commencement High School of Commerce, New York City	1/29/1920
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6	Duplicate Item #4,5	
7	Commencement Hoboken High School	6/25/1924
8	Missing Title	
9	Town of Union Commencement Exercises	6/1/1917
10	Central High School Newark NJ	5/1/1924
11	A Biographical Sketch of AC Humphreys, National Cyclopedia of American Biography, James T White & Co, NY	3/19/1905
Folder 5	Educational Speeches and Articles	
1	Need for Better Shaping of Our Formal Education Toward the Real Needs of the Students, In View of Their Future Responsibilities as Bread Winners.	1/29/1914

	Notes for Talk to High school Students, Ridgewood NJ	
2	Canadian Society of New York Address	10/15/1917
3	Foundation First- Talk to NJ Science Teachers	12/5/1914
4	Letter- Untitled (Missing Page 1&2)	
5	Jersey City High School Address	12/11/1903
Folder 6	Biographical Sketches	
1	AC Humphreys- Second President of Stevens Institute of Technology by Arthur Glasgow	6/7/1905
2	Address Upon the Resignation of AC Humphreys as President of Stevens Institute of Technology at Alumni Dinner- By Henry Brinckerhoff Stevens 1890	12/15/1926
Folder 7	Miscellaneous Congratulatory/Student Council Letters	
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Folder 9	Miscellaneous Inauguration/Funding	
1	AC Humphreys Inauguration Pamphlet	2/5/1903
2	Miscellaneous	
3	Morton Laboratory of Chemistry Alumni Building Fund Statement to Alumni	11/25/1902
Folder 10	Photographs	
1	Photographic Portraits	
2	Group Photos	4/3/1905
	Digging of Athletic Field	
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4	50th Anniversary of Stevens Pamphlet	6/1/1921

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1	What Stevens & American History Owe to AC Humphreys	
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1	Inauguration Address of AC Humphreys Pamphlet	2/5/1903
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1	Address of AC Humphreys Delivered at Annual Dinner of Alumni, Hotel Astor	2/4/1908

Folder 9		
1	Four Versus 5 or More Years of Collegiate Education, Bulletin of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, Volume 3	5/1/1918
Folder 10		
1	The Engineer as a Factor in Modern Progress, Journal of the Franklin Institute	8/1/1914
Folder 11		
1	The Present Opportunities & Consequent Responsibilities of the Engineer, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Volume 34, Annual Meeting	3/26/1905
Folder 12		
1	The Crowding of the Curriculum, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, Volume XII	3/18/1905
Folder 13		
1	Report of the Sub Committee on Nomenclature & Standards, Baltimore Convention of the Illumination Engineering Society	10/24/1910
Folder 14		
1	In Rate Fixing by Commission, Should "Depreciation" be Deducted from Plan Valuation, American Gas Institute	10/1/1914
Folder 15		
1	Depreciation: Estimated & Actual, Institution of Gas Engineers, Great Britain	3/27/1905
Folder 16		
1	Society of Gas Lighting, NY, Paper of AC Humphreys on Cheap Gas	1/1/1987
2	Society of Gas Lighting, NY, Paper of AC Humphreys on the Recent History of the Hall Chisholm Gas Process	3/1/1900
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1	Gas & Oil Illuminants by AC Humphreys	

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4	Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	
5	American Society of Mechanical Engineers Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	8/30/1927
6	American Institute of Consulting Engineers Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	11/14/1927
7	Stevens Institute of Technology Retirement Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	6/21/1927
8	Letter of Resignation to Stevens Institute of Technology	12/10/1926

Folder 3 Death Resolutions

1	Board of Trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	10/5/1927
2	All Angels Church Retirement Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	
3	Faculty of Stevens Institute of Technology Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	8/31/1927
4	Society of Gas Lighting Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	
5	The First National Bank of Hoboken Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	9/13/1927
6	Parish House of the Church of All Angels Death Resolution of A.C. Humphreys	
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Folder 5	Miscellaneous Articles/Editorials Part 2	
1	Stevens Institute Indicator A. C. Humphreys b Arthur M Glasgow	10/1/1902
2	Book Containing News Articles and Editorials on Presidency of A.C. Humphreys "Successful American" Article- A.C. Humphreys	
Folder 6	Miscellaneous Articles/Editorials Part 3	
1	News Paper Clippings Containing News Articles and Editorials on Presidency of A.C. Humphreys	