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ABSTRACT

Pioneering agriculturalist, public speaker, state legislator, instructor, and president of Massachusetts Agricultural College. Papers include correspondence, personal notebooks, travel diary, journal as a farmer (1842-1845), writings, lectures, notes on experiments, clippings, photocopies of personal and legal records, and biographical material, including reminiscences by Stockbridge's daughter. Also contains auction records, notebook of Amherst, Massachusetts town records (1876-1890), and printed matter about Amherst and national elections, including some about his candidacy for Congress on Labor-Greenback party ticket 1880. Also contains papers (13 items) of Stockbridge's son, Horace Edward Stockbridge (1857-1930), agricultural chemist and educator, including a letter (1885) from him to the elder Stockbridge, written from Japan while he was professor at Hokkaido University.

ACCESS

The collection is open for research.

LANGUAGE:

English

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LEVI STOCKBRIDGE PAPERS

1841-1978

4 BOXES (2 LINEAR FT.)

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BACKGROUND ON LEVI STOCKBRIDGE

Levi Stockbridge was born in Hadley, Massachusetts on March 13, 1820 to a well-known family of agriculturalists, lawyers, and educators. He attended local schools as a boy, and due largely to his own initiative and efforts, became a widely respected expert and pioneer in agriculture. He also had a reputation as a fine public speaker, a talent he cultivated at the local lyceum.

Stockbridge came to Massachusetts Agricultural College (M.A.C.) in 1867 as an instructor in agricultural research. During his tenure as instructor and president of M.A.C. (1867-1882), he conducted many experiments and

developed experimental methods and formulas on manuring, and chemical fertilization, which won him wide acclaim. Stockbridge was also a consumer advocate of the time, demanding that public trials of farm equipment take place on the grounds M. A. C.

Stockbridge enjoyed the respect and devotion of his students. He was firm and demanding with them, as demonstrated in his carefully kept attendance and labor records, as well as fair and compassionate, often loaning money to his students and even to the college during hard times.

As a noted agriculturalist, he served on the Massachusetts Cattle Commission from 1869-1891, and on the State Board of Agriculture for 12 years. His work on the Cattle Commission dealt to a great extent with control of contagious diseases among cattle.

Stockbridge participated in civic affairs and politics. A stalwart of the Grange, he was a leader in the cooperative movement. He served as a town selectman, town moderator, and assessor at various times for the town of Amherst, as well as a state legislator - elected to the House of Representatives



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in 1855, 1870, and 1883, and serving in the Senate from 1865 -1866. He was unsuccessful in a bid for a U.S. Congress seat on the 1880 Labor-Greenback party ticket.

Stockbridge remained active lecturing and traveling until his death on May 2, 1904, at the age of 84.

CONTENTS OF COLLECTION

Correspondence, personal notebooks, travel diary, journal as a farmer (1842-1845), drafts of articles and reports, published writings, lecture notes, notes on experiments, clippings, photocopies of personal and legal records, and biographical material, including reminiscences by Stockbridge's daughter; together with college rules and routines, review notes and examinations, committee notes, records of college finances, student attendance, student labor, payments to students, laboratory work, and work on buildings, auction records and assessor's notes, notebook of Amherst, Massachusetts town records (1876-1890), and printed matter about Amherst and national elections including some about his candidacy for Congress on Labor-Greenback party ticket 1880; and papers (13 items) of Stockbridge's son, Horace Edward Stockbridge (1857-1930), agricultural chemist and educator including letter (1885) from him to the elder Stockbridge, written from Japan while he was professor of chemistry and geology at Hokkaido University, handwritten recollections of Japan by his wife, Belle, and biographical material.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

This collection is organized into three series:

- [Series 1. Writings \(1841-1890, n.d.\)](#)
- [Series 2. Student and School Records \(1867-1882, n.d.\)](#)
- [Series 3. Subject File \(1842-1945\)](#)

Series descriptions

SERIES 1: WRITINGS

1841-1890

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ARRANGEMENT:

Bulk comprised of manuscripts by Levi Stockbridge organized as follows: Public Lectures, School Lectures, Publications, Encyclopedia Articles, Reports and Petitions, Experiments, and Notes.

CONTENTS:

Public Lectures are arranged in alphabetical order by title, one manuscript per folder, and include speeches, essays, and lectures delivered before various groups. Many of the dates and groups to which these lectures were delivered are unknown. The School Lectures were those addressed to his classes in 1868-1869.

The Publications folder contains pamphlets reporting on Levi Stockbridge's experiments and work. Drafts of encyclopedia articles are found in folder 31. Folder 32 contains reports and petitions to various governmental

bodies. For reports of entire committees on which Stockbridge served, see Series III under Committee Records and Reports.

Experiments and notations appear in folder 33. Featured here is his record of the plant, soil, and evaporation experiments of 1878. This is the subject of his 1879 publication, found in folder 30. The final folder of the series includes questions that were drafted for presentation to Dr. Bailey through the public press concerning tuberculosis.

SERIES 2. STUDENT AND SCHOOL RECORDS

1867-1882

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Includes M.A.C. Financial Records, Class Attendance Records, Class Labor Records, and Miscellaneous.

Financial records of Stockbridge are handwritten in notebooks for the years 1867, 1869, and 1880. Folders 36-46 hold class attendance records and class labor records for the years 1870-1882, arranged in chronological order.

The folder labeled Miscellaneous includes copies of exam questions, rules, work records, and other M.A.C. matters, arranged chronologically.

SERIES 3. SUBJECT FILE

1842-1945

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BOXES)**

Includes Auction Records, Biographical Information, Certificates, Clippings, Committee Records and Reports, Letters from Levi Stockbridge, Letters to Levi Stockbridge, Letters and Correspondence Concerning Stockbridge Family Lineage, Miscellaneous, Personal Notes, and Town Business. It should be noted here that photographs of Levi Stockbridge originally contained in this collection are located in the photo file of the University Archives.

Biographical information includes diaries, tributes, and character sketches. A number of certificates included here document some of the varied activities of Stockbridge in public and private life.

The Clippings contain references to the work of Levi Stockbridge, and references to his family. A notebook of selected clippings kept by Stockbridge himself is included.

Folders designated Committee Reports and Records include notes, records, and printed reports from the committees on which Stockbridge served. These were produced from 1855 to 1893, with the bulk in the 1870s and 1880s.

Letters, both to and from Levi Stockbridge, cover a variety of subjects -- educational, agricultural and personal. Some are originals, some rough drafts, and some are copies. Folder 64 holds letters and notes to and from family members with regard to establishing a family tree. A letter from Samuel Wright Stockbridge to his father, written in 1822 is from an uncle of Levi Stockbridge's.

The Miscellaneous folder includes a deed, published essays by his son, Horace, a Grand Council code book, campaign handbills, and a Grange Store commemorative booklet, arranged in alphabetical order.

Stockbridge kept a small notebook with an alphabetical listing of certain philosophical sayings and statements which he may have used in his writing or lecturing. Also, in this notebook (in folder 66) are some assessor's notes.

Folder 67 contains two notebooks filled with notations on various town matters for the years 1889 - 1890.

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Public Lecture - "Agricultural Education"	n.d.	Box 1: 3
Public Lecture - "The Agriculture of Eastern Hampshire County"	1871	Box 1: 4
Public Lecture - Lecture notes on New York Commission's investigations on abortion (1867-1869)	n.d.	Box 1: 5
Public Lecture - "Appreciation of the Art of Agriculture"	1868	Box 1: 6
Public Lecture - "Crop Rotation"	1869	Box 1: 7
Public Lecture - "Does Farming Pay?"	n.d.	Box 1: 8
Public Lecture - "Elements of Different Nationalities"	n.d.	Box 1: 9
Public Lecture - "Feeding Plants and Manuring the Soil"	n.d.	Box 1: 10
Public Lecture - First address on agriculture to first class of Mass. Agricultural College	1867	Box 1: 11
Public Lecture - "For the Locomotive"	1867	Box 1: 12
Public Lecture - "Has the Building of Railroads Been as Much Advantage to the Agricultural as the Mercantile Interests of the Community?"	n.d.	Box 1: 13
Public Lecture - "Large and Small Farms"	n.d.	Box 1: 14
Public Lecture - "The Management of Pastures" (2 copies- 1 typed, 1 handwritten)	n.d.	Box 1: 15
Public Lecture - "The New England Town System"	1888	Box 1: 16
Public Lecture - "On Education"	n.d.	Box 1: 17
Public Lecture - "Phrenology"	December, 1841	Box 1: 18
Public Lecture - "Phrenology"	January, 1842	Box 1: 19
Public Lecture - "Progress - Has It Made the Mass of Mankind Happier?"	n.d.	Box 1: 20
Public Lecture - "The Relations and Mutual Dependence of Our Producing Industries"	n.d.	Box 1: 21
Public Lecture - "A Ride Through Wonderland" (Yellowstone Park)	n.d.	Box 1: 22
Public Lecture - "Run Out Pastures - How Shall I Keep the Boys on the Farm?"	n.d.	Box 1: 23
Public Lecture - "Shays' Rebellion"	n.d.	Box 1: 24
Public Lecture - "Temperance"	1845	Box 1: 25
Public Lecture - "What I Saw Between the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean" (p. 1, 2, & 5)	1884	Box 1: 26
Public Lecture - "Who Pays the Bills?"	n.d.	Box 1: 27
Public Lecture - "Wholesomeness in Farm Buildings"	1890	Box 1: 28
School Lectures - 2 notebooks	1868-69	Box 1: 29
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"Investigations on Rainfall, Percolation, and Evaporation of Water from the Soil, Temperature of Soil and Air, Deposition of Dew on the Soil and Plant" (2 copies)	1879	Box 1: 30
Encyclopedia Articles		
"Stockbridge Manures"	1877	Box 1: 31
"Root Crops"	1882	Box 1: 31
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Petition that M.A.C. not be made part of Amherst College	n.d.	Box 1: 32
Report to Committee on Grain Crops	n.d.	Box 1: 32
Experiments and Notes		
Evaporation - Plant and Soil Experiment NOTE: See Series I, Folder 30	1878	Box 1: 33
Notes on the Investigations of 1878 (3 of 4 pages)	1878	Box 1: 33
Report on Experiments and Investigations from 1868 - 1879	1879	Box 1: 33
Notes - Questions prepared to pose to Dr. Bailey through the public press (re: tuberculosis)	n.d.	Box 1: 34
Reports published in the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture- Massachusetts	1856-1872	Box 1: 35
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"A Tribute to Levi Stockbridge" (3 copies - 1 bound, 2 paper) by W. H. Bowker	June 14, 1904	Box 3: 52
"Levi Stockbridge and the Stockbridge Principle on Plant Feeding"(2 copies - Excerpts from Bowker's Tribute)	1911	Box 3: 52
Speech honoring Levi Stockbridge	June 17, 1913	Box 3: 53
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Address by W. H. Bowker on dedication of Stockbridge Hall	October 29, 1915	Box 3: 53
Character sketches (2)	n.d.	Box 3: 54
"Reminiscences of Levi Stockbridge", by his daughter, Anna Stockbridge Tuttle	n.d.	Box 3: 54
Excerpts from "Reminiscences of Levi Stockbridge"	n.d.	Box 3: 54
Certificates - pertaining to the life and activities of Levi Stockbridge	1850, 1855, 1865, 1869, 1885, 1892, 1897, n.d.	Box 3: 55
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Stockbridge, Helen S. to B.B. Wood (M.A.C. Librarian)	April 18, 1929	Box 4: 64
Tuttle, Anna Stockbridge to George Hawley (2 copies)	January 20, 1934	Box 4: 64
Tuttle, Anna Stockbridge to Rand, Prof. F.P.	February 20, 1934	Box 4: 64
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Hand, Prof. F.P. to Anna Stockbridge Tuttle	February 24, 1934	Box 4: 64
Tuttle, Anna Stockbridge to Prof. F.P. Rand	February 26, 1934	Box 4: 64
Rand, Prof. F.P. to Anna Stockbridge Tuttle	March 2, 1934	Box 4: 64
Tuttle, Anna Stockbridge to Prof. F.P. Rand	March 9, 1934	Box 4: 64
Memo - to Anna Stockbridge Tuttle for information	March 15, 1934	Box 4: 64
Wood, B.B. to J.S. Stockbridge	March 23, 1934	Box 4: 64
Wood, B.B. to Derry L. Stockbridge	March 23, 1934	Box 4: 64
Stockbridge, J.S. to B.B. Wood	April 16, 1934	Box 4: 64
Rand F.P. to Anna Stockbridge Tuttle	n.d.	Box 4: 64
Wood, B.B. to Irving L. Speare	March 6, 1945	Box 4: 64
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Wood, B.B. to I.L. Speare	April 21, 1945	Box 4: 64
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PROVENANCE

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- Greenback Labor Party (U.S.)--History--Sources.
- Massachusetts Agricultural College--History--Sources.
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- Stockbridge, Levi, 1820-1904.

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