Lansing

A Guide to the Resources in the Michigan State University Archives

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Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad in North Lansing, Franklin Street, circa 1870.

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The purpose of this resource guide is to familiarize visitors of the MSU Archives with some of the available Lansing 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.

Lansing in Books and Serials

1. Lansing Magazine, 1979.  c00445
   - 1 folder
   - This collection consists of the January/February issue of LANSING MAGAZINE. The magazine contains two articles on Ransom E. Olds: "How Lansing Lost and Regained Oldsmobile", and "The Incredible Saga of How R.E. Olds Got the Boot". Also included is an article on Michigan Agricultural College student unrest on the night of 22 February 1911. The magazine also offers an insight into the economic and social life of Lansing, Michigan in 1979.

Serials

   - Independent newspaper

3. The Lansing State Journal, 1937-1955.  c00288
   - 11 items
   - This collection contains selected issues of the "Lansing State Journal", among which are the Farmers' Week magazine sections (1937, 1939-1945, 1951), the mid-century edition (1950), and the centennial edition (1955).

   - 30 items
   - Records of the State News consist of sample banners (Complete issues selected to show varying banners) (1925-1954) and selected issues (selected on basis of headline or relevance to University or East Lansing history). Also includes scattered issues of the HOLCAD and STATE NEWS (1947-1969) retained on a temporary basis. The first issue of the HOLCAD, a magazine-like publication, came out in March, 1909. In 1917, editors were picked on a competitive basis, then voted on by the student body. In 1925, the weekly HOLCAD changed its name to the STATE NEWS, then the paper was responsible to the College Press and paid for by student fees. The first "extra" edition came out in 1932. The first faculty advisor was A. A. Applegate in 1936. In 1942, the STATE NEWS began covering national and international events. It first used color print in 1958, and was also permitted to cover Board of Agriculture meetings in this year. In 1967, it became responsible to the Advisory Board, which could not veto or censor its content. The Advisory Board was eliminated in 1970.
5. **The State Republican Issue 1905. c00513**
   - 1 item
   - This collection contains the fiftieth anniversary edition of THE STATE
     REPUBLICAN, which later merged with THE LANSING JOURNAL to form
     THE STATE JOURNAL.

**Lansing in Maps**

1. **Roy James Robb Papers, 1824-1957. 00067**
   - 1.3 cu. ft.
   - Survey field books, maps, and diaries of Roy James Robb, of East Lansing,
     Michigan. Primarily Ingham County, Michigan, but also of other Michigan
     counties including Clinton, Barry, Mackinac, and Iosco. Many older survey
     papers and field books done by previous Ingham County Surveyors (1824-
     1908) purchased by Robb for reference, which include a field book of
     Menominee County, Michigan, surveys. Of particular interest here is a fragile,
     hand-drawn map of Lansing Township (1896), which is only partially
     preserved (some has broken or rotted off). Robb’s work includes surveys
     done for Ingham County, the Clinton County Drain Commissioner, and the
     Hiawatha Sportsman's Club (Mackinac County). Diaries contain brief notes
     pertaining to the surveys. Note: Roy James Robb was a Registered Surveyor
     who lived in East Lansing, Michigan. He was the Ingham County Surveyor
     from c.1906 to c.1908. His later practice included work for the Clinton County
     Drain Commissioner and the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club of Mackinac
     County.

2. **Emory W. Tappan Papers, 1928-1953. 00065**
   - 6 cu. ft.
   - Survey notes, sketches, and certificates of Emory W. Tappan of East
     Lansing, Michigan. Early surveys relate to his association with Postiff and
     Tappan of Detroit, Michigan, whereas later ones are his independent work in
     the Lansing area. Some certificates of survey include negatives (box 3), while
     others are photocopied with pictures of buildings.
     Notes are accompanied by related correspondence, blueprints, and plat
     maps. Most surveys are from Ingham County, Michigan, and were done for
     Lansing area institutions and individuals, as well as the State and Local
     governments. Others are from Clinton, Eaton, Ionia Otsego, and Antrim
     Counties. Some relate to proposed sites for the Abbot Road, East Lansing,
     Post Office, and others include surveys for Michigan State College cross-
     country courses and for University President John A. Hannah. Includes
     surveying notes for a St. Johns, Michigan (1935) Works Progress
     Administration project, which also contains a proposal for the development of
     a city park and various construction notes.

**Collections About Lansing and Its Citizens**

**Organizations**

1. **Democratic Party Campaign materials, 1870-1964. 00034**
   - 19 folders
Democratic campaign materials from 1870 to 1964, including handbills, pamphlets, posters, comic books and programs. Voting tickets for several Lansing, Michigan, area communities. Voting information and campaign instructions. Various tickets, programs and statements from Democratic conventions, both in Michigan and on a national level. Biographical and political information on Michigan candidates for governor, legislature, and other offices, including Austin Blair, Josiah Begole, and Frank Kelly. Also information on candidate for the presidency and for the Congress, including Adlai Stevenson, Stuart Symington, Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson, and John Kennedy. A Puerto Rican newspaper (1960) discusses the Democratic party in Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican political figures, including Governor Luis Munoz Marin.

2. First Universalist Church records, 1852-1971. 00189
   - 2.5 cu. ft.
   - 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.

   - 9 cu. ft.
   - These records, covering the years 1954-1964, contain correspondence, reports, committee information, newspaper clippings, publications, promotional materials, and information about awards and activities relating to Michigan Week, the Foundation's most well-known project.

4. Lansing Automobile Club records, ca. 1919. c00297
   - 1 folder
   - This collection consists of the membership list for the Lansing Automobile Club ca. 1919. The list includes such prominent Lansing citizens as Edwin A. Bowd, William H. Newbrough, and Roy C. Vandercook.

5. Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs papers, 1894-1932. c00297
   - 5 cu. ft., 17 Vols.
   - Records in this collection include correspondence; membership lists; minutes; speeches; resolutions; reports; newsletters; postcards; news clippings; and legal documents including the constitution and by-laws of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. Bond advertisements from the Detroit Trust Company document funding activities. Newsletters include "The Interchange"(1894-1903) and the "Michigan Federation Forum"(1927, 1931). The records shed light on the activities and concerns of the Federation, especially during the presidency of Luella Mumford (1928-1930). Of local interest is a 1931 news clipping describing Farm Women's Week at Michigan State University. Of national significance are records of a 1930 women's
convention on the cause and cure of war; a program from a 1931 conference
in favor of the League of Nations; and other printed materials from the
League of Nations Association. These materials reflect the Federation's
concern for world disarmament. Other subject areas include guidelines for
movie picture censorship in 1930, miscellaneous papers, etc. Note: The
Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs was an organization made up of
women's charitable and literary clubs from all over the state, including junior
clubs for girls. It was associated with the General Association of Women's
Clubs, which was a nationwide organization. Mrs. Luella Mumford, the
president from 1928-1930, was the wife of Eben Mumford, a sociology
professor at Michigan State University.

   • 4 folders
   • This collection contains advertising bulletins and engine catalogues of the
   Novo Engine Company of Lansing, Michigan. Also, a sales training brochure
   containing a short history of the firm is included. Note: The Novo Engine
   Company were manufacturers of industrial equipment.

7. Oldsmobile Club of America publication, 1971-1979. 00183
   • .3 cu. ft.
   • The Oldsmobile Club of America, Inc. was founded in 1971 as a way for
   people interested in collecting, restoring, or researching Oldsmobile to find
   and share information. Journey with Olds is the monthly newsletter sent to
   each member of the club. The collection contains an incomplete run of the
   first nine volumes of the newsletter. There are also some miscellaneous
   pieces of correspondence.

   UA 16.86.1
   • .2 cu. ft.
   • Formed in 1973 as a non-profit organization to bring Opera to the Lansing
   area. Summary: Performance programs, a poster, a post card, and ticket
   order forms make up this collection.

   • 3 cu. ft.
   • The Amateur Radio Club records cover the time period 1924-1992, with the
   bulk falling between 1948 and 1989. Minutes of meetings, financial
   transactions, correspondence, and station and contest logs make up the
   majority of the collection. One bound volume contains early logs for WKAR
   (1924) and W8SH (1927-1931), as well as minutes of meetings (1932-1936),
   a list of operators (1927-1936), treasurer's reports (1933) and vibration
   experiment notes (1925). The records also include two boxes of QSL or
   "Radio Contact Cards" (1927-1950) arranged alphabetically by state and city.
   Certificates and commemorative QSL cards (1929-1986) are filed separately.
   Note: The first radio station at Michigan State University was established
   through the efforts of the Amateur Radio Club in 1919, under the call letters
   of YG, making it one of the earliest college radio stations in existence.
   Broadcasting weather reports and farm market prices was its primary
function. In 1925, 8YG became WKAR, the commercial broadcast station, while a ham radio station was formed under the call letters 8XBU. 1927 saw the issuance of a new license and a new call sign, 8SH. The first day of operations for the College's permanent call sign, W8SH, was January 22, 1927. The club has been an active force in local and national communications during disasters and emergencies with membership in the Lansing Disaster Control Plan (1964) and the Community Radio Watch Programs. While staying on top of advancing technology, W8SH placed the first United States to Europe slow-scan TV QSO, on February 22, 1969. The club also coordinated and broadcast chess matches between Lansing and Buffalo, New York. During the third Presidential debate on October 19th, 1992, at Michigan State University, the Radio Club was doing its part by communicating with others around the Nation. In 1951 Ian O. Ebert became faculty advisor for the Radio Club. He held this position for thirty one years. Upon Ebert's death in 1982, Gerald Parks took over as faculty advisor, and currently advises the club. In 1983, the station W8SH, was dedicated and renamed the Ebert Memorial Station.

10. REO Motors, Inc. Records, 1904-1976. 00036
   • 283 Vols., 169 cu. ft.
   • This collection consists of the business records of REO Motors, Inc. and includes: correspondence, financial records, annual reports, minutes of meetings, policy directives, personnel records, blueprints, government contracts, sales and distribution records, operating expenses, and office memos. Personnel records include labor turnover reports (1917-1944), health and safety records (1917-1955), agreements and grievances, appeal board minutes, unemployment compensation cases, and wage records. A full record of correspondence details the company's relations with the U.S. government (1939-1957). Foreign correspondence documents REO sales in a number of countries (1923-1959). Miscellaneous records include business association correspondence, newsletters, and publications. Blueprints provide detailed information on the company's civilian and military products from 1920 - 1972, as well as describing company property holdings (1909-1973). White Motor Company Records, 1922 - 1974, include financial statements, letterbooks, sales information and parts specifications.

11. REO Publications collection, 1905-2003. 00182
   • 1 cu. ft.
   • The REO publications collection contains several different publications relating to the REO Motor Car Company. The publications in the collection are: REO Echo (1906-1911); REO Spirit (1928-1953); REO- Items (1952-1953); REO Echo (1974-1988) and REO Spirit (2002-2003). The collection also contains one folder of miscellaneous material relating to the REO Club of America.

12. Triennial Capsule Committee Papers, 1976. c00190
   • 1 folder
   • This collection contains a letter of thanks from the Triennial Capsule Committee of Lansing to MSU for materials contributed to the capsule. Also
included is a list of other donations, as well as a program from the Lansing Bicentennial Celebration.

Families and Individuals

1. Roger Ault Collection, 1978. c00433
   - 3 folders
   - This collection contains copies of: "North Lansing Gazette"; "A World Gone Down: Smoke into Steel"; "Mary Chase Perry Stratton and her Pewabic Pottery". All were written in 1978. They deal with local history in Michigan.

2. Bagley Family Papers, 1830-1932. 00018
   - .5 cu. ft.
   - 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 desert pine lands Michigan, which was read to the Michigan Senate in 1901; 3 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).

3. Orlando Barnes papers, 1846-1899. 00010
   - 1 cu. ft.
   - This collection contains personal writings, correspondence and poetry of Orlando Barnes. Writings discuss topics such as slavery, utopianism, protective tariffs, and various social problems. Also included are undated orations given by Barnes on the Fourth of July and at the Michigan State University Chapel. Minutes, reports, and miscellaneous materials related to the Michigan Prison Board and the Board of Prison Inspectors also included. Note: Orlando Barnes, born in 1824, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1850 and settled in Lansing, Michigan, where he practiced law and eventually became attorney, then went on to become secretary and general manager of the Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw Railroad. He was active in Democratic politics, being a State Representative in 1863-1864 and Mayor of Lansing in 1877-1878. He ran for Governor of Michigan in 1878 and for a seat in the United States Senate in 1883, but was defeated both times. From 1880 until his death in 1899, he was Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. In 1891, he was appointed to the State Prison Board, on which he also served until his death.
4. Herbert C. Bartlett papers, 1913-1916.  UA 10.3.229
   - 2 folders
   - The collection contains a J-Hop program for 1916 and two receipts for classes and fees. The photographs include a 1914 class rivalry photo postcard, an image of Wells Hall, and another image of Wells Hall with an unlit bonfire in front. Other photographs include a group of men in front of a house labeled "Campus Club" dated December 14, 1913 and a scene of the class rivalry tug of war across the Red Cedar river. Of note are two photograph postcards that refer to a "movie" being made in Lansing in 1914. One shows people riding on top of trolleys, the other shows a train station, trolley, and people. Note: Herbert Charles Bartlett, from Jackson, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University in 1917 with a B.S. in engineering. He was a member of the Athenaeum literary society. As of 1930 he was working in South Bend, Indiana as a draftsman.

5. Raymond Lyon Bowers papers, 1902-1970.  00193
   - 4.6 cu. ft.
   - The bulk of the Raymond Lyon Bowers papers consist of his original sheet music. The music is comprised of his early compositions to later unpublished works and is either on loose paper or in bound composition notebooks. Bowers numbered all of his sheet music and created a list, and this order has been maintained in the collection. Materials relating to his opera, Legends of Alhambra, have been separated into their own series due to the bulk of the materials. A few of Bowers' original compositions were not received with the collection, but these are a small minority. The Bowers papers also contain some personal materials. There are diaries as well as some early school work, including papers and drawings. There are photographs of family members as well as slides showing a fishing trip, family members, his 50th wedding anniversary, and rugs. Note: Raymond Lyon Bowers was a composer and music professor who lived in Lansing, Michigan. Bowers was born on July 24, 1891 in New York City. He trained at the Institute of Musical Art in New York, earning several diplomas and a teaching certificate. He served as a convoy signalman in World War I. After finishing his military duty, he joined the Wilde Conservatory of Music in Lansing, Michigan. He later taught at Hillsdale College. Bowers and his wife, Adele, married in 1918 and had three children. He died of a heart attack on January 14, 1969.

6. Clark Louis Brody papers, 1900-1962.  00054
   - 2 cu. ft.
   - This collection contains Brody's correspondence, manuscripts of his book on the history of the Farm Bureau in Michigan, Farm Bureau annual reports and publications, and a variety of miscellaneous speeches, conference papers and newspaper clippings.
   - Note: Clark Louis Brody (1879-1961), a member of the Michigan Agricultural College class of 1904, was a prominent Republican and a resident of Lansing, Michigan. From 1921-1952 he served as executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, remaining affiliated with the Bureau until his retirement in 1959. In 1921 he joined the State Board of Agriculture, the governing body of M.S.U. (changed to the Board of Trustees, 1959), holding office until 1959. He was chairman of the Board from 1932-1938 and from
1948-1957. The Brody dormitories on the M.S.U. campus were named after him.

7. **C. M. Burdick Collection, 1904-1957.** c00487
   - 10 folders
   - This collection contains diaries, correspondence, and a biographical sketch of R.E. Olds entitled "That Boy Ranney." Also included is a letter from R. Shettler explaining his unhappiness with Olds over the affairs of the Reo Motor Car Company. Some material on Olds' interest in music is also included. Note: C.M. Burdick was Ransom E. Olds' personal secretary for a considerable period of time.

8. **Chamberlain Family Papers, 1795-1931.** 00002
   - 2.3 cu. ft., 8 Vols.
   - 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. Also included are letters from M.A.C. President Oscar Clute, Michigan Governor Edwin B. Winans, and Robert LaFollette.

9. **Fred I. Chase Papers, 1960-1981.** 00038
   - 1 cu. ft.
   - Materials pertaining to the 1961-1962 State Constitutional Convention in Lansing, Michigan. Includes handbooks, directories, procedural instructions, correspondence, newspaper articles, and statistics. Also some humorous poetry about the convention by Herbert Turner and materials from several convention reunions. Convention delegates included such notables as George Romney, Coleman Young, Adelaide Hart, John Hannah, and Stephen Nisbet. One folder contains articles and correspondence about the case of Robert Bowens, who requested hundreds of dollars compensation for his one day at the convention. Note: Fred I. Chase was Secretary to the Senate of the State of Michigan until he resigned to become Secretary to the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962.

10. **Vada Wolfe Derry collection, 1908-1940.** 00185
    - .2 cu. ft.
    - The collection of Vada Wolfe Derry contains the photograph "The Children of Isaac Clinton Wolfe" (ca. 1908), a photo album, and a scrapbook. The photo album contains photographs, presumably of the family of Vada Wolfe Derry, dated 1927 to 1940. The album contains many pictures of Mervin, who is probably her son, from a baby through childhood. The album also contains photographs of Horsehead Lake, Michigan; Houghton Lake, Michigan; Potter Park Zoo in Lansing, Michigan; Traverse City, Michigan; Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan locks; Niagara Falls; Pine River near Alma, Michigan; a Mackinaw City ferry called the "Algomah II"; and Castle Rock in St. Ignace, Michigan. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings pasted into a book. The
clippings are from the Lansing State Journal, dated 1931-1936. The clippings include local news of the Lansing, Ithaca, Gratiot County, Michigan area, as well as a few items relating to national news.

- .33 cu. ft.
- Letters from Army Air Corps Major George A. Dibble to his parents in Lansing, Michigan, from various places in and out of the United States, between 1941 and 1959. Several from his wife, Mary Alice Gillett, to the Dibbles, discussing home life and their daughter, Diane. Also some from Dibble's brother, Lewis, who was in the Army in Italy during World War II, and who was later in Japan. Several letters of commendation for Dibble (1943-1944). Note: George A. Dibble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dibble of Lansing, Michigan, joined the Army Air Corps in 1941 and eventually attained the rank of Major. He was trained in Texas and New Mexico, where he met Captain Elliot Roosevelt, and he served in several European and Asian theaters as a supply flight navigator. After the war, he remained in the service and flew B-66 Bombers and some of the earlier supersonic aircraft. He married Mary Alice Gillett in 1942, and their daughter, Diane, was born in 1944. The Dibbles divorced in 1958.

12. George K. Dike Papers, 1865-1907. 00159
- .66 cu. ft.
- Primarily land records (c.1873-c.1907) of the George K. Dike family in Minnesota and North Dakota, including farm contracts, chattel mortgages, warranty deeds, foreclosure notices, and property tax receipts. Also miscellaneous bank account records; household accounts and receipts; correspondence describing life in a surveyors' camp and late 19th century views on love, marriage, and family; and crop and house insurance policies (1885-1891). Miscellaneous items include a scrapbook of marine botanical samples, survey maps, an 1883 issue of the LANSING SENTINAL, and teaching contracts and certificates (1866-1975). Note: George K. Dike (1848-1938) was born in Sebago, Maine. He taught school, served in Co.I, 30th Maine Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and worked as a surveyor in North Dakota before settling to farming in the late 1880's in that territory. Dike had 3 children by his first wife, Harriet Sheldon, who died in 1881. About 5 years later, he married Nancy P. Douglas. Dike owned two lots in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the family had lived before the death of his first wife, and he appeared to have engaged in land speculation.

13. Harley O. Dorman Papers, 1907-1909. UA 10.3.40
- 1 volume
- The Harley Dorman scrapbook contains photographs and postcards depicting campus life at Michigan Agricultural College with a few scenes of Lansing and Grand Ledge. Note: Harley O. Dorman, an engineering student from Vermontville, attended Michigan Agricultural College from 1906 to 1908. He apparently did not complete requirements for graduation.

- 7 cu. ft.
• The Claud Erickson papers span the years 1943 to 1969 and contain correspondence, clippings, brochures, articles, various publications, and photographs documenting Erickson's interest in electric vehicles.

• 13 folders
• The collection consists mainly of publications credited to Leroy Foltz throughout his career. Also included is personal correspondence between Foltz and various organizations he was a member of. The collection includes correspondence with John Hannah, President of MSU, as well as newspaper clippings, talks given on education by Foltz, and letters to the editor of various newspapers. Note: Leroy S. Foltz obtained his BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and a MS in electrical engineering from the University of California in 1917. He came to Michigan State University in 1920 and became the head of the Electrical Engineering Department. He received the title of distinguished professor in September 1947. He assisted with the formation of the Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternity on the MSU campus, as well as the Faculty Club, which he served as the first secretary, and the Engineers Club of Lansing. He published many articles in his field and invented a primitive fire alarm system 17 years before commercial fire alarms were patented.

16. Richard Hammerstein Collection, 1872-1959.  c00300
• 21 folders
• This collection contains magazines, railroad timetables, maps, photographs, and other materials dealing with the history of railroads in Lansing, Michigan, most of which are from the C&O Railroad. Most materials are from the 1950s, but photocopies of some earlier (1872, 1907, 1909) timetables are also present. The collection also includes programs for East Lansing's Golden Anniversary in 1947 and Lansing's Centennial in 1959.

• 140 cu. ft.
• Series 2 GENERAL SUBJECT FILES.  1928-1991, n.d. [1958-1968]  22.8 cu. ft. This diverse series, composed mainly of correspondence, contains all materials directly related to the operation of the University not included in the ADMINISTRATIVE or COMMITTEE files. Of particular interest are Hannah's relationships with federal, state, and local governments, especially his tenure as Assistant Secretary of Defense, under the United States Government.

• 6.5 cu. ft.
• The Edgar L. Harden papers consist primarily of records and correspondence pertaining to the Board of Trustees, various University committees and governing boards, intercollegiate organizations to which MSU belonged, foundations and corporations that Harden petitioned for funds, and MSU relations with State and Federal governments. Also includes University subject files, copies of Harden's commencement speeches, and news clippings related to University events. Of particular interest is a subject file pertaining to a lawsuit related to women's basketball. Note: Edgar L. Harden,
MSU's fifteenth president, was both a businessman and an academic. He first joined the MSU staff in 1946 as a professor of Counseling, Testing, and Guidance, and in 1950, he became head of the Continuing Education Department. In 1955, Harden left MSU to become Executive Vice President of the Drop Forging Association in Cleveland, but in 1956, became president of Northern Michigan University. In 1967, he left the University to take up the presidency of Story, Inc., a large, Lansing-based Oldsmobile dealership, from which position he was on leave during his brief presidency at MSU (1977-1979). During Harden's tenure as president, MSU issues included equal rights, affirmative action, women's sports, and divestiture of University-owned stock in companies doing business with South Africa.

19. Edwin R. Havens papers, 1838-1867. 00016
   • .66 cu. ft., 8 Vols.
   • This collection contains correspondence (1862-1865) dealing with Edwin Havens' service in the 7th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. It details training at Camp Kellogg (Grand Rapids, Michigan); the day-to-day life of a Civil War soldier; battles such as Gettysburg, Richmond, Petersburg, and the Shenandoah Valley; and describes such notables as Ulysses S. Grant, George Meade, George Armstrong Custer, John Mosby, and Jubal Early. Included are six diaries (1862-1865), which also deal with Havens' service, some regimental records and accounts, several newspaper clippings (1892, 1926, n.d.) and a copy of the song "Peter Butternut." Note: Edwin R. Havens (1842-1931) was born in Stafford, New York. His family moved to Niles Township, Michigan, in 1851. As a young man, Havens taught in the district schools of Berrien County, Michigan. He enlisted in the 7th Michigan Cavalry as a Sergeant in September, 1862. After a 6-month training period, the regiment was sent to Washington, D.C., and was later involved in the Gettysburg, Richmond, Petersburg, and Shenandoah Valley campaigns, among others. After the war, Havens was transferred to Virginia Dale, in the Colorado Territory. The regiment was mustered out on December 15, 1865, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Havens returned to Michigan. He became an employee of the State Lands Division and retired in 1929 as Chief of the department. He died in Lansing, Michigan, in 1931, following a lingering illness.

   • 6.6 cu. ft.
   • Research data and administrative records of the project which studied outdoor sculpture in three Michigan cities: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Lansing. Included are: geographically arranged research files on sculpture in Michigan cities and Brazil; general files on more than one sculpture, organized by author, title or location, depending on available information. Files include inventory forms with photographs, correspondence, interview notes, newspaper clippings on each piece of sculpture. Administrative records include correspondence proposals, fiscal records, reports, copies of the original guidebook manuscripts, and publicity materials.

21. Hill Family Papers, 1908-1932. c00374
   • 8 folders
• This collection contains correspondence and legal papers concerning the estates of Edward M. Hill and his wife Phoebe A. Hill, both of Lansing, Michigan. Many of the letters are from beneficiaries living in Derby, England, and Mrs. William (Phoebe) Bohnet, executrix of Mrs. Hill's estate.

• 2 items
• The collection consists of two papers written by Jacqueline Holecek as class assignments. "The Union Building at Michigan State University" (1994) traces the history of the Union and provides information on the contributing architects and the artists. "Archival Research in the R.E. Olds Mansion in Lansing, Michigan" (1995) traces the history of the Olds family and their mansion.

23. Jenison Family Papers, 1877-1939. 00125
• 4.8 cu. ft.
• The bulk of the collection consists of Frederick C. Jenison's papers, for the period 1907-1939. Primarily personal and business records, the majority are expenditure reports, IE Check stubs for personal and business expenses. A detailed reconstruction of family and business finances is possible with these records. Also included is his correspondence with the insurance companies he represented and a small amount of material from other members of the family. Note: Prominent Lansing, Michigan business family, Nelson and Alice Jenison operated the Lansing Dry Goods Store in the late 19th Century. Their son, Frederick C. Jenison, owned and operated the Frederick C. Jenison Insurance Agency. The family owned prime business property and buildings and was active (and successful) investors. At his death F. C. Jenison's entire estate was bequeathed to M.S.U.

• 2 folders
• The collection consists of photographs and postcards. The photographs are of the 1913 winter term Union Literary Society party and an image of three women holding decorations for a party possibly in association with the Sororian Literary Society. The postcards consist of MSU buildings including the Poultry Plant; Armory; Wells Hall #2 decorated with banners and an unlit bonfire in the front; Women's Building; an aerial view of campus; and a drawing of the Willows in winter. In addition, there is a postcard with a drawing of East Side Park in Lansing. Some of the postcards have letters on the back which give a bit of information about her college life.

• 19 folders
• This collection consists primarily of Clarence Judson's letters to his family, written during his years at Michigan Agricultural College. The letters describe his classes, activities, and financial situation; his experiences as a teacher during school breaks; the class strike of 1886; and a visit to the Capitol in Lansing. The collection also includes an autobiography; family history materials; genealogical charts; school records; diaries from 1888 to 1902;
and a notebook Judson kept while working on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad.

26. H.J. Karn Collection, 1910-1964. c00184
   - 1 folder
   - This collection contains notes kept by Bill Taylor during an interview with H. J. Karn, in which Karn describes his working experiences (1906-1916) at the Lansing plant of the REO Motor Car Company. Also included is a brochure describing a 1910 record-breaking transcontinental trip made in a REO car.

27. Kinney Family papers, 1848-1970. c00547
   - 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 pertain to electricity or electrical engineering since many of the family members worked in this profession. Other family members papers include: Daniel Bishop Kinney; Edward Cornelius Kinney; Edward Porter Kinney; Harry Allen Kinney; Frank F. Kinney; Ernest A. Kinney; and Sarah Moffett Graham.

28. Francis McDonald Reminiscences, 1912-1979. c00451
   - 1 folder
   - This collection contains a brief personal account of life in and around Lansing, Michigan, during World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, written by Francis McDonald. Throughout her writing, Mrs. McDonald shows how people were able to cope with the problem presented by the Depression and two world wars, and how she, herself, profited from the experience. Also included are comments on the New Deal and a trip to the Chicago World's Fair of 1931.

29. McKibbin Family papers, 1845-1962. 00003
   - 2 cu. ft., 2 volumes
   - This collection is primarily related to the Joseph T. McKibbin family (1900-1950), but includes correspondence dating back to the 1840's which was written by the Rolfe and North families, early settlers in Lansing and Ingham County. Of special interest is a letter (1845) describing a school for the deaf in Indianapolis, Indiana. Family correspondence, household and business records, college memorabilia, pamphlets and scrapbooks represent the bulk of the collection. Note: Collection has been reproduced onto six reels of 35 mm negative microfilm. Microfilm copy of collection Arizona State University, Library. The Joseph T. McKibbin family included his wife, Emma Augusta McKibbin, and their children, May, Grace, Jean, Frank and Clifford. Clifford W. McKibbin, a prominent Lansing realtor, earned a B.S. in Forestry (1911), and a M.S. in Forestry (1916) from Michigan State University. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Arizona and New Mexico (1910-1916) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (1933). He married Ruth Mead of Detroit,
Michigan (B.S. Home Economics, M.S.U. 1912). May McKibbin was principal of Logan School in Lansing.

30. Nixon Family and Starr Family Papers, 1897-1923. 00060
- .33 cu. ft.
- Primarily the papers of Bruce Elbert and Ethel Nixon Starr of Lansing, Michigan. Includes household and business receipts and accounts, newspaper clippings and coroners' reports, and letters of condolence. Also various receipts and papers of fraternal orders that both belonged to, including the Order of the Blue Goose, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Of particular interest may be a set of receipts pertaining to B.E. Starr's purchase of a new REO automobile in 1923, and a photograph of Starr in folder 14.

31. R.E. Olds Papers, 1884-1950. 00027
- 5.7 cu. ft., 9 volumes, 5 microfilm reels
- The Olds Papers are divided into two sections. The first section consists of Olds' personal papers. Included in this section are Olds' love letters to Metta Woodward, whom he married in 1899; correspondence related to his philanthropic activities; day books; and 2 journals of the Olds family's European tour. The second deals with Olds' business activities from 1904 to 1947. Included are correspondence series of Olds Motor Works, REO, and several small companies of which Olds was either owner or the major stock holder. Also included is correspondence between Olds and various investment agents.

32. Pinckney Family Papers, 1848-1959. c00490
- 8 folders
- The Pinckney Family papers consist of correspondence, invitations, programs, certificates, and newspapers clippings relating to the Civil War and to early history of Lansing, Michigan. Note: The Pinckney family has been prominent in the Lansing area from the 19th century. William H. Pinckney, a lawyer, was appointed Attorney Solicitor and Counselor in the courts of Michigan and was elected Judge of Probate in Ingham County, Michigan, from 1856 to 1864.

33. Alvin Crossman Pratt Papers, 1902-1909. UA 10.3.72
- 1 volume, 4 folders
- Alvin Crossman Pratt papers consist of a scrapbook and memorabilia, primarily from Michigan Agricultural College, but including some items from Pratt's years as a student at Lansing High School. The scrapbook contains invitations, letters, postcards, photographs, posters, and programs from dances and parties, as well as from the Semi-Centennial Celebration in 1907. Memorabilia also include M.A.C. registration receipts (1904-1907).

34. James I. Rogers Letter, 1847. c00142
- 1 folder
- This collection consists of a letter from James I. Rogers of Eaton County, Michigan, to his brother and sister, describing in detail his farm and
agricultural prospects. Rogers also describes the new town of Eaton Rapids and the construction of the state capitol in Lansing.

35. George P. Sanford Papers, 1856-1867. c00482
   • 4 folders
   • This collection contains several essays and speeches written by Professor George Sanford during the 1850s and 1860s. Also included are University of Michigan Commencement programs (1858, 1860, 1861), a Michigan Female College (1862) and Lansing Journal stationery from the 1870s.

36. Eleanor Clapp Smith papers, 1987. c00575
   • 1 folder
   • The collection consists of the book "Sparrow Tales: Memories from the Graduates" compiled by Eleanor Clapp Smith and Gloria Smith Bouterse and published in 1987. It is a compilation of personal stories, newspaper clippings, and photographs of the nurses that graduated from the Edward W. Sparrow Hospital School of Nurses in Lansing, Michigan. The book covers the first graduating class of 1899 to its final graduating class of 1961.

37. Philena Esther Smith Papers, 1906-1913. UA 10.3.66
   • 1 volume, 1 folder
   • Papers of Philena Smith consist of personal artwork and a scrapbook containing programs, invitations, tickets, greeting cards, letters, report cards, menus, postcards, and news clippings related to student life at Michigan Agricultural College. Photographs are of friends and campus events. Some items pertain to her student athletic participation in Lansing High School. Philena Esther Smith, of Lansing, Michigan, earned her B.S. degree in Home Economics from Michigan Agricultural College in 1912. While at M.A.C., she was a member of the Sororian Literary Society (Kappa Phi Zeta Sorority), the Dramatic Club, and J-Hop Banquet Committee. She was also Assistant Art Editor of the 1911 WOLVERINE and participated in the first year of Women's Class Basketball (1911). She later taught Domestic Science in the Lansing Public Schools. She married Alvin C. Pratt, M.A.C. class of 1907, also of Lansing.

38. Rawson Smith family papers, 1850-1892. c00072
   • 4 folders
   • The Rawson Smith Family Papers contain correspondence between family members in New York and Michigan, discussing agricultural conditions, market prices, and politics. They also contain documents including insurance policies, deeds, and mortgages. In addition, the collection contains Civil War letters from Alfred J. Smith to his parents. Smith enlisted in the 78th New York Infantry, but spent much of the war in army hospitals with various illnesses. After the war, he moved to Michigan. Letters to his parents describe the new capitol building in Lansing and a visit to the state legislature (1872-1879).

39. LeMoyne Snyder papers, 1917-1984. UA 10.3.97
   • 7.4 cu. ft., 7 film strips, 3 audio cassettes, 3 CD-ROMs.
The collection is divided into four series: Correspondence, Personal Papers, the Court of Last Resort, and Professional Activities. 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 Correspondence series consists of Snyder's correspondence that does not relate to his activities on the Court of Last Resort, his book "Homicide Investigation," or his other professional activities. Instead, it includes letters related to private consulting he did on cases and correspondence between friends and acquaintances. Some files contain photographs that may be disturbing in nature. 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 where he recounts his childhood on the MSU campus. The Court of Last Resort series contains administrative files about the organization of the Court, publicity, and the television show. The correspondence files contain letters with individual members about the running of the Court and how cases are progressing. The case files are Snyder's papers from individual cases including correspondence from the accused and their families, correspondence from members of the Court about the case, transcripts, and background information. The Professional Activities series contains materials related to Snyder's book, articles, speeches, professional organizations, and professional duties he performed. The collection also contains strips of film with images of autopsies, murder victims and related subjects. The oral history tapes and CDs contain reminisces from Snyder about his childhood on the MSU campus, recollections of Louise Snyder about an incident she and LeMoyne encountered involving the Hesse Crown Jewels, and LeMoyne playing the piano. The MSU related parts are transcribed. Note: LeMoyne Snyder was born on June 16, 1898 on the Michigan State University campus to Clara Maud Mifflin and MSU President Jonathan LeMoyne Snyder. He had two brothers Robert and Plummer. Snyder received his B.S. from MSU in 1919 and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1923. Snyder returned to Lansing in circa 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 State of Michigan Police, and held the position 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. In the 1950s and 1960s Snyder participated in the Court of Last Resort, sponsored by "Argosy Magazine." The central members of the Court were Erle Stanley Gardner, Marshall Houte, Alexander Gregory, and Snyder. The Court of Last Resort examined cases where an inmate convicted of murder, and sentenced to life in prison or execution, continued to claim their innocence but had exhausted all financial resources to hire legal counsel. The purpose of the Court was not to serve as counsel but as publicity. The cases were then written up in the magazine, and through varying circumstance many of the inmates were paroled or pardoned.
40. Henrik Ekroll Stafseth Papers, 1960-1972. c00485
   - 23 Folders
   - This collection contains letters of congratulation, personal papers, and papers of the Lansing Rotary Club relating to Henrick Ekroll Stafseth.
   Note: Stafseth was a Rotarian, local road engineer, and served as Deputy Director, Acting Director, and Director of the Planning and Governmental Liaison of the Michigan State Department of Highways. In 1972, he accepted a position as Executive Director of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

41. Stebbins Family Papers, 1741-1976 1821-1940. 00014
   - 1.33 cu. ft.
   - The collection consists of family correspondence, account books, newspapers, clippings about or by family members, and some legal documents. C. B. Stebbins was a prolific writer and numerous examples of his poetry, essays, editorials and historical manuscripts are included. The collection also includes newspaper clippings of his children's articles and poetry.
   Note: The Stebbins family has resided in Michigan since 1837 when Cortland Bliss Stebbins moved to Palmyra, Michigan, from Vermont where he had been a cabinet maker and part-time journalist. In 1843 Stebbins moved to Adrian, Michigan, where he became the editor of the ADRIAN MICHIGAN EXPOSITOR. In 1857, he moved to Lansing and became editor of the LANSING REPUBLICAN. In 1858 he became an officer in the Michigan Department of Public Instruction, a position he held until 1878. He died in 1901.

42. Charles Hutchinson Thompson Papers, 1843-1916. 00024
   - .66 cu. ft.
   - 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. Note: Charles Hutchinson Thompson (1838-1916) was born in LeRoy, New York. He visited Michigan in 1845-1847, then returned to Orleans County, New York, where he attended school and held various jobs. In 1856, Thompson moved to Van Buren County, Michigan. He worked on a farm there until December, 1857, when he was appointed porter in the State Offices. He worked on the 1860 United States Census in the Office of the Secretary of State. Charles married Elizabeth Giles Sutton in March, 1862. He engaged in mercantile business for several months in 1863,
and in October, was appointed clerk in the Auditor General's office, where he was later placed in charge of extra clerks in the Tax Department. He became Assistant Chief Clerk in 1889. Thompson was a member of Central M.E. Church from soon after his arrival in Michigan. He held various positions there, including Steward, Treasurer, and Chorister. Thompson was also Secretary of the Capital Senate literary club for a time.

43. James H. Thompson Papers, 1910-1913. 00057

- .33 cu. ft.
- Correspondence and miscellaneous receipts and papers of James H. Thompson, a Lansing, Michigan, lawyer who was originally from Evart, 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. A particularly interesting exchange is between the Original Gas Engine Company, for whom he was secretary at one time, and Morse Brothers Machinery and Supply of Denver, Colorado. There is also correspondence about various investments Thompson or his clients had made, including the Superior and Boston Copper Company of Houghton, Michigan. Also documentation of two contested wills, that of Nettie Rosencrance and that of E.C. Thompson. Copies of several inquiries for and letters of recommendation and extensive correspondence pertaining to Republican politics and to the Presidential election of 1912. Correspondence with Triplex Tire Company about endorsing their tires, and bankruptcy papers for the Elk Cement and Lime Company. There is correspondence with newspapers and magazines about publishing articles and about subscription to their publications, and several clippings dealing with Thompson's Masonic activities. Much of Thompson's personal correspondence deals with the Masonic Order, and also with the history of the Thompson family. Miscellaneous papers include numerous calling cards of business associates, as well as a brokerage newsletter about the mining industry, advertisements for municipal bonds, and an article about interpretation of Sherman Law. Also a program for a 75th anniversary celebration at the University of Michigan and a hand-drawn map of some islands Thompson was considering purchasing. Primary correspondents include Dennis Alward, Charles Townsend, William A. Smith, Francis Clarke, and E.W. Olds.

44. Rajee Tobia Collection, 1865-1953. 00084

- 11 folders, 3 volumes
- A variety of materials including receipts and bills from various persons in Jackson, Michigan; papers from the 41st biennial convention of the P.E.O. Sisterhood (1953) in British Columbia, including newspaper articles, a P.E. O. Handbook, and a transcript of the convention, all of which belonged to Elizabeth H. Loree, a delegate from Lansing, Michigan; a book of notes from Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) (1896) of Danie Jenison; a Methodist Episcopal preacher's log of Frank M. Cottrell; a sales ledger from a grocery store in Wacousta, Michigan (1911-1932); a Wacousta telephone subscriber's ledger; a ledger/scrapbook of the school life of Beryl Brockway and the activities of the Michigan Education Company; a copybook (c.1902-3) of Lily May Williams from Cordova Mines, Ontario; a business education textbook (1910); and a parts price list and instructions for a Stewart
Vacuum Gasoline System, designed for Dodge Bros. Motor Cars. Note: The P.E. O. Sisterhood appears to have been a Canadian and American religiously oriented women's peace and education-promoting society. Its primary activities were providing loans for female college students (mostly from overseas) and helping disabled veterans. The significance of the letters P.E.O. was a club secret. Their insignia was a star-shaped pin. They put out a magazine called the P.E.O. Record.

45. Town Family Papers, 1830-1932 1850-1876. c00132

- 3 folders
- This collection consists primarily of letters between Sarah Ann and Oka Town, while he was serving as a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1850 and as a legislator in 1851. Oka's letters describe Lansing and the political scene, while Sarah Ann's are concerned with family matters, especially their children's health. A later series of letters from the Towns' daughter-in-law, Nellie Faling Town, to her family describes life in Clam Lake (now Cadillac) in 1875-1876. Also included is a letterbook kept by Nellie's brother, Charles Faling, a student at West Point.
  Note: The Town family farmed near Otsego in Allegan County, Michigan. Oka Town was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1850, and returned to Lansing as a legislator in 1851. His son Carleton married Nellie Faling and moved to Clam Lake (now Cadillac), Michigan.

46. George Malcolm Trout papers, 1899-1986. UA 17.127

- 9.4 cu. ft.
- The collection consists of subject files, correspondence, and photographs pertaining to Trout's career in dairy and food science. Trout's papers contain few notes about the research he did. The Personal Papers contain articles written by an about Trout, speeches, and the manuscript "A Son of Lick Creek" about Trout's life, biographical file, and thesis. The Subject Files contain files on various topics and includes several folders of correspondence. The topics include lectures he gave to groups about cheese tasting, countries he visited, Collegiate Students' International Contest in Judging Dairy Products, dairy history, bulletins on dairy production, and theses from dairy students. Also included are files about MSU dairy classes and cards that list dairy short courses from 1912 to 1959. There are also files on homogenized milk that contain articles and pamphlets. The files relating to Trout's book "Homogenized Milk" contain correspondence, press and reviews and a few notes. The photographs contain images of Lansing Dairy Company, cheese tasting events in Trout's classes, dairy plants in countries Trout visited, people with Trout, group shots of MSU dairy short course students, dairy faculty and food science faculty. Note: George Malcolm Trout was born on March 7, 1896 to Sidney and Anna Trout near Birmingham, Iowa. He attended the University of Northern Iowa from 1916-1917 and taught at a rural school from September 1917 to February 1918. He entered the U.S. Army in 1918 and served in France. He received his B.S. in Dairy Industry in 1923 and a M.S. in 1924 from Iowa State University. From 1924 to 1928 he was an instructor and assistant professor at the University of West Virginia. He married Agnes Crain on September 1, 1927. Trout came to Michigan State University in 1928 as an assistant professor of dairy
husbandry. In 1929 he researched and developed a homogenization process for milk, and wrote a respected book on the subject. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1936 while on leave from MSU. He was made associate professor in 1936 and professor in 1941. Trout retired from MSU in 1966. He died on November 1, 1990.

47. Roy Clark Vandercook Papers, 1849-1957. 00011
   • .5 cu. ft.
   • This collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, scrapbook pages, legal documents, and a date book pertaining to Roy C. Vandercook of Lansing, Michigan. The correspondence deals primarily with the Michigan National Guard and the 1913 Copper Strike, including correspondence with Gov. Woodbridge Ferris. The collection also discusses the United States' occupation of the Philippines and World War 1 security measures taken in Michigan. Clippings deal primarily with Vandercook's activities in the National Guard, but also with his appointment as public relations manager of the Michigan Railroads Association and as commissioner of the newly founded Michigan State Police. There are several papers dealing with the National Guard in Michigan and with general political opinion. Other topics covered include Ferris Institute and the Michigan Constabulary. Note: Roy Clark Vandercook was originally a newsman, and remained so at least on a freelance basis all his life. He worked at the LANSING STATE JOURNAL; for the Associated Press, and for various newspapers around Michigan. He became active in the National Guard in 1898, and was Adjutant General from 1911-1915. In 1917-1918, he was Secretary of the Michigan War Board, and was Commissioner of the Michigan State Police from their creation in 1918 until 1923. He was public relations manager for the Michigan Railroads Association and their legislative agent in Congress. Vandercook was responsible for the majority of military action dealing with the 1913 Copper Strike.

   • 1 item
   • This collection consists of "Discovering Ingham County: A Descriptive Bibliography" by Eugene G. Wanger and published by the Ingham County Historical Commission of Mason, Michigan. The bibliography covers general works on Ingham County; Lansing; East Lansing; Meridian; Haslett; Okemos; Mason; Williamston; as well as a few entries for other places in Ingham County. Also included are Michigan State University; state institutions; R.E. Olds; businesses; private associations; and churches. The bibliography also contains biographical and fiction works, historical files, and historical artifacts. Also included is an index to the entries; a directory of archives, museums, historical and genealogical societies in Ingham County and a list of members of the Ingham County Historical Commission.

49. Hubert Monroe Wells Memoirs, 1933. UA 10.3.22
   • 1 volume
   • Hubert Monroe Wells' memoirs (1933) describe his memories of Michigan Agricultural College, which he attended from 1881 to 1885. Note: Hubert Monroe Wells, of Lansing, Michigan, earned his B. S. Degree from Michigan
Agricultural College in 1885. He later became a market gardener and fruit grower in Lansing.

50. Kenneth R. West Papers, 1947-1963. 00104
- 1 cu. ft.
- Includes primarily correspondence of STATE JOURNAL journalist and editor Kenneth R. West, with people including Earle Pitt, members of the Southeast Asia Committee (Associated Press Managing Editors’ Association), the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the Michigan State Police, and the Michigan State University Department of Police Administration. One issue of the socialist magazine CZECHOSLOVAK LIFE and a letter West wrote to the editor; a newspaper clipping, correspondence, and a speech pertaining to Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey’s book on female sexuality; speeches West gave to police training classes; papers pertaining to a Pan-American promotional trip to Europe, to which he was invited; correspondence and a section of the centennial edition of the Lansing (Mich.) STATE JOURNAL; and newspaper clippings and photographs of West and John K. Walsh. Numerous newsletters, bulletins, notes, and correspondence of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Associated Press Managing Editors’ Association and its Southeast Asia Committee, and Sigma Delta Chi and its Freedom of Information Committee. Correspondence, papers, notes, and press releases from the two Democratic and four Republican national conventions that West attended. Also some correspondence pertaining to the election of Patrick MacNamara in 1960, a speech introducing Tom Collins, and an Associated Press writing handbook (1951). Note: Kenneth R. West, a former managing editor of the Lansing, Michigan, STATE JOURNAL, was actively involved in the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Associated Press Managing Editors’ Association, and Sigma Delta Chi. As a newspaper correspondent, he attended several Republican (1948; 1952; 1956; 1960) and two Democratic (1948; 1956) national conventions. He was also a member of a press delegation invited to Europe by Pan-American (1954) before they instituted regular overseas service. In 1962, he was involved through the APMEA in working on a report on Southeast Asia.

51. Lewis A. Wileden Papers, 1908-1968. 00073
- .66 cu. ft., 2 Vols.
- Lewis A. Wileden, Michigan State University's first veterinary graduate, also served in the Army Veterinary Corps in World War I. Most of his papers deal with his military experiences, including personal notebooks, military vouchers and orders, and personal reports. Also a 1919 copy of the Second Division newspaper, THE INDIAN, a small publication about the accomplishments of the division during the war, a scrapbook of postcards and photographs of Europe, postwar correspondence with the Second Regiment Engineers, wartime newspaper clippings, and military identification papers, one of which holds a photograph of Wileden. Includes a personal synopsis of his war experiences and copies of speeches he made concerning the war in later years. Michigan State University materials include a personal expense notebook, a couple of social programs, a scrapbook including photographs of family and friends from the Ortonville and Lansing (Michigan) areas, programs, invitations, and ribbons, and articles and programs of alumni
events. Postwar materials include veterinary accounts, records, and
daybooks; articles; a Federal income tax return (1942 - restricted); records of
his service with the Ingham County (Michigan) Health Department, the Mason
(Michigan) City Council, and his jury-duty tenures; speeches; personal
 correspondence; and numerous materials relating to his accident on the
Grand Trunk Railway system, his claim against the railroad company, his
medical expenses, and a hospital diary. Also an account of his 1949 hernia
operation and a scrapbook of get-well cards from both hospital stays. Note:
Lewis A. Wileden (1888-19--) of Oxford Township, Oakland County,
Michigan, was the first student at Michigan Agricultural College (Michigan
State University) to earn a degree in Veterinary Medicine. After graduating in
1913, he accepted the position of Sanitary Inspector for Lansing, Michigan. In
1914, he married Carolyn D. Gornitz. In 1917, he enlisted in the Second
Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces, and he was a 2nd Lieutenant in
the Veterinary Corps in France. Upon his return, in 1919, he set up a
veterinary practice in Cassopolis, Cass County, Michigan, which he relocated
to Mason, Michigan, in 1922. He was elected president of the Michigan
Veterinarians' Association in 1927, and he served on the Mason Board of
Education from 1927 to 1935. In 1941, he was injured in a train accident in
Lansing. In 1946, he sold his veterinary practice to become the meat
inspector for the Ingham County (Michigan) Health Department, from which
he retired in 1957. He also served on the Mason City Council 1954-1956.

52. Beryl Williamson papers, 1942-1996. UA 17.242
• 3.2 cu. ft.
• The Beryl Williamson papers consist of albums, programs, clippings about
Williamson and her ice skaters, Lansing Skating Club directories,
photographs, scrapbooks, audio, films, and videos with segments about
Williamson. The scrapbooks contain family and vacation photographs,
skating photographs, and newspaper clippings about Williamson and her
students. The photographs consist of skaters Williamson taught including
Sandra Tewksbury, Gary Clark and Joey Heckert. There are a number of
photographs of skating shows that Williamson coordinated, many of which
took place at MSU. The oversize items consist of image boards Williamson
created of photographs and clippings. The audio materials contain reel to reel
tape and audio cassettes of music from skaters' routines. The 16mm and
8mm film consists of skaters as well as home movies. The videotapes contain
"Perspectives on Ice" an MSU talk show that Williamson was interviewed on,
and an "Unsung Hero" segment that featured Williamson.

53. Woodbury Family papers, 1863-1976. 00184
• .8 cu. ft.
• The collection consists of papers of the Woodbury family including John D.
Woodbury, Chester D. Woodbury, and Charles G. Woodbury. The papers
contain a folder related to the Capitol Savings and Loan Bank, and the
articles of association of the Central Michigan Business College. The
correspondence folders contain letters between the Chester Woodbury family
and the Charles Woodbury family and contain information about family
events, and some business information. There are also documents related to
the settlement of the Edna Woodbury estate and the Eudora Hagadorn
estate. There are two folders with documents related to land the Woodbury family owned, such as tax information, warranty deeds, state of Michigan land patent, and mortgages. There are also photographs and brochures related to the East Jordan Fruit and Land Co., Evelyn Orchards, and Roaring Brook Resort, which were business ventures that Chester and Charles were involved in. The Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping Notice folder contains a public notice for the reward for the kidnappers of Charles Lindbergh's son. The collection also includes reminisces written by Charles of his childhood along with photographs. There is also an essay written by Chester called the "Fun of a River Trip" which illustrates the advantages of a river trip; it contains pictures and captions. In addition, there is an oversized folder with plat maps of Roaring Brook Resort, and a map of Evelyn Orchard.

54. Jon L. Young reminiscences, 1986.  UA 10.3.116
- 3 folders
- This collection consists of Jon L. Young's reminiscences, based on diaries he kept as a student at Michigan State College from 1931-1935. Young describes his classes, social activities, and work as a teaching assistant in the History Department. He also talks about his family, who lived in Lansing, and the impact of the Depression, especially on his father, an employee of the REO Motor Car Company. Young also analyzes the unsettled international events of the 1930s.

Visual Materials

1. Lucia Dains Denison Papers, 1900-1923.  c00517
- 1 volume
- This collection contains a family photograph album which includes views of Lansing, Bellevue, Battle Creek, Belle Isle, Detroit, Palmer Park, and Wyandotte, Michigan; New York City, New York; and Niagara Falls, Georgian Bay, and Thousand Islands, Canada.

2. Lenore Nixon Johnson collection, 1909-1910, 1913.  UA 10.3.212
- 2 folders
- The collection consists of photographs and postcards. The photographs are of the 1913 winter term Union Literary Society party and an image of three women holding decorations for a party possibly in association with the Sororian Literary Society. The postcards consist of MSU buildings including the Poultry Plant; Armory; Wells Hall #2 decorated with banners and an unlit bonfire in the front; Women's Building; an aerial view of campus; and a drawing of the Willows in winter. In addition, there is a postcard with a drawing of East Side Park in Lansing. Some of the postcards have letters on the back which give a bit of information about her college life.
Note: Lenore Nixon Johnson graduated in 1914. She was from Bellaire, Michigan. She majored in Home Economics and was involved in the Sororian Literary Society; Omicron Nu, a home economics sorority; MAC choir, and was President of the Girls Glee Club in 1913. She married R.C. Johnson.
   • 6.6 cu. ft.
   • This collection contains 13 scrapbooks which span from 1924 to 1991. The scrapbooks are mostly general in content; however, several of them contain newspaper clippings, correspondence and memorabilia highlighting the Neller's social life in Lansing and East Lansing. There is also information on the R.E. Olds Museum and the real estate business in Lansing, and East Lansing. Note: Walter H. Neller founded the Walter Neller Company, a real estate company in the Lansing, Michigan area. He was married to Frances Winifred Harvey and graduated from Michigan State College in 1928 with a B.S. in Applied Science. Frances Neller graduated from Michigan State College in 1928 with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. Walter and Frances had three children, Mary, Suzanne, and Richard. Mary married David Jessup and Suzanne married Ronald Kregel and Richard married Susan Hiler.

4. Ruth Radimersky postcard collection, 1935-1937. c00580
   • 99 postcards
   • The postcards in this collection were sent to Ruth Steidte by an unidentified Michigan Agricultural College professor between 1935 and 1937. The postcards are primarily the MAC campus and include buildings and gardens. There are many other Michigan locations on the postcards, including Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, East Lansing, Lansing, Marshall, and Olivet. There are also several postcards of Madison, Wisconsin. Many of the messages and addresses on the postcards have been marked over to make them illegible.

5. Sears, Roebuck & Co. Photographs, 1920s-1960s. c00588
   • 10 items
   • These photos are of the different Sears stores locations in the Lansing, Michigan area. Each photo is 16" x 20." Five photos depict the Automotive Center, Retail Store, and Farm Store in downtown Lansing. Four photos are of the Frandor Shopping Center site, one is of the pre-construction site. One image is a store advertisement.

6. Allan S. Thompson photographic collection, 1898-1913. 00186
   • 1866 glass negatives, 3 lantern slides, 1869 negatives, 573 photographs.
   • The collection consists of glass plate negatives, film negatives, and contact prints of images of people, places, and events in the greater Lansing, Michigan area, 1898-1913. Included in the collection are images of products of the companies Thompson worked for. Also included are images that document the Lansing Wheelbarrow Company, including views of the buildings and grounds, men working, the arrival of raw materials via railroad, and the various processes necessary to produce the wheelbarrows, carts, trucks, and hardware. Other businesses documented include the Severance Tank Works, Oldsmobile Motor Car Company, and Capitol Electrical Engineering Company. Thompson also photographed local buildings, homes, churches, water towers, and fire fighting equipment. The collection also contains images of local parades and carnivals and the Ringling Brothers Circus. Also included are images of Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show. Thompson also photographed his family, the mourning for U.S. President
McKinley on the Michigan Capitol Lawn, the visit of Admiral Dewey, and panoramic views of Lansing.

7. **Lewis P. Watson collection, ca. 1927-1928, n.d.** UA 10.3.170
   - .4 cu. ft.
   - The Lewis P. Watson collection consists of a photograph album and collection of 43 loose photographs. The album consists of images of buildings and scenes at Michigan State University, athletic events, and people working in the fields. There are also images of Lansing, and other unidentified scenes of water beaches and a ship. There are also images of Watson, people at their desks—many of which are identified, and other friends. The loose photographs contain images of campus buildings, trains, trestles and tracks, the House of David Home Team baseball team from Benton Harbor Michigan, the We-go-ta Hotel in Central Lake, Michigan, and a Sunny South Lines bus in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are also photographs of houses at Graham Station in Grand Rapids.

8. **Photograph folder drawer**
   - 4 folders
   - Subjects includes the capitol, homes, railroad stations and schools.

9. **Postcard folder drawer**