Guide to the C.S.A. Submarine H.L. Hunley print
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# Summary Information

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C.S.A. Submarine *H.L. Hunley* print, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

The *H.L. Hunley* was a Confederate States of America submarine that played a small part in the American Civil War, but a large role in the history of naval warfare. It was the first combat submarine to sink an enemy warship, although the *Hunley* was not completely submerged at the time of the attack and was lost at some point afterwards.

The *Hunley* was built in Mobile, Alabama, and launched in July 1863. It was then shipped by rail to Charleston, South Carolina, in August that same year. The ship sank twice, once on 29 August 1863, during a training exercise, killing five members of her crew, and then again on 15 October 1863, killing all eight of her crew, including the builder and financial backer Horace Hunley himself, who was aboard at the time but not enlisted in the CSA armed forces. Both times the *Hunley* was raised and returned to service.

On 17 February 1864, the *Hunley* attacked and sank the 1240-short ton screw sloop U.S.S. *Housatonic* on Union blockade duty in Charleston's outer harbor. Soon after, the *Hunley* sank for unknown reasons, killing all eight of her third crew. The innovative ship was lost until its wreckage was discovered in 1970 and raised in 2000.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a print of a pen and ink sketch of the C.S.A. submarine, *H.L. Hunley*. The *Hunley* was the first combat submarine to sink an enemy warship, although the *Hunley* was not completely submerged at the time of the attack and sank shortly afterwards.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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