

# MERICA EVANS HOAGLAND LETTER, 1906

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**Collection #:**  
SC 2612

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## USER INFORMATION

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Demarchus Clariton Brown (1857-1926) was born in Indianapolis to Philip and Julia (Troster) Brown. In 1880, he graduated from Butler College (which later became Butler University) in Indianapolis. He began a position there as a professor of Greek and Greek Art two years later. Brown taught at Butler until he became Indiana State Librarian in 1906, a position he held until his death. He was married to Jessie Lanier (Christian) in 1897.

Jacob Piatt Dunn, Jr. (1855-1924), a native of Lawrenceburg, Indiana (Dearborn Co.), was the son of Jacob Piatt and Harriet Louisa (Tate) Dunn (See also: SC 2611, William Tate Letter). He attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana (Wayne Co.) and the University of Michigan. J.P. Dunn, Jr. married Charlotte Elliott (Jones) in 1893. He was secretary of the Indiana Historical Society (1886-1924), Indiana State Librarian (1893-1904) and Indianapolis City Comptroller (1904-06, 1914-16). Dunn authored several books, many dealing with Indiana. They include: *Indiana* (1888), *Indiana--A Redemption from Slavery* (1905), *True Indian Stories* (1909), *History of Indianapolis* (1910) and *Indiana and Indianans* (1919). He also served as the private secretary (1923-24) to U.S. Senator Samuel Moffett Ralston (1857-1925). (See also: SC 1231, Samuel M. Ralston Letters)

For Jacob P. Dunn, see also: M 89, Jacob Piatt Dunn Collection; SC 1759, "Succession of L.S. Ayres and Company."

Merica Hoagland (1858-1933) was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana (Allen Co.). She was educated in Fort Wayne public schools and at Vassar College. In 1902, Hoagland took a position on the Indiana Library Commission and moved to Indianapolis. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Indiana Library School on what was then known as the Arsenal grounds. She was a leader in many women's associations in Indiana and throughout the country. Hoagland also contributed "Bits of Indiana History" to the *Indianapolis News* from 1915 to 1916.

Harlow Lindley (1875-1959) was a native of Sylvania, Indiana (Clark Co.). He served as director of the Department of History and Archaeology in the Indiana State Library, and as secretary and director of the Indiana Historical Council. Lindley was a professor of history and a librarian at Earlham College for 30 years before moving to Columbus, Ohio, in 1929, to begin as a librarian at the President Rutherford B. Hayes Memorial Historical Library and Museum in Fremont, Ohio.

For Harlow Lindley, see also: M 186, Harlow Lindley Papers.

Sources: *Indiana Biography Series*. vol. 3. p. 19; vol. 12. p. 36-37; vol. 54. p. 57.  
*Who Was Who*. vol. 1. p. 147, 347.

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a handwritten letter, dated September 8, 1906, from Merica Hoagland to "My Dear Mr. Smith." It regards an upcoming appointment of the State Librarian by the Indiana State Board of Education, and mentions that Demarcus [sic] Brown, Harlow Lindley and Jacob P. Dunn are the most desirable names before the Board.

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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SUBJECT ENTRIES: Hoagland, Merica Evans

Brown, Demarchus Clariton, 1857-1926

Librarians--Indiana

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