

Module 1: Introduction to the Hunt Museum



John Hunt was an archaeologist, antiquarian and collector. He and Gertrude married in 1933 and together ran a successful antique shop and dealership. Over more than 40 years they developed close relationships with museums and collectors worldwide. Both had a keen eye for craftsmanship and design and would travel across Europe to find antiquities and artworks to buy. They moved to Lough Gur, Co. Limerick in 1940 and later lived in Dublin.
Image: John and Gertrude Hunt with their children John Jr. and Trudy

In 1976, John and Gertrude donated their collection to the people of Ireland. It is comprised of 2,000 objects and the timeline below illustrates how diverse it is. The objects come from many different time-periods, cultures and countries. Explore the Collection online using our online catalogue.

Go to <https://www.huntmuseum.com/the-collection/>

	<p><u>Ancient Egypt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statuette of a Baboon - MG 005 Wooden female statue - JB 004 	<p><u>Ancient Greece</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lekythos or vase - HCM 231 Pottery Cup - HCM 314
	<p><u>Ancient Rome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wine strainer - HCA 678 Head of a Noble Lady - JB 006 	<p><u>Prehistoric Ireland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flint arrowhead - HCA 038 Bronze spearhead - HCA 334 Torc or neck ring - HCA 451
	<p><u>Medieval Ireland and Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bronze Figure of a Donkey - MG 139/025 Ivory comb - HCM 149 	<p><u>Early and Later Christianity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antrim Cross - HCA 627 Bronze crucifix - CG 065
	<p><u>19th and 20th Century Art and Decorative Arts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wine Ewer - MG 116D Belleek Candelabrum - HCL 057 Master of Ceremonies by Jack B. Yeats - JB 012 	

On the next page is a map of the Hunt Museum. Examine it closely and try to identify where different objects are located.

