

Charles Guernsey Hubbel (Tommy)
1873-1957

Charles Guernsey C.G. (Tommy) Hubbel was born on March 21, 1873 in Hudson, New York. His parents were Charles and Sarah Guernsey Hubbel. According to family sources, C.G. Hubbel lived in Charlotte for sixty years, which is corroborated by the Charlotte City Directory (1897-1989). He worked as a Superintendent with his brother-in-law, Henry E. Knox, Jr. who worked as a Civil Hydraulic Engineer at the Hunt Building. The company moved the next year to the Piedmont Building that was located at 222 South Street. Hubbel also resided with the Knox family at 7 E. Vance Street until they moved to 633 Sunnyside Avenue. He died on December 27, 1957 of a cerebral hemorrhage. His niece, Dorothy Knox, was a columnist for the *Charlotte News* donated the papers on November 5, 1974.

Series 1

Consists of two letters to Hubbel. J.C. Abbott offered lots for sale in Piedmont Park. J. Hawley of the United States government discussed the magnetic declination in Charlotte.

Series 2

This section includes correspondence between C.G. Hubbell, a Mrs. Ellamay Hutchins, and Donald Dinsmore. The latter three were joint owners of a 100 acres located in the town of Brevard. Attempts were made to sell the land following the death of Mrs. Hutchins's husband. Later Hubbel corresponded with a prospective buyer Walter Weidt. Additional items are the deed to and tax receipts for the Brevard property.

Series 3

This section involves a number of land transactions, lists of land transaction and a legal case involving John Wesley (J.W.) Wadsworth. Charles G. Hubbel testified in the latter, which accounts for its inclusion with Hubbel's papers. However, there is no explanation of why Hubbel was in possession of the other Wadsworth Papers in this collection

John Wesley Wadsworth was born in Davidson County in 1835. He was the son of Ridgen Wadsworth, a native of England. J.W. Wadsworth came to Charlotte when he was thirty years old. He began his career in the horse and mule trade. Using the funds from this business, Wadsworth established a profitable empire that included the largest livery stable in the state and a number

of farms. He was known as one of Charlotte's most successful businessmen. Wadsworth was twice married. His first wife was Mary Houston of Providence Township. They had one son, John C. Wadsworth's second wife was Margaret Cannon of Concord. It was happy union and the couple raised eight children, including Mrs. A. B. Reese, Laura Madge, Louise, Charles, Jim, George and Joe Wadsworth. J. W. Wadsworth died on March 2, 1895 at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia after a brief illness, but his body was returned to Charlotte for funeral services and burial.

Series 4

A collection of deeds to property in Chatham Estates purchased by C.G. Hubbel. Apparently many of these were investments in real estate developments in what is now Plaza Midwood.

Series 5

This collection of deeds does not appear to involve Hubbel, but were found among his papers. Many of these are real estate investments made by a number of Charlotteans, including Barringer, Asbury, and Keesler.

Series 6

In 1917, the United States Treasurer's Department hired C.G. Hubbel to re-survey the property of the Charlotte branch of the United States Post Office and the United States Assay Office, the former U.S. Mint. In addition, he was also commissioned to acquire and mount two monuments in Charlotte, one at the post office and the other at the assay office. Correspondence between Hubbel and two government officials, Alexander Blumberg and J. H. Moyle discuss survey problems and the costs of the monuments.

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