



Summary Information

Title: James Hunter Collection

Collection Number: 2021:031

Creator: James P. Hunter

Collection Dates: 1965-1994; Bulk 1994

Extent: 3 cubic feet

Language: English

Collection Abstract: James P. Hunter, III served as a licensed funeral director for 56 years and was former owner of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home in Lufkin, Texas and Cason-Monk Funeral Home in Nacogdoches, Texas. He was also founder, chairman, and CEO of Equity Corporation International, in Lufkin, one of the nation's largest death care companies with operations in 38 states and 2 Canadian provinces. ECI merged with Service Corporation International in 1999. Mr. Hunter also served as a member and chairman of the Texas Funeral Service Commission. Cason-Monk and Oakley-Metcalf were merged into ECI in 1994. The bulk of this collection contains records relating to this sale. Included are official SEC filings, account ledgers, inventories, legal documents, correspondence, and annual reports.

Repository:

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Author/Processing Information: This collection was processed by Allison Grimes in February 2022.

Biographical/Historical Note: James P. Hunter, III was born September 6, 1937. He served as a licensed funeral director for 56 years and was former owner of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home in Lufkin, Texas and Cason-Monk Funeral Home in Nacogdoches, Texas. He was also founder, chairman, and CEO of Equity Corporation International, in Lufkin, one of the nation's largest death care companies with operations in 38 states and 2 Canadian provinces. ECI merged with Service Corporation International in 1999. Mr. Hunter also served as a member and chairman of the Texas Funeral Service Commission. Cason-Monk and Oakley-Metcalf were merged into ECI in 1994. The bulk of this collection contains records relating to this sale.

Collection Scope and Content: This collection consists of records relating to the sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home to ECI Services of Texas, Inc. in 1994. Included are official SEC filings, account ledgers, inventories, legal documents, correspondence, and annual reports.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged and described at the folder level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Funeral Homes
- Corporate Mergers

Corporate Names

- Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, Inc.
- Cason-Monk Funeral Home, Inc.
- Equity Corporation International
- JPH Properties, Inc.
- Acap Corporation
- Hunter-Metcalf Properties, Inc.

Personal Names

- James P. Hunter, III

Family Names

- Hunter
- Metcalf

Locations

- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Nacogdoches (Tex.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: None

Acquisition Information: This collection was received by The History Center in Fall 2021.

Custodial History: James P. Hunter collected these materials during his ownership and sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home in 1994. The History Center received the collection in Fall 2021.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, 1965
Folder 2	Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Term Note, September 1994
Folder 3	Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Warranty Deeds, September 1994
Folder 4	Exhibits Related to Sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, 1994
Folder 5	Correspondence Related to Sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, September-October 1994

- Folder 6 Legal Correspondence Related to Sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, 1994
- Folder 7 Legal Correspondence and Contracts Related to Sale of Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, 1994
- Folder 8 Oakley-Metcalf and Cason-Monk Funeral Homes, Furniture, Equipment, and Merchandise Inventories, 1994
- Folder 9 Oakley-Metcalf and Cason-Monk Funeral Homes, Environmental Questionnaires, 1994
- Folder 10 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Unit Sales Analysis, 1994
- Folder 11 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Account Lists and Statistics, 1994
- Folder 12 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home General Ledger, 1994
- Folder 13 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Comparative Financial Statements, 1993 & 1994
- Folder 14 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Financial Statements, 1994
- Folder 15 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Closing Financial Statement September 8, 1994
- Folder 16 Mortgage Loan Survey of Hunter-Metcalf Property in the Hiram Richey Survey A-463, Nacogdoches County, September 1994
- Folder 17 Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, Miscellaneous Notes, 1994
- Folder 18 Acquisition by ECI Services of Texas, Inc. of James P. Hunter, III's Capital Stock of Oakley-Metcalf, Inc. and Trade Name "Hunter"
- Folder 19 Acquisition by JPH Properties, Inc. of the Real Property of Hunter-Metcalf Properties (1 of 2)
- Folder 20 Acquisition by JPH Properties, Inc. of the Real Property of Hunter-Metcalf Properties (2 of 2)
- Folder 21 Acap Corporation Annual Report, 1996

- Item 1 ECI Capital Corporation, Equity Corporation International, Formation and Capitalizations May 23, 1990, James P. Hunter, III, Volume I
- Item 2 ECI Capital Corporation, Equity Corporation International, Formation and Capitalizations May 23, 1990, James P. Hunter, III, Volume II

Box 2

- Item 1 Equity Corporation International, Public Offering of 2,890,000 Primary Shares and 100,000 Secondary Shares of Common Stock, May 1, 1996, James P. Hunter, III
- Item 2 Equity Corporation International, Public Offering of 7,994,522 Shares of Common Stock on Behalf of Service Corporation International and 1,199,178 Shares of Common Stock, February 5, 1997, James P. Hunter, III
- Item 3 Equity Corporation International, Acquisition of Gipson Funeral Home, Inc. Garden of Memories Memorial Park of Lufkin, Inc. and Lufkin Vaults, Inc., December 15, 1997, James P. Hunter, III
- Item 4 Equity Corporation International, Initial Public Offering of 3,795,000 Shares of Common Stock, October 26, 1994, Volume I of II, James P. Hunter, III

Box 3

- Item 1 Equity Corporation International, Initial Public Offering of 3,795,000 Shares of Common Stock, October 26, 1994, Volume II of II, James P. Hunter, III
- Item 2 Equity Corporation International, Private Placement of \$143,750,000 1.5% Convertible Debentures Due 2004, Initial Closing February 25, 1998 Overallotment Closing March 11, 1998, James P. Hunter, III

Item 3

Equity Corporation International, Formation and Capitalization of Equity Corporation International and Acquisition of MLI/The Loftis Corporation, November 30, 1993, James P. Hunter, III