

**WALTER L. HART COLLECTION**  
Finding Aid

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	5 folders
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1944, 1952, undated
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	The collection contains the United States-Mexico water treaty of 1944; published materials concerning raising cattle, citrus farming and deer hunting; and photographs of deer hunters.
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<b>Related Collections</b>	Closner Ramsey collection, "Citrus," 2 vols. RGDOC 136G, C:16 Austin LeRoy (Roy) Cramer collection
<b>Citation</b>	Walter L. Hart Collection. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	SMC 14, RGDOC 1, B:1; OSDOC 4, L:24; RGPFO 204

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Walter L. Hart was born about 1884 in Michigan. He opened a nursery in McAllen in 1908 and became an early specialist in citrus trees. He produced the first red-meat grapefruits having brought them from Florida.

Hart was married to Ola F. Hart (born about 1892 in Texas), and they had three sons, John W. Hart, Samuel W. Hart, and Thomas H. Hart.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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The copy of the treaty was sent to Hart compliments of The Harding Foundation in Raymondville, Texas. It is a "word for word" copy of the printing from the U.S. Senate, 78<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session.

The Cattle Raisers Association booklet is titled "The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association: Its History, Purpose and Present Day Activities." According to a letter that accompanies the booklet, Hart sent for information about the association. The letter also gives instructions for becoming a member.

The December 1952 issue of *Texas Farming and Citriculture* is included in the collection. The periodical was published in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Six photographs are also in the collection. Five of the photographs show deer hunters with their kill. The last photograph is of an outdoor celebration showing a crowd standing in front of a stage where a man is standing and talking to the crowd.

## **LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES**

### **I. Treaty**

### **II. Published materials**

### **III. Photographs**