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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Clinton Levi Merriam Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7182
Date:	circa 1848-1899
Extent:	2 cu. ft. (3 document boxes) (2 half document boxes)
Creator::	Merriam, Clinton Levi, 1824-1900
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Clinton Levi Merriam (1824-1900) was born in Leyden, New York. After attending Copenhagen Academy in Copenhagen, New York, he entered business as a merchant in Utica, New York. In 1847 he moved to New York City and became an importer and, in 1860, entered banking. While in New York City, he married Caroline Hart in 1850. In 1864, Merriam returned to Leyden, having retired from business early. He had a mansion built in Locust Grove, Lewis County, New York; and it was here that his son, Clinton Hart Merriam, the naturalist, grew up and had his original medical practice. From 1871 to 1875, the elder Merriam served two terms in Congress as a Republican from New York. He died on a trip to Washington, D.C., February 18, 1900.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of journals kept by Clinton Levi Merriam from 1848 to 1899. The journals contain diary entries, poems, copies of letters, speeches, political writings, expense accounts, and clippings from newspapers. In many cases, the clippings have been pasted over a written entry. The papers also contain a photograph album containing prints of family members, associates, and reproductions of paintings.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Photographs

Names:

Copenhagen Academy (Copenhagen, N.Y.)
Merriam, C. Hart (Clinton Hart), 1855-1942
Merriam, Caroline Hart
Merriam, Clinton Levi, 1824-1900
United States. Congress

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 3 Folder 1 Journal, labeled 1848-1864
- Box 1 of 3 Folder 2 Journal, labeled 1858-1869
- Box 1 of 3 Folder 3 Journal, labeled 1873-1874
- Box 1 of 3 Folder 4 Journal, labeled 1875-1878
- Box 1 of 3 Folder 5 Journal, labeled 1878-1880

Box 1A

- Box 1A of 3 Folder 6 Journal, labeled 1881-1883

Box 2

- Box 2 of 3 Folder 1 Journal, labeled 1883-1884
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 2 Journal, labeled 1885-1886
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 3 Journal, labeled 1885-1889
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 4 Journal, labeled 1889-1890, 1898
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 5 Journal, labeled 1890-1891
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 6 Journal, labeled 1892-1893

Box 2A

- Box 2A of 3 Folder 7 Journal, labeled 1894

Box 3

- Box 3 of 3 Folder 1 Journal, labeled 1895-1896
- Box 3 of 3 Folder 2 Journal, labeled 1897-1899
- Box 3 of 3 Folder 3 Photograph album, containing prints of Louis Agassiz, William A. Whule, John L. Burns, W. C. Bryant, Charles B. Collins, A. Powers, Hiram Powers, Henry Ward Beecher, Florence Augusta Merriam, Mary Wilber, Anna Farwell, Rose Farwell, Charles Collins Merriam, Caroline Hart Merriam, S. N. Dexter North, Mrs. Satler (?), C. Hart Merriam, S. F. Merriam, Clinton Levi Merriam, Ela N. Merriam and other unidentified persons. The album also contains 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch reproductions of paintings of landscapes and persons.