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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Merriam, Clinton Levi, 1824-1900
Title: Clinton Levi Merriam Papers
Dates: circa 1848-1899
Quantity: 0.4 linear meter.

Administrative Information

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Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 7182, Merriam, Clinton Levi, 1824-1900, Clinton Levi Merriam Papers

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.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

This record unit contains journals kept by Clinton Levi Merriam from 1848 to 1899. These 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 record unit also contains 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:

Subjects:
United States--Politics and Government--1865-1900

Types of Materials:
Diaries
Photographs

Names:
Merriam, Clinton Levi, 1824-1900.
Container Listing

Box 1

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

Box 1A

Folder 6 Journal, labeled 1881-1883

Box 2

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

Box 2A

Folder 7 Journal, labeled 1894

Box 3

Folder 1 Journal, labeled 1895-1896
Folder 2 Journal, labeled 1897-1899