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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Samuel Mills Tracy (1847-1920), botanist, born in Hartford, Vermont, moved west with his parents, living first in Illinois and then Wisconsin. During the Civil War, Tracy served with the Wisconsin Volunteers for one hundred days. Upon returning home, he tried farming for one year and then enrolled at Michigan Agricultural College. Tracy received his B.S. in 1868 and his M.S. in 1871 from Michigan.

From 1871 to 1877, Tracy was involved with commercial horticulture work. In 1877 Tracy accepted the position of Professor of Botany at the University of Missouri, and left there to become the first Director of the Mississippi Experiment Station in 1887. Tracy's botanic interests centered on the taxonomy of grasses, plant breeding, and the adaptation of forage plants to the southern states. Among numerous articles and books, Tracy wrote *Flora of Missouri* in 1886.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of correspondence from colleagues and friends concerning the importation of cultivated plants to use for forage in the United States, botanizing in Alabama, receiving publications, and personal matters.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Botany

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Manuscripts

Names:

Michigan Agricultural College
Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station
Tracy, S. M. (Samuel Mills), 1847-1920
University of Missouri

Container Listing

Box 1

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Folder 1 Correspondence