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# Guide to the Hulbert Family Papers 1836-1875



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.HULBERT
<b>Title</b>	Hulbert Family. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1836-1875
<b>Size</b>	0.5 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The Hulbert Family Papers consists of typescript copies of the original letter of members of the Hulbert/Walker family. Eri B. Hulbert, Jr. was the first dean of the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. The Hulbert family lived in Chicago during much of the period covered by the papers, and the letters chronicle many significant local events, including the 1871 Great Fire and its aftermath. They also chronicle life in the Chicago Baptist community in the 1860s and 1870s and include observations on national events, including the Presidential elections of 1860 and 1864.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

No restrictions.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Hulbert Family. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

## **Biographical Note**

Eri B. Hulbert, Jr. was born in Chicago in 1841, and lived in the city until leaving to attend Union College. After graduation from that institution, he attended Hamilton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1865. He immediately accepted a pastorate in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he stayed for three years. From 1868 to 1870 he was in charge of mission work in the rolling mills in Chicago. After Chicago, he became pastor of Baptist churches in St. Paul, Minnesota and San Francisco, California. In 1878, Hulbert returned to Chicago to become pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church.

In 1881, Hulbert surrendered his pastorate to accept the professorship of church history with Union Theological Seminary. While at the seminary, he became an associate of William Rainey

Harper, first president of the University of Chicago, and Thomas W. Goodspeed. Hulbert served as acting president of the seminary in 1884 and 1885, and was appointed dean when the seminary merged with the University and formed the Divinity School. Hulbert served in that capacity until his death, in 1907.

## Scope Note

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## Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spl/select.html>

## Subject Headings

- Hulbert, Eri B. (Eri Baker), 1841-1907
- University of Chicago. Divinity School
- Baptist Union Theological Seminary (Morgan Park, Ill.)
- Great Fire, Chicago, Ill., 1871
- Baptists -- Illinois -- Chicago

## INVENTORY

### Box 1

#### Folder 1

Introduction to Hulbert/Walker letters, "Who's Who"

### Box 1

#### Folder 2

Eri Baker Hulbert, Sr. to Mary Louisa Hulbert, November 1836-July 1837

### Box 1

#### Folder 3

Copies of handwritten notes and letters to and from the family

- illegible letter, 1860-1868

### Box 1

#### Folder 4

Family correspondence, July 1937-May 1852

### Box 1

#### Folder 5

Family correspondence, October 1852-September 1859

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**Folder 6**

Family correspondence, February 1860-September 1862

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**Folder 7**

Family correspondence, September 1862-November 1862

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**Folder 8**

Family correspondence, November 1862-March 1863

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**Folder 9**

Family correspondence, March 1863-March 1864

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**Folder 10**

Family correspondence, March 1864-November 1864

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**Folder 11**

Family correspondence, January 1865-April 1865

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**Folder 12**

Family correspondence, May 1865-December 1865

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**Folder 13**

Family correspondence, December 1865-August 1866

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**Folder 14**

Family correspondence, August 1866-November 1866

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**Folder 15**

Family correspondence, November 1866-March 1867

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**Folder 16**

Family correspondence, March 1867-March 1868

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**Folder 17**

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**Folder 18**

Family correspondence, April 1869-January 1870

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**Folder 19**

Family correspondence, January 1870-November 1870

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**Folder 20**

Family correspondence, November 1870-August 1871

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**Folder 21**

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**Folder 22**

Family correspondence, June 1873-March 1874

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**Folder 23**

Family correspondence, April 1874-November 1874

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**Folder 24**

Family correspondence, November 1874-May 1894, December 1909

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**Folder 25**

"The Civil War Diary of Christian Minister - The Observations of Eri Baker Hulbert,"  
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