

Genealogy

A Guide to the Resources in the Michigan State University Archives

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The purpose of this resource guide is to familiarize visitors of the MSU Archives with some of the available genealogical resources. Note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of all the available sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which visitors can begin their research according to their specific needs. Online versions of the finding aids for most collections listed can be accessed by clicking on the collection name.

Family and Individual Collections

1. **Bagley Family Papers, 1830-1932.** **00018**
 - 0.66 cubic feet
 - This collection includes personal papers of David M. and Bennette Bagley, their son, William Bagley, and his son, Laurence Bagley. Included are Civil War, political, and personal correspondence, including a description of pioneer Australia; legal papers including Bennette and William Bagley's will and estate papers, apprenticeship papers, building contracts, tax receipts, deeds, summons, mortgages, abstracts of land titles, and a report card; newspaper articles (primarily political) written by David Bagley for the *Lansing State Republican* and the editions in which they appear; a speech given to the Old Settlers' Association in 1927; articles written by William Bagley for publication, primarily concerning prohibition, and one about the deserted pine lands of Michigan, which was read to the Michigan Senate in 1901; three plat maps and records relating to Old Mission Harbor, Michigan; a diary and phrenology chart of David Bagley; 1893 drawings of the United States Naval vessels; several financial ledgers and farm diaries; and a Peninsular Grange Ledger (1885-1902). Also includes a genealogy of the Bagley family (1778-1861).

2. **Barry Family Genealogy, undated.** **c.00484**
 - 1 folder
 - This collection contains photocopies of genealogical information on the John Stewart Barry family of White Pigeon and Constantine, Michigan.

3. **Bradford-Mallison Collection, 1882-1933, undated.** **c.00695**
 - 4 folders
 - This collection contains genealogy about the Bradford family and a family tree of the Herkelrath family. Also included are photographs of the Bradford-Mallison family members, one photograph of the Herkelrath family, and an autograph book that belonged to Lillie Mallison.

4. **Katharine E. Cook Briggs Papers, 1889-1894.** **UA 10.3.68**
 - 7.5 cubic feet
 - The papers of Katharine Cook Briggs contain two scrapbooks, three folders of genealogical information, and several of her published and private works. The first scrapbook by Cook contains images of Michigan Agricultural College campus, dance cards, concert programs, letters, and other memorabilia. The album begins in 1889 and

contains materials through 1894. The second scrapbook consists of a joint photo album in which Cook and Mary Lilian Wheeler demonstrate various photographic printing errors. The folders contain genealogical information on the Chapin and Briggs families. The other folders are primarily manuscripts and drafts of manuscripts, which deal with religion and psychology. The main work is titled "Personal Evolution" and is in different sections, there are also smaller works that are also in the collection. In addition to the published works, there are personal and financial papers as well that deal with family and taxes. Finally there are dream cards, in which Katharine and her husband Lyman Briggs recorded dreams that they had.

5. **Brook Family Papers, 1877-1984.** **00195**
 - 3.25 cubic feet
 - The Brook family papers consist of photographs, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, and genealogy notes. The bulk of the collection is photographic material. The majority of the photographic images are of family members but there are photographs of events at Haslett High School and buildings where family members resided. There are six family albums, fourteen cased 19th century photographic portrait images (daguerreo-, ambro- and tintypes), and over 100 loose photographic images (tintype and paper). The albums are mostly undated and include unidentified family members. Identified photographs have been arranged into separate folders. Unidentified photographs have been arranged by size and type.

6. **Jean Hebert Brown Collection, 1882, 1896, 1925-1940.** **00238**
 - 0.5 cubic feet
 - The Jean Hebert Brown family collection contains day books/diaries of Jennie Kedzie Stone, an autobiography of George A. Stone, and the Kedzie family history book, "Kedzies and Their Relatives," and its supplement, "A Century and a Year."

7. **Vernon J. Brown Papers, 1959.** **c.00022**
 - 1 folder
 - This collection contains Vernon Brown's typewritten manuscript, "70 Years -- 17 Governors," in which he gives his impressions and memories of prominent Michigan politicians and educators between 1889 and 1959. It also includes reprints of Brown's reminiscences of pioneering history and farm life around Ingham County, Michigan. The reminiscences were originally published in the *Ingham County News* in 1959.
 - Brown, owner and editor of the *Ingham County News*, held a variety of posts in Ingham County and Michigan government, including Mayor of Mason, state legislator, Auditor General (1939-1944), and Lieutenant Governor (1945-1946).

8. **Kenyon Leech Butterfield Papers, 1873-1962, 1924-1928.** **UA 2.1.10**
 - 0.33 cubic feet
 - The Kenyon L. Butterfield papers consist of a variety of materials relating primarily to Butterfield's work in education and rural sociology at Massachusetts Agricultural College and Michigan State College (now Michigan State University). The collection also contains family papers including genealogical notes, correspondence, and news clippings.

9. **William L. Carpenter Papers, 1851-1950.** **00015**

- 0.66 cubic feet and 1 volume
- This collection includes personal and business correspondence relating primarily to Carpenter's legal practice in Detroit, Michigan, and to his interest in family genealogy. The collection contains a number of writings by Carpenter pertaining to his experiences as a lawyer and a judge, as well as other topics. There are letters from his son, Rolla, a soldier in Europe during World War II, and a diary kept by his son-in-law, Dr. Frederick Buesser, which describes day-to-day life in the medical corps and gives a good description of Armistice Day (1918). References are made throughout the collection to Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). Carpenter, two of his brothers, and two of his sisters all attended M.A.C. Carpenter corresponded with several people of note, including Woodbridge Ferris, Charles Evans Hughes, John Basset Moore, Elihu Root, and William Howard Taft.

10. **Chamberlain Family Papers, 1795-1931.** **00002**

- 5.3 cubic feet and 8 volumes
- This collection contains family correspondence, legal documents and business records, particularly relating to Henry Chamberlain. Included are genealogies of the Chamberlain, Langdon, Woodward and Wheelock families. Correspondence discusses everyday life in Berrien County, Michigan; college life at several universities; development of the railroad in southern Michigan; Michigan and United States politics; Civil War sentiment and military life; and administrative problems at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). Also included are letters from M.A.C. President Oscar Clute, Michigan Governor Edwin B. Winans, and Robert LaFollette.
- The Chamberlain family migrated from New Hampshire west to Scipio, Ohio, in the early 19th century. From there, they moved to Three Oaks, Berrien County, Michigan in 1843. Henry Chamberlain served as a state representative in Lansing, Michigan, between 1848 and 1855. He served on the Michigan State Board of Agriculture, which governed Michigan Agricultural College, from 1888 to 1897. His son, Paul, attended Ashbunham School in Massachusetts, then Olivet College in Michigan. Mellon (Moses) Chamberlain was sent back east to be educated at Dartmouth College and Harvard University (1840-1849). He set up a legal practice in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1849.

11. **Mary True Dooley Papers, 1804-2002.** **UA 10.3.217**

- 1.8 cubic feet
- The Mary True Dooley papers consist of materials relating to the Andrews and True families. The Andrews materials include correspondence to and from the Elisha Andrews family, deeds, tax materials, financial information, essays, and sermons written by Elisha. Some of the correspondence describes eighteenth century life in New York, the journey to Michigan, and early settler life in Michigan. There are also Anne Amelia Andrew's diary, letters, copied essays and the correspondence of her husband, Eleazer W. True. Also included are deeds from Edward Lathrop, who was the brother of Elisha's wife. There also materials of Frank Lathrop True relating to his college days at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in the early 1900s including Alpha Zeta, Delphic Society, a cadet promotion certificate, MAC calendars, and materials for the Class of 1911 fiftieth reunion. In addition is Mary True Dooley's dissertation, "The

Andrews Bailiwick: A Geographic Study of Migration to and Settlement of Northern Macomb County, Michigan, 1810-1850," which refers to the family records, as well as describes her early family members.

- The materials in the collection reflect several generations of Mary True Dooley's family who were originally from Vermont and then moved westward to Michigan in the nineteenth century. Family members include her great, great-grandfather, Elisha Deming Andrews (1783-1852) and his wife, Betsey Lathrop. They had six children. Elisha bought land in Michigan in the early 1800s and moved his family to Michigan in 1840. The family settled in Armada, in northern Macomb County. Elisha's daughter, Anne, later married Eleazer W. True.

12. Eben Pearson Dorr Papers, 1861-1937.

c.00366

- 2 folders, 6 volumes
- The majority of the papers consist of six diaries kept by Eben Pearson Dorr. The 1888-1892 diaries describe life in the Buffalo, New York area. Manistee County, Michigan is described in the 1836-1837 diaries. Descriptions of Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Washington D.C. are included in the 1888-1891 diaries. Also included are a Horace Greeley autograph, a passport issued to George P. Dorr, a brief Dorr family genealogy, newspaper clippings, a speech, and a poem.

13. Dunks Family Papers, 1836-1877.

c.00123

- 10 folders
- This collection consists primarily of letters received by Oliver Dunks of Detroit and Coldwater, Michigan, most of which are dated in the 1860s. The letters discuss business, agriculture, and social activities, as well as conditions during the Civil War, including politics, the draft, and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. A series of letters from E. O. Burton, a student at Olivet College, describes college life and activities (1864-1865).

14. English Family Papers, 1829-1954.

00064

- 6.75 cubic feet
- This collection of family papers includes business and personal correspondence, financial records, report cards and schoolwork, church bulletins, school directories, an historical manuscript, newspaper clippings, and diaries. Albert D. English, his sister, Annetta English, his wife, Marion Brown Monteith English, and their daughter, Jean English Wisner are the family members represented in this collection. Historical information on Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, was collected by Albert and Annetta, who also wrote a history of Manchester Township, included in the collection.
- Albert and Annetta English were two of the children of Benjamin G. English. Both lived in Manchester, Michigan. Albert was a farmer, a school district assessor (1877-1926), stockholder in the Union Savings Bank, Overseer of Highways for District 19 (1897-1907), Postmaster of Manchester (1900), and a member of the 8th District War Board (1919). He was an active member of the Democratic Party and was elected to its State Convention in 1910, 1914, and 1916. In 1898, Albert married Marion Brown Monteith. They had one child, Jean, born in 1906.

- 15. Calvin Ennes Collection, undated.** **c.00399**
- 4 folders
 - This collection contains a copy of "Genealogy of the Saganing Indians of Arenac County and the Saginaw Valley of Michigan" (1760-circa 1880), written by Bernard Bourase and his wife, Charlotte, both Indians, for a settler, Harvey Chamberlin. Also included is an index of some Ojibwa words and their English translations.
- 16. Fenner Family Genealogy, 1978.** **c.00442**
- 1 folder
 - This collection consists of one copy of the Fenner family's genealogy from 1370 to 1978.
 - The Fenner family has its roots in Germany. One descendent of the family is Carl Georg Fenner who was a graduate of Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1923. Fenner worked for the city of Lansing, Michigan for 39 years. He held the position of city Forester eventually becoming the Parks Department Superintendent. The Fenner Nature Center in Lansing is named in his honor.
- 17. Feeman Family Papers, 1808, 1976.** **c.00243**
- 1 folder
 - This collection consists of a photocopy of a land grant in Ohio and a family genealogy. The land grant, issued to Benjamin Feeman, is for the west half of the lot of section eight of township 15 in range 18, Ohio. The land grant is signed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. The genealogy was prepared in 1976, which traces seven generations.
- 18. Ferry Family Papers, undated.** **c.00351**
- 6 folders
 - This collection contains typed excerpts from the letters of William Montague Ferry and his wife, Amanda, to family members in New England. Included are descriptions of the Indians and references to opposition from the Catholic Church. Also included are brief genealogies of the Ferry, Montague, Henry, Hastings, White, and Harwood families. The Ferrys were Protestant missionaries who settled on Mackinac Island.
- 19. Jonathan Fox Collection, 1837-1908.** **c.00260**
- 1 volume
 - This collection consists of a ledger kept by Jonathan Fox of Genesee County, New York. The ledger shows the cost of tailoring articles of clothing and listing personal expenses. The ledger also contains family records of marriages and births, as well as some poetry.
- 20. Sanford Hamilton Fulton Papers, 1946.** **UA 10.3.30**
- 1 folder
 - Sanford Fulton's papers consist of one booklet entitled "The Life of William Fulton," written by Sanford about his pioneer grandfather in 1922. It includes a list of descendants of William Fulton, and an introduction by Sandford's brother, Merritt Fulton.
 - Sanford H. Fulton, born in 1874, graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1897 with a B.S. degree in agriculture. In 1922-1923, Fulton traveled west to study the life of his grandfather, William Fulton (September 29, 1809 - May 9, 1889). Fulton's tuberculosis condition worsened as a result of his travels

and he returned to his home in West Virginia. He died in 1924, shortly after his return.

21. **Charles Walter Hamilton Genealogy, 1958.** **c.00106**
- 1 folder
 - This collection consists of a partial copy of a genealogy covering ten generations of the Hamilton family, several of whom settled in Michigan in the 1860s and 1870s. The genealogy includes biographical sketches of family members.
22. **Robert E. Hicks Family Papers, 1836-2008.** **c.00538**
- 0.33 cubic feet
 - The Robert Hicks family papers consist of documents, oral history interviews, memorabilia, and two published family histories. An album and three folders contain photographs, news articles, documents, family histories, and a history of the development of the "Flowerpot" neighborhood in East Lansing, Michigan. The album also contains an outline of Thurber family history, an account of Robert Hicks' life from 1972 to 1986, and minutes from a Hicks Family Reunion. Letters discuss family activities, encyclopedia sales in Indiana, and farming in Canada. Oral interviews detail the life of Robert Hicks, his parents, and the development of the "Flowerpot" neighborhood. Also included is a history of the Sickie Family.
 - The "Flowerpot" neighborhood was an East Lansing subdivision until 1948, which eventually became part of US-127 and I-496. Robert Hicks was born in St. Johns, Michigan, and married Zoe Thurber of Lansing in 1916. He died in 1986 at the age of 93.
23. **Francis Hodgman Papers, 1898–1905.** **UA 10.3.92**
- 5 folders
 - This collection contains five books by Francis Hodgman: *Early Days in Climax*, *The Hodgman Family*, *Home's Sweet Harmonies*, *Songs by the Wandering Singer* and *The Wandering Singer and His Songs and Other Poems*. *Early Days in Climax* was written in 1905 and outlines the history of the school houses in the area. There are also several illustrations in the book of different school houses. *The Hodgman Family*, 1903, is a partial genealogy of the family from 1663-1903. *Home's Sweet Harmonies* is a book of music for either mixed voices or male voices published in 1899. *Songs by the Wandering Singer* are poems written by Hodgman and published about 1898. Lastly, *The Wandering Singer and His Songs and Other Poems* includes twenty-five of his poems with illustrations.
24. **Perry Greeley Holden Collection, 1891-1959.** **UA 17.26**
- 9 folders, 1 volume
 - The Holden Memoirs, which were printed in a scrapbook format, includes photographs, genealogies, and reproductions of correspondence, certificates and news clippings.
 - Perry Greeley Holden (1865-1959) was an educator, farmer and scholar in the field of agriculture. He graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1889; taught at M.A.C. 1889-1893; taught at the University of Illinois 1896-1899; was professor of Agronomy, 1903-1907, and Director of the Agricultural Extension Department, 1908-1912 at Iowa State College. In 1913 he joined the International Harvester Company and remained with that company until retirement.

25. Charles Adolphus Jewell Papers, 1860-1979. UA 10.3.5

- 3 folders
- The Charles A. Jewell papers consist of original correspondence from Jewell's days as a student at Michigan Agricultural College from 1860 to 1862 (now Michigan State University). Also included are letters from Jewell while he served in the 18th Michigan Volunteers during the Civil War (1862-1865). A photocopy of a manuscript edited by Jewell's granddaughter, Ruth Jewell Nelson, contains transcribed family letters, family anecdotes, and genealogical information on the Jewell family.

26. Sarah Van Hoosen Jones Papers, 1852-1972. UA 1.1.3

- 8 cubic feet
- The Sarah Van Hoosen Jones papers document her academic, agricultural, and civic accomplishments, and her interest in local Rochester history, but offer a very incomplete record of her activities as a farmer and a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions. In her master's thesis and scientific articles, she discusses theories of dairy farm management and animal genetics, but there is almost no information regarding their later application on her farm. Her files relating to her public service add little to the official record, and her letters consist primarily of invitations, messages of congratulation, and letters of appreciation.
- The family papers include a genealogy, letters sent to family members, and tax receipts for the farm. Letters to Joshua Van Hoosen, Sarah's grandfather, were written by Rochester friends and neighbors while he was in California from 1852 to 1853. Two other letters, dated 1889 and 1892, are from Wilfred A. Brotherton, a Michigan botanist. Letters to Joseph C. Jones and his wife concern the former's career as a school administrator and editor and include letters from American author William Dean Howells. The Bertha Van Hoosen materials evidence her interest in the role of women in the medical profession.

27. Kedzie Family Papers, 1850-1976. 00244

- 0.5 cubic feet
- The Kedzie family papers consists of genealogies, correspondence, and books published by members of the family. Also included are photographs of Robert Mark Kedzie, Ester Hawley Kedzie, A. S. Kedzie, and unidentified men. Additionally, there are items relating to Michigan Agricultural College/Michigan State College (now Michigan State University), such as a 1907 Alumni luncheon program, a commencement program, and a brochure which seeks donations for various buildings titled "For the Veterans of World War II."

28. John A. King Papers, 1937-2013. UA 17.206

- 1.3 cubic feet
- The papers of John A. King contain correspondence, diaries, and typescripts of his diaries. One diary is from his freshman year at the University of Michigan (1939). The other diaries describe his experiences in World War II, his travels abroad, and King's daily life in Michigan.
- The majority of the diaries contain information about King and his wife Joan's life in

Webberville and Okemos, Michigan. He writes about daily happenings and social activities that the two engaged in. He also makes note of the weather, relative humidity, and temperature for each day. In addition, he notes native animals such as fox, squirrels, raccoons, deer, mink and muskrat that frequent his backyard and pond. Several of the diaries contain notes about raccoons caught in traps. The diaries also list books and movies that King read and viewed and his comments on each.

- The correspondence files contain conversations on politics, social functions and discussions about issues of nature and scientific discoveries, as well as talk about families and happenings in each other's lives.
- Also included in the collection are King's early research notes and field work on prairie dogs.
- The electronic resources series contains digital versions of King's autobiographical sketches, diaries, and correspondence from the years 1937-2013. The autobiographical short essays cover King's own life, genealogies of family members and himself, and his observations and philosophy. His curriculum vitae and other career documentation, as well as short biographies of some of his friends, are also included with the autobiographical material. Correspondence includes letters to business associates, politicians, colleagues, students, friends (including Army friends), and relatives. Some of his wife Joan's letters to politicians during her tenure as AARP State Legislative Chairman (1990-1991) are also included. The digital transcripts of King's diaries cover the years 1937-2002, from his time as a student at the University of Michigan through his careers in the Army and academia, and his family life. Four manuscripts of short stories and essays written under the pseudonym Rexford Strathroy are also included, as well as manuscripts for two scientific papers and a biographical sketch of his mentor and colleague J. Paul Scott.

29. Kinney Family Papers, 1848-1970. c.00547

- 9 folders
- The Kinney family papers cover three generations, and family members were located in Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and Ohio. Edward Porter Kinney's papers comprise a large portion of the collection. Since E. P. Kinney lived and worked in the Lansing area, much of the material in this collection pertains to East Lansing and Lansing, Michigan. Also, a majority of the material included in the family papers pertains to electricity and electrical engineering as many of the family members worked in this profession. The Kinney "family tree" is included in the genealogical files. The tree is extensive, dates back to the 1500s, and includes some narrative family history and three newspaper articles featuring Kinney family homes in East Lansing, Michigan.

30. Kirkland Family Papers, 1850-1914. c.00127

- 6 folders, 1 volume
- The majority of the Kirkland family papers (1850-1889) consist of letters between family members in England and those who immigrated to the United States. The American branch eventually settled in Livingston County, Michigan. The letters discuss family matters and agriculture. Also included is a letter describing a trip (1880) to California via the transcontinental railway; a letter discussing the outcome of the Spanish-American War (1898); a patent medicine brochure (1893); and a genealogy of the family compiled

by George Kirkland, which includes family records and a biography.

31. Lansing and Taft Families Papers, 1838-1917. 00058

- 0.66 cubic feet, 1 volume
- This collection includes the personal papers and records of Elijah M. Lansing, his grandson or nephew, Frank M. Lansing, Frank's wife, Rosadel Taft Lansing, and her father, Daniel Owen Taft. Papers span 1838-1917 with a generational gap from 1845-1881.
- E. M. Lansing's papers deal with his service in the 5th Brigade of the 6th Regiment of the Michigan Militia (The Washtenaw Guards) from 1838-1845. They include muster rolls, company orders and its constitution, a request to join the guards, and an invitation to a military ball.
- F. M. Lansing's papers include diaries and personal account notebooks, 1889-1916, and business records, receipts, and advertisements for the Howell Steam Laundry, his Lansing, Michigan, insurance agency, and his dry goods business. Also included are a scrapbook and an autograph book (1886) from Eastman College of Business, of Poughkeepsie, New York. His 1901 notebook contains some biographical data. His 1886 autograph book includes stamp portraits of himself and some Eastman College classmates.
- Rosadel T. Lansing papers include an autograph book (1883-1892), a chemistry workbook, and miscellaneous notes and receipts.
- D. O. Taft papers include personal correspondence, two eviction notices to his tenants, personal and farm accounts and transactions, and miscellaneous papers from his farm machinery sales. Three manuscript maps detail his own and neighbors' property holdings. Genealogical information on the Taft family is given briefly in the back of volume 18.
- Elijah M. Lansing, of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, was a member of the 5th Brigade, 6th Regiment, of the Michigan Militia (Washtenaw Guards). He was appointed Sergeant in 1842, Lieutenant in 1843, and Captain in 1845. Frank M. Lansing (born 1868) was the nephew or grandson of Elijah Lansing. He graduated from Eastman Business College in 1886, and was a dry-goods merchant until the mid-1890s, when he took over the Howell Steam Laundry in Howell, Michigan. From 1906 to 1917, he ran an insurance agency in the Howell area, until he resigned to become cashier at the Milford State Bank in Milford, Michigan. He married Rosadel Taft, daughter of Daniel Owen Taft (born 1833), of Livingston County, Michigan. Taft was a farmer and a dealer in farm machinery.

32. Frank D. Lewis Collection, undated. c.00199

- 1 folder
- This collection contains two Civil War poems "The Dying Soldier at Manassas," and "The Veteran's Growl." "The Veteran's Growl" was written by a soldier sent to Texas on garrison duty after the war ended; it describes the miserable conditions in Texas, and satirizes War Department policies and Union leaders. Also included is a brief genealogy of Frank Lewis' family.

33. Lowe Family Papers, 1870-1975. 00136

- 0.66 cubic feet and 7 volumes

- This collection primarily consists of family letters from Vincent Lowe, a pharmacist in Benton Harbor, Michigan, his wife, Mary Emma Lowe, son, Harvey, and cousin, Angela Crooks. Also included are Mary Lowe's diary (1888-1891), newspaper clippings and miscellaneous printed materials from Benton Harbor High School (circa 1898-1908), a printed genealogy of the Lowe family, and a song book.

34. Richard E. Lucas Publication, 1992.

c.00635

- 1 folder
- This publication provides an outline of all the residents and landowners of Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan in the nineteenth century. The information outlined came from federal censuses, cemetery records and several atlases. Near the beginning of the publication there is a citation for each person along with their age at the time of the record.

35. Mattoon Family Papers, 1727-1977.

00019

- 1 cubic feet
- This collection consists of letters, diaries and financial notebooks from various members of the Mattoon family. Most of the early letters (1835-1859) were collected by Charlotte B. Sweet Lindley, who was related to Nancy Agnes Amy Lindley Mattoon by marriage. Much of Mrs. Lindley's family lived in New York, and most of the early letters relate to this state. There are scattered letters from Michigan in the earlier years, and a large number of letters from Shiawassee, Clinton, and Alcona counties beginning in 1851. These Michigan letters contain limited information on agriculture and general life in the area. The most informative portion of this collection is the correspondence relating to the Civil War. Letters from Gershom Woodruff Mattoon and his brother, George Pearson, describe their enlistments and the movements of their regiments. A letter from Gershom dated December 4, 1864 tells of the burning of Loudon County, Virginia by Union forces in retaliation for raids by General Mosby. His mother's letter of April 27, 1865 tells of the death of Abraham Lincoln. A letter from Cambric, New York dated April 24, 1864 describes how a neighbor of the family enlisted and then deserted after receiving his bonus, and a letter from another soldier dated July 12, 1864 tells of the horrors of the Wilderness Campaign during that summer. Gershom Mattoon remained interested in veteran's affairs and corresponded with old army comrades long after the war (1890-1910). Some of these letters shed additional light on the war. Letters from Samuel Smith (1900) describe conditions in Confederate prisons. A letter dated October 16, 1905 tells of Sheridan's famous ride from Winchester, and a letter of December 19, 1908 describes the battle of Cedar Creek in Virginia. A final letter of interest in the collection is dated March 13, 1881 and relates the opinions of an old army comrade in Virginia on race relations, politics, Lincoln, and Jefferson Davis. This collection also includes diaries, financial accounts, and expense notebooks containing information on daily life and costs of goods and labor during the years indicated. One of these books contains notes spanning the years 1727-1908, and is interesting as an example of the art of the early bookbinder. A financial record dated 1918-1920 was kept by Mildred Mattoon during her years at M.A.C. (now Michigan State University). Additional information concerning the Civil War is recorded in a bound book of family and regimental records. This book includes genealogical records. Rough notes, speeches and writings by

Gershom Mattoon, as well as newspaper clippings he collected to preserve the history of the war round out the collection.

- 36. Mayo Family Papers, 1861-1966.** **00040**
- 0.66 cubic feet
 - This collection consists primarily of Civil War letters from Perry Mayo to his family in Calhoun County, Michigan, which vividly describe battles, marches, military personnel, and camp life, and give observations about the war. It also includes incomplete genealogies of the Angell, Bryant, Buell, Carpenter, Coryell, Freytag, Mayo, and Price families; a publication about the Price family; and a manuscript about the Carpenter and Coryell families. The collection also includes numerous documents relating to the history of Michigan State University, primarily Mary Mayo Hall and prominent people in the university's history, including Ray Stannard Baker, William James Beal, and David G. Fairchild. It includes some history of the Michigan State Grange, in which the Mayos were active, and a book on women in agriculture, which talks about Mary Mayo. The collection also contains letters of recommendation for Nelson S. Mayo, a veterinarian, who was apparently removed from his position at Kansas State Agricultural College for political reasons relating to the populist movement. In addition, correspondence with the donor, Robert S. Mayo, is included, relating to the Mayo papers, and a bound manuscript of some of Perry Mayo's letters, edited by Robert Mayo.
- 37. Meeker Family Papers, 1882, 1886, undated.** **c.00573**
- 2 folders
 - The collection consists of the diaries of Lucien Bonaparte Meeker and Helen Louisa Meeker. The 1882 diary of Lucien contains daily accounts of the weather, the happenings of the people in the household, as well as accounts of farming activities. There are a few entries in which Lucien talks of being called on to care for an ill horse. The diary of Helen Meeker, 1886, contains entries regarding chores, those who came to visit, and daily accounts of the weather. A genealogy of the Meeker family is also included in the collection.
- 38. Henry Merriman Papers, 1887-1969.** **00139**
- 0.66 cubic feet and 8 volumes
 - Henry Merriman, an inventor from Jackson, Michigan, held more than 100 patents. His collection includes some of his plans and sketches for inventions such as the shoe tree, wire shoehorn, Merriman Windjammer, spacecraft toilet, roll dispenser, belt tester, lubricated bushing, Merriman valves, lug tester, and window hook test equipment. The collection also contains correspondence between the inventor and his patent attorneys, Beaman and Beaman; Merriman's New Ideas; a Merriman family history, rather lengthy memoirs entitled "The Early Years in Kent County and West Whetland" (39 pages); newspaper clippings pertaining to his work; family photos, two autograph albums; and journals and notebooks such as "Notes on Gas", based upon 2nd Lieutenant Merriman's World War I experience.
- 39. Addie E. Milks Diary Excerpts, 1922.** **c.00548**
- 1 folder

- This collection consists of excerpts from the diary of Addie E. Milks describing early pioneer life in Michigan, including health and medicine, relations with local Native Americans, religious and social activities. Also included is a genealogy of the Sloan and McCormick families. Her mother, Ann McCormick Malone, moved with her family to Taymouth, Michigan, after the Revolutionary War. The editor/transcriber of the original diary is unknown.

40. Olive Butterfield Mosher Autobiography, 1988. 00191

- 2 volumes
- The Olive Butterfield Mosher papers contain a two volume autobiography, which was compiled by her son, Ira William Butterfield, in 1988. Volume one contains copies of her published works as well as copies from her journals and manuscripts. Volume two contains her poetry as well as genealogical information on the Mosher, Banks, and McCloy families.

41. Virginia Norfleet Reminiscences, undated. c.00149

- 1 folder
- This collection consists of a 14 page reminiscence of Virginia Sarah Camp Norfleet, giving a highly moralistic account of life in Tidewater area of Virginia from 1812 to 1894. There is a special emphasis on the Civil War and its impact. Mrs. Norfleet also discusses slavery, the schools she attended, and the town of Franklin, Virginia. The Camp family genealogy is described.

42. Parsons Family Papers, 1824-1910. 00020

- 3 cubic feet
- The collection consists mainly of correspondence, diaries and account books of the Edward Parsons family. Edward Parsons' letters to and from New York relatives make up the bulk of the personal correspondence. Topics include Edward's experiences at Hamilton College (Clinton, New York) and his son, Jacob's experiences at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University); "Michigan Fever" in 1835; and the Civil War. An almost complete set of diaries kept by Parsons from 1827 until his death in 1889 contains notes on weather conditions, social and family events and farm business. Also included are three sets of family account books dated 1852-1884, 1847-1850, and 1857-1889, and miscellaneous printed accounts on various topics. Finally, Parsons' involvement with the Congregational Church and Society, Grand Blanc, Michigan, is reflected in church account books, reports and legal documents.

43. Nell Pemberton-Rosenzweig Papers, 1978. c.00540

- 1 item
- This collection contains a photocopy of an unpublished manuscript by Nell Pemberton-Rosenzweig titled "Journey Into the Wilderness." It describes the history of the Pemberton family from 1863 to 1907, including the hardships they encountered in their move from Pennsylvania to Mecosta County, Michigan. The author's grandparents (her grandfather was a Methodist minister) illustrate the difficulty of life as 19th century pioneers as they overcome harsh weather, poor travelling conditions, and separation from loved ones. Pemberton-Rosenzweig also discusses how she became interested in her

family history and came to write the story.

- 44. Porter Family Papers, 1836-1957.** **c.00179**
- 0.25 cubic feet
 - This collection contains correspondence and printed materials relating to the Porter, Prindle and Pierce families, primarily to Grace Porter Pierce of Grand Ledge, Michigan. The correspondence includes letters from Horace Greeley, connected by marriage with the Porters. It also includes letters to Grace Pierce from her brother, Bert Porter, a soldier in the 8th U.S. Cavalry. Porter was stationed in Nebraska before being sent to the Philippines with American occupation forces in 1910. His letters express dissatisfaction with army life, and describe the Philippines and the army's attempts to quell native uprisings (1910-1912). Grace Pierce was an active member of the Ladies of the Modern Maccabees and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The collection contains correspondence and printed materials dealing with these organizations. It also includes marriage and school certificates, Civil War pension applications, horoscopes prepared for Grace Pierce, family genealogies, materials dealing with the history of Grand Ledge (1935-1936), and a letter from Richard Nixon to Grace Pierce (1957).
- 45. Powell Family Papers, 1803-1970, 1803-1887.** **c.00059**
- 3 folders, 1 volume
 - This collection contains materials relating to several generations of the family of John Powell of Lanesboro, Massachusetts. It includes the last will and testament (1826) of John Powell; nine letters (1803-1846) relating to his son, John Leavitt Powell, discussing agricultural conditions in Oneida County, New York and Michigan; a farm account book (1846-1887) and several receipts (1842-1843) of Joseph Priestly Powell, son of John Leavitt Powell, who farmed in Ronald, Ionia County, Michigan; and a handwritten indenture (1853). In addition, the collection contains a family genealogy with explanatory notes compiled by Ralph W. Powell in 1970.
- 46. Chancey G. Robinson Papers, 1884-1896.** **00162**
- 1.5 cubic feet
 - This collection includes diaries of Chancey G. Robinson of Mason, Michigan (1884-1895), depicting agricultural life and the town of Mason during that period. It is particularly informative on the topic of swine-breeding and showing. The diaries also contain printed calendars, postal and exchange rates, and voting records, as well as personal financial records, addresses, and important dates. Included is a copy of the Constitution of the Michigan Victoria Swine Breeders' Association, letters to Robinson from area swine breeders (1893-1896), and a letter from the donor (1979) which gives information pertaining to the Robinson and Rayner families.
 - Chancey G. Robinson (1863-1897) was the manager of William H. Rayner's farm in Mason, Michigan. He married Ida Bateman on September 26, 1883. They lived in the Rayner residence from the beginning of Robinson's employment there in early 1884 until they moved into their own home in 1895. Robinson remained in Rayner's employ until his death in 1897. The Robinsons had two sons, Homer and Eber J., the father of the donor.

- 47. Hilam C. Scofield Papers, 1898, 1896.** **c.00556**
- 2 folders
 - The collection contains a photocopy of Scofield's "Autobiography of a Pioneer Minister from 1823-1898," which was completed when he was seventy-five years old. In the autobiography, Scofield quotes from his own diary which he kept from about 1860 (see page 47). For the period preceding 1860, his narrative is based on recollection. In addition to the autobiography, the collection contains a genealogical records for the Scofield family.
- 48. Reverend Leonard Smith Diaries, 1973.** **00121**
- 1 volume
 - This collection consists of a typescript volume of the diaries of Rev. Leonard Smith (1833-1874) dating from 1859-1874 (diaries are missing for 1861, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1870-1872). This transcription includes photographs, legal documents, correspondence, maps, biographical information, genealogical charts and an index to names. The original diaries are in the Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Illinois.
- 49. Pierpont Smith Papers, 1829-1842.** **c.00096**
- 2 folders
 - This collection contains letters received by Pierpont Smith of New York from friends in Dexter, Michigan, urging him to move back to Michigan. The letters discuss politics, agricultural prospects, and local gossip. Also included is a rough genealogy for the Smith family.
- 50. LeMoyne Snyder Papers, 1917-1984.** **UA 10.3.97**
- 7.4 cubic feet, 7 film strips, 3 audio cassettes, 3 CDs
 - The LeMoyne Snyder papers document the professional life of an expert in forensic medicine from his early medical practice in Lansing to his later years as a "medicolegal expert" in Paradise, California. The Personal Papers series includes correspondence with Snyder's younger brother, Plummer, a brief genealogy, and alumni activities. There are also transcripts of oral histories of Snyder in which he recounts his childhood on campus. The oral history tapes and CDs contain reminisces from Snyder about his childhood on campus, recollections of Louise Snyder about an incident she and LeMoyne encountered involving the Hesse Crown Jewels, and LeMoyne playing the piano.
 - LeMoyne Snyder was born on June 16, 1898 on the Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) campus to college president Jonathan LeMoyne Snyder and his wife, Clara Maud Mifflin Snyder. He had two brothers, Robert and Plummer. Snyder received his B.S. from M.A.C. (now MSU) in 1919 and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1923. Snyder returned to Lansing around 1928 and worked as an attending physician at Sparrow and St. Lawrence Hospitals. From 1930-1934, Snyder studied law with Judge L.W. Carr and passed the Bar Exam in 1934. In 1933 he became the Medicolegal Director for the Michigan State Police, a position he held for 15 years. When MSU established the Department of Police Administration (now School of Criminal Justice), and the State of Michigan organized the Michigan Crime Laboratory, Snyder's interest in forensic medicine led him to play a significant role. In 1944 Snyder's book "Homicide Investigation" was published and became an important textbook for

police academies and university courses.

51. Clarence Suelter Collection, 1876-2014.

UA 17.227

- 1.0 cubic feet
- The collection contains information about different science programs at Michigan State University compiled by Suelter. Some of the materials are photocopies. There is substantial information relating to Robert C. Kedzie, as well as historical overviews of many natural science programs. Also included are an exhibit catalog for *Sesquicentennial Celebration: The Natural Sciences at Michigan State University, 1855-2005* which Suelter created and *Division of Mathematics and Science Education: Timeline for Development* also written by Suelter.
- The electronic resources consists of a 750 page document detailing the history of the Michigan State University Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from 1961-2011, authored by Suelter; a PDF document with images and text overviewing Suelter's career and published works; and a book on the history of the College of Natural Science as well as images and other materials used in it.

52. James Taylor Papers, 1855-1900.

00026

- 1.5 cubic feet, 2 volumes
- This collection primarily includes the personal correspondence of James Taylor with friends and family, relating to higher education at institutes such as Michigan Agricultural College, the State Normal School, the University of Michigan, and Hillsdale College. He also discusses daily life, particularly of his family in Unadilla, Michigan. Teaching certificates and personal expense records of various members of Taylor's family, a commencement program from the University of Michigan Law School, a program for an Ann Arbor High School Exhibition, a passenger list from the R.M.S. Teutonic, a pamphlet discussing the taxation of church property, a brochure from a wagon maker, a business agreement and various business receipts from Taylor's agricultural equipment trade in Chelsea, Michigan, and a genealogy of the Taylor family are also included in the collection.

53. Jane Taylor Collection, 1859-2005.

UA 17.292

- 1.25 cubic feet, 1 box, 1 oversize folder, 1 lantern slide box
- This collection consists of materials about Liberty Hyde Bailey including articles about him from newspapers, magazines, and scholarly publications. Included are photocopies of original documents relating to Bailey. Other materials include photographs (some are copies from Cornell), an issue of *Country Life* from 1902, items written by Bailey, and information on the Donley School and Carl School both with ties to Bailey. Also included is the handle of a fountain pen belonging to Bailey that the donor received from Cornell University.
- In this collection are also the materials from another collection (c.00596) that were merged with this collection. These materials includes a teacher's record for the Carl School and Harry E. Saier seed materials, which includes seed catalogs, empty seed packets, and a membership card.
- The collection also includes hand tinted lantern slides of flowering trees and shrubs from 1932 and a Pioneer Seed Company sign.

- 54. Thomas-Prescott Papers, 1824-1960.** **00170**
- 6.25 cubic feet
 - This collection documents the lives of the Thomas and Prescott families of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. The collection contains biographical papers, genealogy/lineage records, and correspondence of family members. Correspondence of the following family members are included in this collection: Thomas E. Thomas, B. H. Thomas, Benjamin H. Thomas Jr., Eleanor L. Thomas, Rosannah Tryphena Prescott Thomas, Charles B. Thomas, Charles Frederick Thomas, Harold P. Thomas, Louis Johnson Thomas, Sarah Eleanor Thomas Andrews, Charles H. Prescott and Sarah B. Prescott.
- 55. Charles Hutchinson Thompson Papers, 1843-1916.** **00024**
- 0.67 cubic feet
 - This collection contains diaries and journals of Charles Hutchinson Thompson describing his daily activities, his work in the office of the Michigan Secretary of State and later in the Michigan Auditor General's office, and political, economic, and social affairs of his time. He includes personal observations about various political personalities and government activities of the time. Also included are diaries of Winfield Plumb, an enrolling clerk in the Michigan House of Representatives, describing Florida life; one diary of Elizabeth Sutton, whom Thompson later married; and one relating to an unidentified coal dealer in New York. In addition, there are account books, one of Thompson's and one of Alden Sutton, a New York baker and the father of Elizabeth Sutton; minutes of a newly formed literary club, the Capital Senate; an unbound, published genealogy of the descendants of John Thomson written by Thompson; and a letter describing domestic and social life in the Dakota Territory.
- 56. James H. Thompson Papers, 1911-1913.** **00057**
- 0.33 cubic feet
 - This collection is comprised of correspondence and miscellaneous receipts and papers of James H. Thompson, a Lansing, Michigan, lawyer who was originally from Ewart, Michigan. His business correspondence deals primarily with the giving of legal advice on real estate matters and with the collection of monies due his clients. There are copies of several inquiries for and letters of recommendation and extensive correspondence pertaining to Republican politics and to the Presidential election of 1912. Much of Thompson's personal correspondence deals with the Masonic Order, and also with the history of the Thompson family.
 - James H. Thompson graduated from Michigan State Normal School (now Eastern Michigan University) and got his law degree at the University of Michigan. He was a partner in the law firm of Thompson and Trumbull in Ewart, Michigan, before moving to Lansing, Michigan. He was President of the Board of State Tax Commissioners and the State Board of Assessors, and between 1901 and 1909 he sat on the State Board of Education. He held various executive and counseling positions for the R.E. Olds companies, was legal counsel for the Ann Arbor Railroad, was a member of the Board of Directors and Owners of the People's Bank of Bath, Michigan, and he was Vice President of the Holmes Realty Company. He was active for many years in the Masonic Order, eventually becoming a Grand Master in 1913, and he was a strong advocate and

supporter of the Republican Party.

57. **Thompson Family Genealogy, 1890.** c.00519
- 1 volume
 - This collection contains one unbound printed book containing the genealogy of the descendants of John Thompson (1616-1696), who immigrated to Plymouth, Massachusetts, from Wales in 1622. Genealogies of the Allen, Cooke and Hutchinson families are included in the appendix.
58. **Warden Family Papers, 1832-1886.** c.00118
- 7 folders
 - The Warden family papers consist of letters, diaries, poetry, certificates, and a family tree. The earliest letters in the collection are to Robert Warden from friends in Scotland. Later correspondence includes family letters as well as Civil War letters from Major Henry Dean, a family friend serving with the 22nd Michigan Infantry. Post-war correspondence includes a letter describing a trip from Acapulco to California by way of Cape Horn (1868).
 - Robert Warden emigrated from Scotland around 1830 and settled in Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan. He bought land in Green Oak with his cousin, Kinsley Bingham, and farmed. Bingham later became governor of Michigan and a U.S. Senator.
59. **Alton Wheaton Papers, 1934-2006.** 00208
- 2.5 cubic feet
 - The Alton Wheaton papers contain primarily financial records and other forms of inventory that Wheaton took while working on his farm. There is also a small section on some of Wheaton's community activities, some photographs of said activities, and two books on the Wheaton family genealogy. There are also a number of folders containing deeds and titles to various pieces of land Wheaton owned. There are also catalogs and manuals for the equipment he used at his farm.
60. **Whitinger Family Collection, 1932-1979.** c.00323
- 21 folders
 - The collection contains a genealogy of the William Henry Whitinger and Hester Kitchen families entitled "The Whitinger History", and a genealogy of the Fladeboe family entitled "Before and After Ole and Agate", both by Eunice Fladeboe Whitinger; several newspapers; payment receipts from the city of Charlotte, Michigan; "Cribbage Crazy", a manuscript by Eunice Whitinger; a General Motors Magazine; a Hershey's Milk Chocolate wrapper and three war ration books from 1942.
61. **Wilson Family Papers, 1863-1925.** 00051
- 1 cubic feet
 - The collection primarily consists of diaries of George W. Wilson and his son, Arthur S. Wilson, both farmers in Ingham County, Michigan, which discuss daily life, social events, and farming. Also included are farm accounts of G.W. Wilson's farm in Delhi Township, Michigan, and of several public offices kept while Wilson was apparently Aurelius Township Treasurer (1871-1874), as well as his farm accounts. There is also a

poem written by William Wilson about prison life while he was in Danville Prison, Georgia, during the Civil War; a Wilson family genealogy; and a letter from the donor.

62. Zee and Schober Families Papers, 1908-1987. 00215

- 7.5 cubic feet
- This collection consists of memorial books, correspondence, diaries, notebooks, school materials, scrapbooks, Elsie Zee's teaching materials, family photographs, and genealogical papers. James Wilmer Zee and Elsie Schober Zee's courtship love letters are also included. There are also post-World War II letters to Elsie Schober Zee and William (Wilhelm) Schober from family members in Germany and from former German P.O.W.s who worked for the Zees. The letters are in German. Many were translated into English by William Schober, who dictated the translations to his daughter, Elsie. Later translations were done by another family member.

Church Collections

1. First Baptist Church, Davison, Michigan Records, 1958. c.00085

- 1 folder
- This collection consists of a centennial history of the First Baptist Church of Davison, Michigan, consisting of yearly summaries of church activities, including budgetary concerns, the calling of ministers, baptisms, and revival meetings.

2. Chain Lake Missionary Baptist Church Records, 1856-1997. 00190

- 1.0 cubic feet
- The Chain Lake Missionary Baptist Church records span the years 1856-1997 and contain meeting minutes, financial reports, parish records, and histories of the parish. The collection contains four bound volumes, with the first constitution of the church located in the front of volume one.
- The Chain Lake Missionary Baptist Church is one of the oldest all-African American Baptist churches in the United States. At first prayer meetings were held in homes in Cass County, Michigan, until an official church was created in 1838. The first church building, a log cabin, was not built until about 1850. The church was incorporated under the direction of Reverend David Lett in January 1848.

3. First Universalist Church Records, 1852-1971. 00189

- 2.5 cubic feet
- The First Universalist Church of Lansing records consist of accounting ledgers from the church and church school, annual reports, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, histories of the church, parish records, and treasurer's reports. Among the notable items are a photocopy of the 1852 charter and a scrapbook of histories of the church dating back to 1848.
- Conflicting dates place the creation of the First Universalist Church of Lansing between 1848 and 1852. The congregation met in the Michigan Senate Chamber until the first Universalist Church was dedicated on October 14, 1863. In late September 1957, it merged with the East Lansing Unitarian Fellowship to become the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Greater Lansing. The name of the church eventually

changed to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing.

4. **Methodist Episcopal Church Records, 1895-1941.** c.00376
 - 10 volumes
 - This collection contains ten small volumes from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sherman, Michigan. The volumes contain records of Sunday school attendance and lessons, minutes of quarterly conferences, and minutes of the Ladies' Aid Society.

5. **Mrs. R. W. Warren Collection, 1844-1889.** c.00342
 - 1 folder, 1 volume
 - This collection contains meeting minutes from a Baptist Church society of Calhoun and Jackson Counties, Michigan, and the articles of incorporation of the First Baptist Church of Springport, Michigan. Also included are two receipts and a large account book listing the prices of various items.

6. **St. John's Student Parish History, 1983.** c.00193
 - 1 folder
 - This collection contains a 25th anniversary history of St. John's Student Parish at Michigan State University, which originated from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in 1940. The history touches on religious, social and political issues in the years 1957-1983, discusses student activities, and lists parish staff members.

7. **Swartz Creek Community Methodist Church History, 1956.** c.00156
 - 1 folder
 - This collection consists of a centennial history (1956) of the Swartz Creek Community Methodist Church in Swartz Creek, Michigan, prepared by church members Daniel and Marion Miller. Besides a history of the church, it contains a membership list, photographs of the church and church members, and histories of various church committees and organizations.

Government Records

1. **Berrien County Tax Receipts, 1838-1901.** c.00041
 - 1 folder
 - This collection consists of tax receipts for land in Berrien County, Michigan.

2. **Cass County Records, 1832-1866.** c.00261
 - 2 volumes
 - This collection contains two volumes of records for Cass County, Michigan. One volume contains minutes of school board meetings for the town of Ontwa, Cass County, Michigan, 1832-1866. The other volume contains court records for the same county.

3. **Muskegon County Records, 1861-1930.** c.00035
 - 3 folders, 55 volumes

- This collection contains 55 volumes of tax rolls for Moorland Township, Muskegon County, Michigan, for the years 1861-1930. Also included is a volume of tax assessments for Muskegon County (1902) recorded by County Supervisor Tom J. G. Bolt. In addition, the collection contains two volumes (1893-1896) recording Bolt's visits as Commissioner of Schools to Muskegon County schools. The visitation records contain data on students, teachers, school buildings and equipment, and curricula.

Other Organizations

1. **Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1792-1963.** **00126**
 - 8 cubic feet, 157 volumes
 - The bulk of the materials documents the activities of the Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (M-SAR) during the first two decades of the 20th century as well as the period from 1945 to 1962. More extensive documentation for the latter era results from the activities of Jackson Towne, who held various posts in the M-SAR during his membership and collected the material that was subsequently donated. The collection contains incoming and copies of outgoing correspondence, constitutions of various SAR societies, membership rosters, yearbooks and report of numerous state societies, as well as bulletins, publications, pamphlets and programs collected by the M-SAR. The correspondence deals with such business activities of the M-SAR as the processing of membership applications, annual dues collections and annual meetings. The constitutions of the various societies, also found in many of the yearbooks, arranged alphabetically by state, also list annual activities, meetings and in some cases speeches and reports made to the society. The two groups, publications and pamphlets, were left unchanged, but the distinction between the groups should be noted. These materials range from family genealogies to general histories as well as material of historical interest. The bulletins and programs announce and record the various social functions and other events of the member societies.
2. **Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazines, 1975-1976.** **c.00185**
 - 2 folders
 - This collection consists of two issues of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine, containing various articles on genealogical information and methods of research.

Oral History Collections

Oral history collections are comprised of both university records and materials from outside the institution, and are quite extensive.

1. **Horace A. Cardinell Papers, 1972.** **UA 17.10**
 - 1 folder, 1 audio cassette
 - The collection consists of an oral history interview of Horace Cardinell conducted by Frank Dennis in 1972. In the interview Cardinell comments on his colleagues at MSU's Horticulture Department, especially F. C. Bradford and V. R. Gardner. Also

discussed is field work performed by Cardinell in relation to department research projects. Mrs. Cardinell contributes anecdotes and details to the interview. A biographical sketch of Cardinell, released by the Brazilian government prior to his second appointment in that country, is also included.

- Horace A. Cardinell, a 1915 graduate of Oregon State College, was employed during World War I by Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture. After returning to the United States in 1919, he worked for the Agricultural Extension Service at the University of Missouri. In 1923 he joined MSU's Horticulture Department. From 1943 to 1945 Cardinell served the U.S. government as a Senior Extension Specialist with the Food Supply Division of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He was instrumental in establishing Brazil's Agricultural Extension Service System. He returned to MSU in 1945 and retired in 1960.

2. **Victor R. Gardner Papers, 1972-1973.** **UA 17.18**

- 4 folders, 2 audio cassettes
- In 1972 and 1973 Professor Frank Dennis interviewed Victor Gardner as part of an oral history project. Gardner's papers include tape recordings and transcripts of these interviews as well as his own written reminiscences. In these Gardner discusses his experience while a student at M.A.C. from 1901 to 1905, the development of the Horticulture Department and his colleagues in the department (1923-1945), and achievements throughout his career. Other items include Gardner's letter to the Alumni Association Office listing his professional degrees and accomplishments, and a letter written after Gardner's death by one of his former students. It provides a brief but detailed account of his life for publication in a horticultural magazine.
- Victor R. Gardner received a B.S. in Agriculture from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1905. Upon completion of graduate work at Iowa State College, he accepted faculty positions at McDonald College, the University of Maine, Oregon Agricultural College, and the University of Missouri. Gardner returned to MSU in 1923 as head of the Horticulture Department, a position he held until 1945. He was also appointed Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1929. He retired in 1949 with the rank of Assistant Dean.

3. **"Hannah Archives" Project 1946-1973.** **UA 2.1.12.2**

- 0.67 cubic feet
- This collection includes recollections, oral history interviews, and a tape recording on the accomplishments of John A. Hannah as president of Michigan State University (1941-1969).

4. **Richard O. Niehoff Papers, 1934-1984.** **UA 17.110**

- 2.6 cubic feet
- The autobiography of Richard Niehoff entitled "Some Memories of my Life and Work 1910-1980", along with the transcript of an oral history interview with Mr. Niehoff regarding his days with the Tennessee Valley Authority are included in the collection.

5. **William and Edith Overlease Collection, 1890-1996.** 00100
- 0.66 cubic feet, 29 tapes
 - This collection includes transcripts of oral history interviews, together with original tape recordings and supplementary photos, collected by William and Edith Overlease, documenting the history of hardwood logging and lumbering in Benzie County, Michigan, including the communities of Benzonia, Frankfort, and Honor.
6. **Voice of American Homemakers Oral Histories Collection, 1981-1986.** 00161
- 1 cubic feet, 172 cassette tapes, 7 volumes
 - The collection consists of 7 volumes and 172 cassette tapes. The tapes contain over 200 oral histories from individuals in 37 states. The volumes contain the transcripts of the interviews. Also included are a published book that organizes the collection around key themes and findings from the interviews and the proceedings of the Seminar of Humanists and Homemakers.
7. **Waldo Family Papers and the Waldo Travel Agency Records, 1904-1958.** 00042
- 7 cubic feet, 3 volumes
 - Waldo's papers mainly include correspondence, telegrams, records, reports, and journals relating to Waldo's time in Russia with the Young Men's Christian Association and his service as vice-consul from America in Helsinki, Finland, during World War II. These papers paint a vivid picture of the Soviet people and their country and lifestyle. Waldo describes his work and his attitudes toward it, and he gives his own feelings about the World War, and how it affected him and his acquaintances. He discusses the diplomatic circle in Russia and Finland. He discusses the Russian Revolution of 1917 only vaguely, possibly due to censorship (some letters stamped "censored"), but he goes in to more detail about the Finnish Revolution of the same period. Financial records of the Y.M.C.A., loans given, and personal expenses are included. A number of letters and most of the records are in German or Russian. Post-war materials include correspondence, some in German, speech materials which he presented to the Lansing, Michigan, Rotary Club about his service, and, later, visit to Russia, news clippings and a concert program about Michael Press, a Soviet violinist who was at Michigan State University, a transcript of an oral interview with his wife, Eleanor Boyer Waldo, done after Waldo's death, and some tourist information about Japan. Also a childhood report card of Waldo's, some Sunday-school books belonging to his father, Alva, and calling cards for them both. A post-war greeting card holds a picture of Waldo's two daughters in their middle childhood. One report from Finland was used by historian Samuel Morison in his report to the United States Department of State on the Peace Settlement. It recommended that the Allies recognize an independent Finland.
 - Mortimer Waldo (1891-1963), the son of a Methodist minister, grew up in the Charlotte, Michigan, area and graduated from Adrian College. He then studied law at Yale University, but left in 1916, before completing his degree, to work with the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association's Prisoners' Aid Society in Omsk, Russia, until the Russian Revolution. From March to October of 1918, he was American Vice-Consul in Helsingfors (Helsinki) Finland, during their Revolution. After World War I, Waldo returned to Lansing, where he worked as an export agent

for the Novo Engine Company and REO Motors. He married Eleanor Boyer in 1925, and in 1931, he founded the Waldo Travel Agency.

8. **Jay Walker Interviews, 1940.**

c.00133

- 1 folder
- This collection consists of Jay Walker's 1940 interviews with old-time residents of Oceana County, Michigan, compiling an oral history of lumbering operations and fish and game laws in the area (1863-1926).

University Publications

- **Alumni and Faculty Catalogues** (1873, 1888, 1895, 1900, 1911, 1916, 1931)
- **Alumni Newsletters** (MAC/MSU Record 1896 to present, Alumni Magazine 1983 to present)
- **Course Catalogs** (1857 to present, early issues list enrolled students)
- **Faculty and Student Directories** (1907 to present)
- **MSU Yearbooks** (1877 to present)
- **Student Newspapers** (The Holcad 1909 to 1925, State News 1925 to present)

Other Resources

- **Audio-Visual Collection** - In addition to the photographic collection, A-V materials include maps, drawings, blueprints, movies, video and audio recordings of university events, people, places and other historically relevant materials in keeping with the Archives mission statement. Much of the film holdings relate to organized athletics at the University.
- **Diaries** – American Civil War, farm life, personal, travel, business
- **Photographs** - The pictorial records of the University Archives and Historical Collections include more than 50,000 prints, thousands of transparencies, tintypes, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, lantern slides, picture postcards, photographic albums, and over a half-million negatives. Many of the photographs are arranged by collection, others are arranged by subject.
- **Reference Books** - Local history titles