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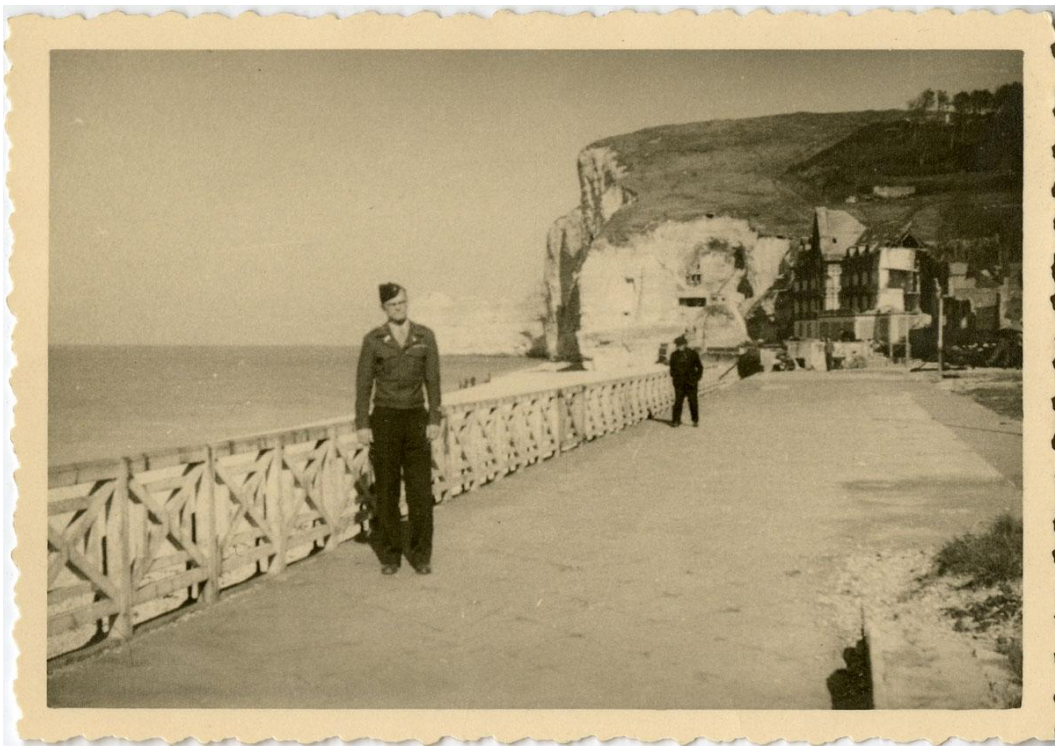
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**Guide to the
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Provenance

Musselman Library Received this collection in 2004 as a bequest from Robert D. Hanson.

Biography:

Robert D. Hanson was born on December 16, 1916 in Harrisburg, PA, the son of Henry W. A. Hanson, and Elizabeth Trimble (Painter) Hanson. He had two older brothers, Henry (“Hen”) W. A. Hanson, Jr. and Theophilus (“T”) Painter Hanson. The Hansons moved to Gettysburg in 1923 when Henry Hanson became president of Gettysburg College, a position he held until 1952. Robert D. Hanson attended Gettysburg public schools and graduated summa cum laude from Gettysburg College in 1939.

After graduation from Gettysburg, Hanson entered Dickinson Law School in the fall of 1939 with his brother Henry. The bombing of Pearl Harbor occurred partway through their final year there and, as a result, Dickinson offered early graduation for seniors in good standing who wished to join the service. Despite the fact that Robert had a postponement of his military service till August 1942, he chose to graduate early and reported to Fort Benning, GA in March 1942.

Robert Hanson served from 1942-1946. During training he was stationed at Fort Benning, GA, Camp Forrest, TN, Yuma, AZ, and Fort Dix, NJ. Upon his arrival at Camp Forrest, Hanson was assigned to be a platoon leader for the anti-tank company of the 319th regiment, 80th Division. Hanson turned down a position as Professor of Military Science at Valley Forge because he felt that he had a duty to lead his men. In addition, as a result of his law background he was part of the defense counsel for the special court and, when that was dissolved, became the new Trial Judge Advocate in addition to his other duties for a short period of time. In December 1942 he was made company commander. He returned to Fort Benning in September of 1943 to complete another training course before returning to training with his men in Arizona during the winter of 1944. During this training Hanson contracted Desert Fever and spent about one month in two hospitals in California recovering before reporting to Fort Dix.

During the summer of 1944 Hanson departed for overseas duty and was part of General Patton’s Third Army – European Theater of Operations. Shortly after arriving in Europe he became the Divisional Staff Officer of the Information and Education Division at Division Headquarters. One of the most personally significant events for Hanson during his service was his visit to the Ohrdruf concentration camp shortly after it was liberated. When he returned from the war he served as a witness to the atrocities, speaking about his experiences whenever asked. During his service Hanson was promoted several times ultimately becoming Major Robert D. Hanson by the fall of 1945 and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

After the war Hanson and his brother Henry opened a firm in Harrisburg where they practiced together until Henry's death. Robert Hanson continued practicing law until concern for his wife's health compelled him to retire.

Robert D. Hanson married Barbara ("Barbie") Esmer on April 22, 1949. They did not have any children and remained together until Barbara's death in 2000.

Robert D. Hanson passed away on July 28, 2006 at his home in Harrisburg, PA.

Scope and Content Note:

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The bulk of the collection consists of Robert Hanson's letters home to his parents. Hanson has strong ties to his family and an intense love and respect for his parents who he frequently refers to as "ideal parents". Occasionally, Hanson uses these letters to express his own commentary on the war, his philosophy on life and his convictions of faith. Overall, he views his experience in the army in a very positive light and his letters reflect that. His early letters focus on the events that occurred during training including his promotions, descriptions of his positions and the challenges he is facing. He also requests updates on events going on back home, results of paperwork from law school, plans for leave and plans for visits from his parents. While Hanson's letters from overseas also provide brief notes on his work, a detailed description of his new position is not written until June 11, 1945. Any action seen is generally not mentioned; with the exception of a brief description on August 30, 1944 of the event that led him to receive a Purple Heart, and an aerial dogfight on December 24, 1944. In addition, although visiting the liberated Ohrdruf concentration camp proved to be an important event for him after the war, it is not mentioned in any of his letters home. Many of his overseas letters focus on plans to practice law once he returns home, interactions with his fellow officers, events with his family back home, requests for items to be sent to him and discussions of his finances. While overseas he is very careful about the information he provides in his letters and, despite the fact that many of these letters were censored, Hanson's writing was not edited. Censored letters have been marked as such. Enclosures, such as pictures and other letters referenced in Hanson's letters were kept with the letter in which they were mentioned. In several of the letters, however, enclosures are mentioned that are not present in the collection. At the end of this sub-series there are two miscellaneous folders with various items that Hanson had sent home which are not dated that were not referenced in his letters, as well as two different newspapers.

Hanson does not date his letters until April 1944. Prior to that, he lists the day and time of day, such as "Sunday Morning," at the beginning of each letter. The dates in brackets are based on this information in conjunction with the postmark and content of the letter.

Letters in the collection authored by other family members generally focus on daily life and work. Several of the letters from Mrs. Hanson to Bob in the late spring and summer of 1943 discuss Mrs. Hanson's victory garden as well as how they are being affected by the gas shortage.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Hanson's letters, beginning in February 1943 make note of the air training camp which is housed on the Gettysburg College campus for most of the war.

In many instances letters from family members were circulated so that everyone could read them. This is noted in several letters which contain attachments of additional letters written by other authors. Mrs. Hanson occasionally notes that she is enclosing an envelope so that they can return the letter to her when they are finished with it.

The letters are arranged chronologically by author, with the exception of miscellaneous correspondence which is arranged chronologically by recipient.

Series Description:

Series I – Hanson Family Correspondence is divided into three sub-series.

Sub-Series A: *Letters and Telegrams from Robert D. Hanson to Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. A. Hanson.*

Sub-Series B: *Family Correspondence*, which consists of letters and telegrams between members of the immediate Hanson family.

Sub-Series C: *Other Correspondence* which consists of letters to Robert Hanson and to Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. A. Hanson from various acquaintances and extended family members. There is also a miscellaneous folder at the end of this sub-series which contains five photographs of unknown subjects circa, 1900 and two copies of the invitation to Dr. Hanson's inauguration at Gettysburg College.

Box 1

Series I – Hanson Family Correspondence

Sub-series A: Correspondence from Robert Hanson to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson

1-1 June 1939
June 22, [1939]

1-2 March 1942
[Undated] Telegram
3/13/42 Telegram
[3/15/42]
[3/18/42]
[3/21-22/42] Enclosed: "Detailed Schedule of Instruction for Period Beginning Tuesday March 17, 1942"
[3/25/42]
[3/28/42]

1-3 April 1-15, 1942
[4/1/42]
[4/5/42]
[4/9/42]

[4/12/42]
[4/15/42]

1-4 April 16-30, 1942

[4/16/42]
[4/18/42]
[4/23/42]
[4/25/42] Enclosed: Letter from Mark E. Lefever, Secretary of the PA State Board of Law
Examiners, to "Dear Lt. Hanson" March 7, 1942
[4/29/42]

1-5 May 1942

[5/4/42]
[5/7/42]
[5/9/42] Enclosed: Satirical Alma Mater for Fort Benning
[5/13/42]
[5/27/42] Enclosed: Newspaper Clipping "Robert D. Hanson Wins School Honor" from the
Gettysburg Times, May 25, 1942

1-6 June 1942

[6/3/42]
[6/6/42]
[6/7/42]
6/19/42 Telegram
[6/19/42]
[6/22/42]
[6/24/42]
[6/28/42]

1-7 July 1942

[7/1/42]
[7/5/42]
[7/15/42]
[7/26/42]

1-8 August 1942

[No Date] 3 Letters
[8/13/42]
[8/16/42] Touches on Hanson's feeling that he has a duty to lead his men
[8/19/42]
[8/22/42]
[8/27/42]

1-9 September 1-13, 1942

[9/2/42]
[9/5/42]

[9/9/42]
[9/12/42]

1-10 September 14-30, 1942

[9/17/42]
[9/19/42]
[9/23/42]
[9/26/42]
[9/30/42]

1-11 October 1942

[10/14/42] Enclosed: Letter from Arthur H. Hull, to "Dear Lieut. Hanson" October 9, 1492
[10/18/42] Enclosed: Newspaper Clipping "Lutheran's Observe 110th Anniversary
[10/21/42]
[10/24/42] Enclosed: Photograph of "Uncle Bill"
[10/28/42]

Box 2

2-1 November 1-12, 1942

[11/1/42] This letter provides a description of an overnight maneuver during training along with mention of Rommel's defeat.
[11/5/42]
[11/8/42] Enclosed: Photograph of "Lut. Hansone Sept. 14, 42"
[11/12/42]

2-2 November 15-28, 1942

[11/15/42]
[11/18/42]
[11/21/42]
[11/26/42]
[11/28/42] Enclosed: Photo of Hanson

2-3 December 1942

12/11/42 Telegram
12/17/42 Telegram
[12/20/42]
[12/23/42]
[12/26/42]

2-4 January 1-15, 1943

[1/3/43]
[1/6/43] Enclosed: Poem "For Honor and for Her"
[1/9/43]

[1/10/43] No Letter. Enclosed: Letter from D. J. Farage, to “Dear Bob” January 5, 1943; Card from The Colliers, to “Dear Bob” January 5, 1943; V-Mail from James W. Hudson, 2nd Lt. to “Mr. Robert D. Hanson”

[1/14/43]

2-5 January 16-31, 1943

[1/17/43]

[1/20/43]

[1/24/43]

[1/27/43]

[1/30/43]

2-6 February 1943

[2/3/43]

[2/7/43]

[2/11/43]

[2/13/43]

[2/18/43]

[2/21/43]

[2/27/43]

2-7 March 1943

[3/20-21/43] Enclosed: Letter from M. T. to “Dear Bobby” March, 6, 1943; Letter from W. C. Staples to “Lieutenant Hanson” March 10, 1943; Photograph of “Thomas L. Perry – eleven months”

[3/28/43]

2-8 April 1943

[4/1/43]

[4/7/43]

[4/10/43] Attempt at explaining how much letters mean to the soldiers.

Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Mother, April 2, 1943

[4/11/43] Easter Card

[4/14/43]

[4/18/43]

4/28/43 Telegram

2-9 May 1943

[5/1/43]

[5/23/43]

[5/29/43] Two Letters

2-10 June, July, August 1943

[No Date] Telegram

[6/3/43]

[6/6/43]

[No Date]
6/21/43 Telegram
6/28/43 Telegram
7/1/43 Telegram
[7/11/43]
7/10/43 Telegram
8/10/43 Telegram
8/24/43 Telegram
8/26/43 Telegram

Box 3

3-1 September 1-17, 1943

9/5/43 Telegram

[9/5/43]

[9/8/43]

[9/11/43]

[9/16/43] Enclosed: "Detailed Schedule of Instruction for Period Beginning Tuesday 7 September 1943"

3-2 September 18-30, 1943

[9/18/43]

[9/22/43] Enclosed: Hanson's answer sheet from an advanced map reading exam

[9/25/43]

[9/30/43]

3-3 October 1943

[10/2/43]

[10/6/43]

[10/13/43]

[10/13/43] Enclosed: Receipt for payment of life insurance policy; Letter from P. B. Rice to Hanson, October 13, 1943

[10/16/43]

10/21/43 Telegram

[10/21/43] Enclosed: Article "Here and There" from the Gettysburg Times, October 11, 1943

[10/25/43] Telegram

3-4 November 1943

[11/1/43]

11/8/43 Envelope only, no letter

11/11/43 Envelope only, no letter

11/19/43 Telegram

[11/20/43]

[11/25/43]

[11/28/43]

3-5 December 1943

12/2/43 Telegram

12/15/43 Telegram

[12/15/43]

[12/15/43]

12/16/43 Postcard

12/16/43 "Desert Beautiful" Picture collection

12/17/43 Telegram

[12/24/43]

12/25/43 Telegram

3-6 January 1944

1/1/44 Telegram

[No Date]

[No Date] Enclosed: Overlay for a maneuver

[1/8/44]

[1/16/44]

3-7 February 1944

[2/3/44] Two Letters

2/4/44 Telegram

[2/6/44]

[February 1944]

3-8 March 1944

[3/4/44]

[3/7/44]

3/13/44 Telegram

[3/27/44] Date provided based on the content of the letter

[3/29/44]

[3/30/44]

3/31/44 Telegram

3-9 April 1-10, 1944

[4/2/44]

4/6/44

4/7/44

4/8/44

4/9/44

4/10/44

3-10 April 11-15, 1944

4/11/44

4/11/44 Telegram

4/12/44

4/13/44
4/14/44
4/14/44 Telegram
4/15/44 Enclosed: Harry Emmerson Fosdic's sermon, "The Second Mile" from Reader's Digest

Box 4

4-1 April 16-30 and May 1944

4/16/44
4/18-19/44 Two Letters. Enclosed: Letter from "A Hanson trained man, Dave" to "Dear Bob"
April 12, 1944
4/20/44
4/20/44
4/22/44 Telegram
4/23/44
4/24/44
4/25/44 Telegram
5/5/44 Telegram
[No Date]

4-2 August – September 1944

8/23/44 Censored
8/30/44 Censored
9/4/44 Censored
9/7/44 Censored
9/10/44 Censored. Mention of the French reception of American troops
9/15/44 Censored
9/20/44 Censored
9/23/44
9/26/44 Censored

4-3 October 1943

10/4/44 Censored
10/15/44
10/22/44 Censored
10/28/44
10/30/44
10/30/44 Note written on Paris Tour Itinerary

4-4 November 1944

11/14/44 Censored, written on 3 Christmas cards
11/19/44 Censored, written on 1 Christmas card
11/21/44 Censored
11/27/44 Censored, Enclosed: Letter from Sarah R. Diehl to "My Dear Captain Hanson," Not Dated; Letter from Tilberg to "Dear Bob," October 29, 1944

4-5 December 1944

12/4/44 Censored

12/10/44 Censored

12/13/44 Censored, Enclosed: 100 Mark Banknote from 1910

12/20/44 Telegram

12/21/44 Telegram

[12/24/44] Censored. Watched a German plane crash after a dogfight

[12/31/44] Censored

12/31/44 Telegram

4-6 January 1945

1/4/45 Censored, Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, November 19, 1944

1/8/[45]

1/8/45

1/17/45

1/29/45

1/31/45

4-7 February 1945

2/3/45 Enclosed: 5 and 10 Denomination Belgian Francs; Letter from Mary Alice Sullivan to Capt. Hanson, January 5, 1945

2/4/45

2/5/45 Written on the back of the enclosed letter from Hanson's Aunt

2/6/45 Telegram

2/9/45

2/14/45

2/17/45

2/18/45

2/19/45 Telegram

4-8 March and April 1945

3/2/45

3/45

3/10/45 Censored. The letter includes a note about each of Hanson's men that he wishes his mother to send to their families with an Easter greeting.

3/29/45 Censored

4/4/45

4/13/45 Note on Roosevelt's death and US politics

4/22/45

4/24/45

4-9 May 1945

5/3/45

5/15/45

5/16/45

4-10 June 1-15, 1945

[6/7/45] Enclosed: Letter from William Van Horn Davies to Bob, May 24, 1945; Letter from Hen to Bob, May 27, 1945; Order of worship from Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA, April 29, 1945

6/9/45

6/11/45 Detailed description of Hanson's position

6/15/45 Enclosed: Poem "The Fool's Prayer"

4-11 June 16-30, 1945

[6/17/45]

6/17/45 Enclosed: Movement of the 80th Division 7 Jul 44 – 8 May 45; Highlights from the 80th Division, Memo from Hanson to "Information – Education Officers"

6/20/45

6/29/45

Box 5

5-1 July 1-14, 1945

7/1/45 Enclosed: Letter from Mrs. Kathryn S. Sponsler to "Captain", June 9, 1945; Order of Worship, Sunday, 1 July 1945, 80th Division, Special Troops

7/5/45 Enclosed: Booklet, "Presentation of Battle Honors" July 4, 1945

7/8/45 Enclosed: Order of Service from 8 July 1945; Photograph in envelope

7/12/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, July 2, 1945

7/13/45

5-2 July 15-21, 1945

7/21/45

7/24/45

7/27/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, July 18, 1945

7/28/45

5-3 August 1945

8/7/45

8/11/45 Comments on the war with Japan

8/20/45

8/24/45

8/29/45

5-4 September 1-16, 1945

9/2/45

9/2/45

9/11/45

9/16/45

5-5 September 17-30, 1945

9/18/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, September 3, 1945

9/22/45 Enclosed: Copy of "The 80th Forward" September 16, 1945, Original and Photocopy

9/22/45

9/29/45

5-6 October 1-9, 1945

10/3/45 Enclosed: 9 postcards of France; Booklet of pictures of Prague; Book entitled *Lidice*, written in Czech.

10/3/45

10/5/45

10/8/45 Enclosed: Postcard of Le Tour Eiffel; Program from the Théâtre National De L'Opéra Comique, *Mignon*

10/9/45 Enclosed: 3 bank notes: 1 Fine Rentenmark, 2 Zwei Schilling, 5 Kronen/ 5 Korun

5-7 October 10-31, 1945

10/12/45

10/13/45 Enclosed: Playbill for "Private Lives" at the Apollo Theater, London

10/19/45 Telegram

10/20/45

10/22/45 Postcard

10/22/45 Enclosed: Collection of photos from London

10/23/45

10/27/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob; Group photo in Paris; Two postcards of their location in Germany

5-8 November 1-19, 1945

11/1/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, October 25, 1945

11/3/45 Enclosed: Playbill "Here to day"

11/18/45

11/19/45 Enclosed: Postcard of Mariánské Lázně

5-9 November 20-30, 1945

11/20/45 Enclosed: German booklet about fighter pilots; Program from the Tricolor Symphony Orchestra Concert, Nov. 8, 1945; 80th Division Concert Band Program, Nov. 13, 1945; Order of Service and Holy Communion Nov. 4, 1945

11/21/45 Enclosed: Letter from Hen to Bob, November 8, 1945

11/22/45

11/23/45 Enclosed: Letter from Sunny to Bob, October 26, 1945; Morning Worship Service Booklet, Nov. 11, 1945

11/25/45 Enclosed: Letter from the Gettysburg College Loyalty Fund, October 29, 1945

11/30/45 Enclosed: 5 photographs, labels on envelope

Box 6:

6-1 December 1-9, 1945

12/2/45

12/6/45 Enclosed: Victory Loan Investor Label

12/8/45 Enclosed: Two twenty denomination Czech Korun; Morning worship service booklet, November 25, 1945; Invitation to The Grand Ball in Mariánské Lázně, Czechoslovakia
12/8/45 Enclosed: Information about life insurance
12/9/45 Enclosed: Letter from Robert Hanson to R. B. Karr in regard to joining the Judge Advocate General's Branch of the reserve

6-2 December 10-27, 1945

12/13/45 Enclosed: Letter from Sunny to Bob, November 30, 1945; Letter from Hen to Bob, November 29, 1945.

12/16/45

12/17/45 Telegram

12/20/45

12/21/45 Enclosed: Letter from Harvard Law School to Hanson, December 4, 1945; Letter from Colonel Wood to Bob.

12/21/45 Enclosed: GI Bill of Rights

12/24/45 Telegram

12/27/45

6-3 Miscellaneous – No Date

Easter card to Dr. Hanson

Easter card sent with flowers

Mother's Day Card to Mrs. Hanson

Card sent with flowers to Mrs. Hanson

Postcards from Camp Forrest, TN

Note dated May 28

Two postcards from Ft. Benning, GA

Globe Theater program, *While the Sun Shines*

The London Hippodrome program, *Perchance to Dream*

Envelope to Mrs. H. W. A. Hanson

Photo of Robert D. Hanson in envelope

6-4 Miscellaneous - Newspapers

"The Stars and Stripes" January 9, 1945 – Original and Photocopy

"80th Forward" September 10, 1945 – Original and Photocopy

Sub-Series B: Other Family Correspondence

6-5 Correspondence from Robert to Henry Jr. 1942-1944

6-6 Correspondence from Robert to Henry Jr. Feb – Sept. 1945

6-7 Correspondence from Robert to Henry Jr. Oct. – Dec. 1945

6-8 Correspondence from Robert to T. Painter 1943 – 1945

6-9 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert – No Date

6-10 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert 1939

6-11 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, March 13-20, 1942

Box 7:

- 7-1 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, March 21-31, 1942
- 7-2 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, April 1-13, 1942
- 7-3 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, April 14-30, 1942
- 7-4 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, May 1942
- 7-5 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, June 1942
- 7-6 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, July 1-10, 1942
- 7-7 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, July 11-31, 1942
- 7-8 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, August 1-13, 1942

Box 8:

- 8-1 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, August 14-31, 1942
- 8-2 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, September 1-10, 1942
- 8-3 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, September 11-30, 1942
- 8-4 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, October 1942
- 8-5 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, November 1942
- 8-6 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, December 1942
- 8-7 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, January 1-15, 1942
- 8-8 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, January 19-31, 1942
- 8-9 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, February 1-10, 1942
- 8-10 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, February 11-16, 1942
- 8-11 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, February 17-28, 1942
- 8-12 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, March 1-19, 1942

Box 9:

- 9-1 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, March 20-31, 1942
- 9-2 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, April 1-8, 1942
- 9-3 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, April 9-22, 1942
- 9-4 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, April 23-30, 1942
- 9-5 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, May-June 1942
- 9-6 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Robert, 1944-1945
- 9-7 Correspondence from Dr. and Mrs. Hanson to Henry Jr. and T. Painter, July 1942
- 9-8 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Robert, March – June 1942
- 9-9 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Robert, August – December 1942
- 9-10 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Robert 1943
- 9-11 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, 1942
- 9-12 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, 1943

Box 10:

- 10-1 Correspondence from Henry Jr. to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, 1944-1945
- 10-2 Correspondence from T. Painter to Robert, March-July 1942
- 10-3 Correspondence from T. Painter to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, July-August 1942

Sub-Series C: Other Correspondence

- 10-4 Letters from V. N. Tillberg to Robert
- 10-5 Letters from Robert Browning Rau to Robert
- 10-6 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1939-1942
- 10-7 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1942
- 10-8 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1942
- 10-9 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1942
- 10-10 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1942

Box 11:

- 11-1 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1942
 - 11-2 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Robert, 1943
 - 11-3 Letter from L. T. Painter to Elizabeth Hanson, 1904
 - 11-4 Letters from the Painters to Elizabeth and Henry Hanson, 1917-1923
 - 11-5 Letters from the Painters to Elizabeth and Henry Hanson, 1923-1924
 - 11-6 Letters from other family members to Elizabeth and Henry Hanson
 - 11-7 Correspondence from John Woods to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, 1944-1946
 - 11-8 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, February-July 1942
 - 11-9 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, August-February 1945
 - 11-10 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, March 1943-1949
 - 11-11 Miscellaneous Letters from Elizabeth Hanson – No Date
 - 11-12 Miscellaneous Items
- Five Photographs circa 1900
- Two invitations to the inauguration of Henry W. A. Hanson

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