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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


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

Series A  Family Correspondence
Box 4-1  A-W

Series B  First Name Only Correspondence
Box 4-1

Series C  Truman A. Beecher - Financial Records
Box 4-1  Receipt for goods and services

Series D  Land Deeds
Box 4-1  Property in the state of Indiana

Series E  Poems
Box 4-1  Holograph verses

Series F  Clippings
Box 4-1  Excerpts from an address of Hon. James Brooks of New York, miscellaneous clippings, poems, obituaries of Truman A. Beecher and Statira Brown Beecher.

Series G  Various Items
Box 4-1  Drawings, holograph envelopes, and notes
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**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  
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**15** Beecher, Truman to Delia H. Sloane  
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**18** Berry, Mary to William H.L. and Ann Brown  
**19** Bissell, E. to Truman Beecher  
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**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  
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