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BEECHER FAMILY PAPERS

Collection 4-1

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### **Scope Note**

The Beecher Family Papers consist of inter-family correspondence between 1832 and 1883. The progenitors Truman A. Beecher and Statira Brown and their progeny are the family members around whom the collection is built.

The papers that are deposited in the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center are all xerox copies. These copies were made from the originals that were in the possession of a descendant of the Beecher family. Mrs. Williston Lofton, wife of a then Howard University faculty member was instrumental in gaining possession of the copies.

The Beecher Family is the same family in which Harriet Beecher Stowe was a member, however her descendants cannot be traced through the information contained in these papers as we have them here. The strength of the collection is the fact that the family's correspondence had been kept and that the family members kept in touch with each other.

The genealogical chart which is a part of this register gives indication of the lineage of this particular branch of the Beecher Family. The collection is approximately « linear foot in size.

## Biographical Sketch

Truman A. Beecher

- 1837, May 25 Born (was an orphan)
- 1859 Came to Hamilton, Indiana.
- 1862, May 4 Married Statira Brown.
- 1922, May 13 Died in Hamilton, Indiana.

### Children:

Mrs. Minnie Husselman, Salem, Oregon  
Mrs. Anna Lemmon, Pleasant Lake  
Mrs. Nettie Shelah, Springfield, Illinois  
Mr. Wm. B. Beecher, South Bend, Indiana  
Mr. Frank Beecher, Hamilton, Indiana  
Mr. James G. Beecher, Hamilton, Indiana  
Mrs. Hattie Hall, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Fanny Beecher  
11 grandchildren  
3 great grandchildren

### Statira Brown Beecher

- 1840, May 31 Born in Sandusky, Co., Ohio Eldest child of William H.R. Brown and Anna Wilco Brown
- 1848 Moved with parents to Otsego Township
- 1859 Came to Hamilton, Indiana
- 1862, May 4 Married Truman A. Beecher (Ten children; two died in infancy.)
- 1901, Sept. 9 Died in Hamilton, Indiana

## **Series Description**

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| <b>Series A</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Family Correspondence</b><br>A-W   |
| <b>Series B</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>First Name Only Correspondence</b>   |
| <b>Series C</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Truman A. Beecher - Financial Records</b><br>Receipt for goods and services  |
| <b>Series D</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Land Deeds</b><br>Property in the state of Indiana   |
| <b>Series E</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Poems</b><br>Holograph verses  |
| <b>Series F</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Clippings</b><br>Excerpts from an address of Hon. James Brooks of New York, miscellaneous clippings, poems, obituaries of Truman A. Beecher and Statira Brown Beecher. |
| <b>Series G</b><br>Box 4-1 | <b>Various Items</b><br>Drawings, holograph envelopes, and notes  |

## Container List

<b>Series A</b>	<b>Family Correspondence</b>
Box	Folder
4-1	1 Banker, Alverda to Truman Beecher
	2 Beecher, Delana to Truman A. Beecher
	3 Beecher, Eliza to (Brother)
	4 Beecher, Hannah to Delia H. Sloane
	5 Beecher, Hannah to Delia H. Sloane
	6 Beecher, John Sloane to John Sloane
	7 Beecher, John Sloane to Truman and Hannah Beecher
	8 Beecher, John Sloane to Truman A. Beecher
	9 Beecher, John Sloane to Rev. Blanchard
	10 Beecher, Mary to (Uncle)
	11 Beecher, Mary E. to Delia H. Sloane
	12 Beecher, Minnie to Ann
	13 Beecher Philmon to Delia H. Sloane
	14 Beecher, Truman to A.T. (sic) Beecher
	15 Beecher, Truman to Delia H. Sloane
	16 Beecher, Truman to Col. John Sloane
	17 Beecher, Truman A.(Fragment)
	18 Berry, Mary to William H.L. and Ann Brown
	19 Bissell, E. to Truman Beecher
	20 Bissell, J.S. to (Cousin)
	21 Brown, William H.L. to (Mother)
	22 Burnap, S.L. to T.A. Beecher
	23 Casey, M. Lincoln to T.E. (sic) Beecher
	24 Clark, Sam L. to William Brown
	25 Clark, Sam L. to Mr. Beecher
	26 Clark, Statira B. to Francis M. Brown
	27 Clark, Statira B. to William and Ann Brown
	28 Cliffe Daniel B. to Truman A. Beecher
	29 [Entkin] James to Truman Beecher
	30 Floy, Delia H. to Truman Beecher
	31 Floy, Delia H. to Truman Beecher
	32 Kelly, Alfred to Truman Beecher
	33 Paine, Lovina to Statira Clark
	34 [Shew], E.D. to (Aunt)
	35 [Shew] L.M. to Truman Beecher
	36 Sloane, Delia H. to Hannah Beecher
	37 Sloane, Delia H. to (friend)
	38 Sloane, John to Truman Beecher

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- Series A Family Correspondence**  
Box Folder  
4-1 39 Sloane, W.H. to (nephew)  
40 Sloane, W.H. to Truman Beecher  
41 Smith, Benjamin to Beecher  
42 Stevens, Lois Ann to Phebe Ann Wilcox  
43 Thomas, Steven to Truman A. Beecher  
44 Whitakers & Phillips to Truman A. Beecher  
45 White, Marie E. to Truman Beecher  
46 Whitmore, M. to Mrs. D.H. Brown  
47 Wilcox, H. to Ann Brown  
48 Wilcox, H. to (niece)  
49 Wilcox, Mary E. to Statira and Francis Brown
- Series B First Name Only Correspondence**  
50 Anna to (sister)  
51 [Melona] to [Sally]  
52 [Melona] to Mrs. Brown  
53 Sarah to Minnie Beecher
- Series C Truman A. Beecher's Financial Records**  
54 Financial Records
- Series D Land Deeds**  
55 Land Deeds
- Series E Poems**  
56 Poems
- Series F Clippings**  
57 Clippings
- Series G Various Items**  
58 Drawings, holograph envelopes, and notes