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Taylor Family

Box 1

I. Correspondence

The first series of papers in this group consists of the family's correspondence. This includes letters between Sarah Langworthy Taylor and Joseph I. Taylor, Joseph I. Taylor's personal correspondence, Sarah Langworthy Taylor's personal correspondence, and correspondence of May Taylor, Charlotte Taylor, and Mr. Taylor's sister Bexie. The correspondence in each of the six groups is arranged in chronological order. The correspondence between Sarah and Joseph I. Taylor falls into two groups, the letters written during their courtship, 1849-1850, and those written by Taylor during his tour of Europe and the Near East, 1867. The latter letters contain lengthy descriptions of points of interest.

A. Joseph I. Taylor and Sarah Langworthy Taylor

1. 1849-1850, 12 items, 1 folder.

Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, March 9, 1949.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, March 12, 1849.
Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy, July 8, 1849.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, July 13, 1849.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, January 13, 1850.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, March 17, 1850.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, April 1, 1850.
Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy, June 7, 1850.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, June 11, 1850.
Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy, June 20, 1850.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, July 18, 1850.
Sarah Langworthy to Joseph I. Taylor, Thursday night, 1849 or 1850.

2. 1867, 27 items, 7 folders.
   a. June 1867
      Washington, D.C., June 9, 1867.
      New York City, New York, June 18, 1867.
   b. July 1867
      Cork, July 1, 1867.
      Dublin, July 8, 1867.
      Glasgow, July 13, 1867.
      London, July 20, 1867.
      London, July 22, 1867.
      Paris, July 28, 1867.
   c. August 1867
      Paris, August 4, 1867.
      Paris, August 9, 1867.
      Paris, August 14, 1867.
      Cologne, August 25, 1867.
      Frankfort, August 31, 1867.
   d. September 1867
      Zurich, September 8, 1867.
      Geneva, September 15, 1867.
      Geneva, September 22, 1867.
   e. October 1867
      Constantinople, October 7, 1867.
      Mediterranean, October 15, 1867.
      Baalbeo, October 23, 1867.
      Damascus, October 26, 1867.
   f. November 1867
      Tyre, November 3, 1867.
      Tiberias, November 7, 1867.
      Jerusalem, November 15, 1867.
      Jerusalem, November 17, 1867.
   e. December 1867
      Alexandria, December 1, 1867.
      Rome, December 17, 1867.

London, December 25, 1867.

3. 1867, 1869, 2 items. 1 folder.
   Sarah Langworthy Taylor to Joseph I. Taylor, September 1, 1867.
   Sarah Langworthy Taylor to Joseph I. Taylor, July 11, 1869.
4. 1876, 2 items. 1 folder.
   Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, March 5, 1876.
   Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, March 8, 1876.

B. Joseph I. Taylor. 1843, 1850-1876, 25 items. 1 folder.
- Joseph I. Taylor to Miss Sariah R. Wilson, May 16, 1843.
- Joseph I. Taylor to Anne Taylor, July 6, 1850.
- Frederick Rose to Joseph I. Taylor, May 22, 1852.
- John Henderson to Joseph I. Taylor, January 15, 1863.
- Thomas J. Henderson to Joseph I. Taylor, May 30, 1866.
- Joseph Seybold to Joseph I. Taylor, July 29, 1868.
- Jas. Taylor to Joseph I. Taylor, December 5, 1868.
- Alex Hazard to Joseph I. Taylor, February 19, 1870.
- [Oscar?] and Joseph Seybold to Joseph I. Taylor, February 8, 1872.
- Otis Bigelow to Joseph I. Taylor, August 16, 1872.
- R. K. Randolph to Joseph I. Taylor, May 18, 1873.
- Joseph I. Taylor, letter of introduction for Nicholas C. Buswell, February 2, 1874.
- Benson to Joseph I. Taylor, 1875.
- Robert Taylor to Joseph I. Taylor, March 16, 1876.
- Catharine Cook to Joseph I. Taylor, March 31, 1876.
- Joseph I. Taylor to Major G. W. Stipp, June 23, 1876.
- Postlethwaite to Joseph I. Taylor, July 6, 1876.
- F. W. Steinhauer to Joseph I. Taylor, July 9, 1876.
- F.W. Steinhauer to Joseph I. Taylor, August 23, 1876.
- 6 notes to Joseph I. Taylor regarding his book, 1868-1869.

C. Sarah Langworthy Taylor. 1855-1888, 22 items. 1 folder.
- Cyrus Langworthy to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, April 27, 1855.
- Hattie Todd to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, June 15, 1864.
- A. Langworthy to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, February 13, 1869.
- R. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy, May 1, 1877.
- H. E. Bandi to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, November 5, 1877.
- Janius Sloan to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, September 9, 1878.
- Calla Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, October 13, 1879.
- Calla Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, September 30, 1880.
- George L. Paddock to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, May 29, 1885.
- Jo Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, August 7, 1885.
- Joseph Seybold to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, January 10, 1888.
- Calla Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, undated.
- May Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, with note for Olga Taylor, undated.
- 9 sympathy letters to Sarah Langworthy Taylor, 1876-1877 and 1880.

D. May Taylor. Undated, 1880, 2 items. 1 folder.
- May Taylor to Florence, November 21, 1880.

Invitation to May Taylor, undated.

E. Charlotte Taylor. 1899, 1 item. 1 folder.

Thomas B. Henderson to Charlotte Taylor, December 21, 1899.

F. Bexie Taylor. 1844, 1 item. 1 folder.

Bexie Taylor to Isaac Wilson, January 23, 1844.

II. Diaries

The second series contains the diaries of Joseph I. Taylor, 1856-1878, a 1865 diary of Sarah Langworthy Taylor, and a portion of Jo Henry Clay Taylor's diary for July through August, 1876. Taylor's diaries are arranged in chronological order. There is a folder of notes on the 1856-1866 diaries taken by Mrs. Mary Winifred Walter.

Box 2

A. Joseph I. Taylor. 1856-1876, 20 volumes.

1856-1857
1858-1859
1860-1862
1863-1865
1866-1868
1869-1870
1871-1873

Box 3

1874-1876

Notes written by Mrs. Walter on the contents of the volumes for 1856-1866

B. Sarah Langworthy Taylor. 1865, 1 volume. There are several entries dated 1874 and also several entries written by a child.

C. Jo Henry Clay Taylor. July-August, 1876, 10 pages.

III. Financial Papers

Series Three is divided into three groups, Joseph I. Taylor's papers, including bills, receipts, promissory notes, and lists of income and expenses and bonds held; Sarah Taylor's papers, which also include bills and receipts; and a notebook of instructions written by Taylor in 1867. The notebook provided Mrs. Taylor with information on the handling of family financial affairs while Taylor was on his tour. The papers are arranged chronologically.

Box 4

A. Joseph I. Taylor.

1. Bills, Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1852, 1856-1876, 46 items.

2. Other Financial Papers. Undated, 1859-1861, 2 items. 1 folder.

List of income and expenses, 1859-1861.
List of bonds held and their values, undated.

B. Sarah Langworthy Taylor. 1877-1895, 36 items. 1 folder.

Bills, receipts, and promissory notes, 1877-1895, 10 items.
Gas bills, 1877-1881, 24 items.
Grocery bill, 1879, 1 item.
Notes on accounts due, circa 1879, 1 item.

C. Notebook of Instructions for the Handling of Financial Affairs, Joseph I. Taylor to Sarah Langworthy Taylor. 1867, 1 volume.

IV. Papers Relating to the Construction of Joseph I. Taylor's House and Office

The fourth series consists of plans, articles of agreement, cost estimates, and bills and receipts for the construction of Taylor's house and office. The papers are divided into these four types and arranged chronologically.

A. Plans. 3 items. 1 folder.
B. Articles of Agreement. 4 items. 1 folder.
C. Estimates of Partial and Total Costs. 5 items. 1 folder.
D. Bills and Receipts. Circa 1852-1853, 32 items, and undated, 14 items. 1 folder.

V. Papers relating to Joseph I. Taylor's Legal Practice

Series Five contains five sections: correspondence; financial records – bills, receipts, and an account book (1851-1852, 1854-1857); an inventory of furnishings and books; case notes and legal documents; and location notices for Military Bounty Land tracts. The items in each section are arranged in chronological order.

A. Correspondence. 1865-1875, 6 items. 1 folder.
Murphy and Slocum to Joseph I. Taylor, September 15, 1865.
Hoagland, DuBois, and Margareau to Joseph I. Taylor, September 18, 1865.
J. H. Norris to Joseph I. Taylor, May 20, 1866.
T. Price to Taylor and Henderson, October 11, 1869.
William B. West to Joseph I. Taylor, November 9, 1875.
William B. West to Joseph I. Taylor, November 11, 1875.

B. Financial Records.
1. Bills and Receipts for Fees. Undated, 1850-1875, 57 items. 1 folder.
1850s, 4 items.
1860s, 31 items.
1870s, 8 items.
Undated, 10 items.
Bureau County Circuit Court Receipts. 1866-1867, 4 items.
2. Account Book. 1851-1852, 1 volume.

C. Inventory of Furnishings and Books in Law Office. 1 item. 1 folder.

D. Case Notes and Legal Documents. Undated, 1857-1870, 14 items. 1 folder.
Petition for sale of real estate and Chicago and Rock Island Railroad Company versus Rufus Carey, April 1857.
Power of Attorney, J. Thompson to Joseph I. Taylor, April 5, 1861.
Delivery Bond, D. F. Moodie and J. Stevens, August 1863.
Article of Agreement, John Collett and L. K. Waldron, February 1, 1864.
Notes, Carroll versus Harsh, December 29, 1857.
Affidavit, Battery versus James Stevens and Others, March 30, 1865.
Letter of Instruction, Warren Woodward versus. Blanchard, March 29, 1866.
Summons and Plaint, June 14, 1870.
Notes, Elizabeth Jones versus Hiram Partridge, undated.
Interrogatory by Judge Knox, Daniels versus Daniels, undated.

Questions to ask Mrs. Coles' witnesses, undated.
Closing statement, undated.
Closing statement, undated.
Description of the parsonage lot, undated.

E. Locations for Military Bounty Land Tracts. 1857-1858, 6 items. 1 folder.

VI. Joseph I. Taylor's Literary Works

Series Six contains Joseph I. Taylor's literary works. It consists of six sections: prose, poetry, notes, travel notes, *A Gyre Thro' the Orient*, and unidentified writings. The first two sections contain several sheets of prose and poetry arranged in alphabetical order, and two notebooks, one of prose, and one of poetry.

Box 5

A. Prose. 1 volume, 3 items. 4 folders.
1. "The Cow and the Bumble Bee."
2. "The Cow and Miss Jones."
3. "Dr. Converse and the Cow."
4. Notebook, undated.
"Fox Chase in Kentucky."
"Fox Chase in Illinois."

B. Poetry. 1 volume, 2 items. 3 folders.
1. [The Old Woman and the Lame Tenant.]
2. "The Rainbow."
3. Notebook, circa 1844.
Contains poetry by Taylor and copied and written poetry from other sources.

C. Notes. 3 items. 1 folder.

D. Travel Notes. 1867, 9 items. 1 folder.

E. Taylor, Joseph I. *A Gyro Thro' the Orient*. Princeton: Republican Book and Job Printing Office, 1869.

F. Unidentified Literary Works. 4 items. 1 folder.

Box 6

VII. Miscellaneous Family Papers and Memorabilia

A. Family History Notes. Undated, 1 item. 1 folder.

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B. Joseph I. Taylor's Passport. 1867, 1 item.

Box 6 (cont.)

C. Locks of Hair and Photograph of Daughters. Undated, 3 items. 1 folder.

VIII. Printed Materials

A. Newspaper Clippings. Undated, 1911, 1921, 1936, 8 items. 1 folder.
the dated clippings are the obituaries of General Thomas J. Henderson Stephen G. Paddock, and Eliza Skinner.

B. Advertisements and Handbills. 6 items. 1 folder.

C. Business and Calling Cards. 15 items. 1 folder.

D. Publications by and about the Bryants. 2 volumes. 2 folders.

1. Brown, E. R. Life and Poems of John Howard Bryant. Elmwood, Illinois: 1894.
2. Bryant, Peter. The Old Oak's Story. Holton, Kansas: Signal Job Printing, 1897.

E. Publications on Bureau County History. 2 volumes. 2 folders.

1. Voters and Tax-Payers of Bureau County, Illinois. Chicago: H. F. Kett and Company, 1877.
2. Matson, Nehemiah. Map and Sketches of Bureau County, Illinois. Chicago: Tribune Co., 1867.

Langworthy Family

Box 7

I. Correspondence

A. Lucius Lucene Langworthy

1. Lucius Lucene Langworthy to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Langworthy. 1861-1865, 22 items. 4 folders.
    a. August-December 1861.
        Camp McArthur, Cairo, Illinois, August 8, 1861.
        Smithland, Kentucky, October 3, 1861.
        Fort Smith, Kentucky, December 8, 1861.
    b. February-November 1862.
        Fort Henry, February 9, 1862.
        Pittsburg Landing, April 17, 1862.
        Camp near Boonville, Mississippi, June 6, 1862.
        Corinth, Mississippi, November 12, 1862.
    c. January-December 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, January 2, 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, January 26, 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, February 2, 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, March 14, 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, April 23, 1863.
        Corinth, Mississippi, May 23, 1863.
        Vale Mills, Tennessee, December 6, 1863.
        Vale Mills, Tennessee, December 16, 1863.
    d. September 1864-July 1865.
        Camp near East Point, Georgia, September 20, 1864.
        Rome, Georgia, October 10, 1864.
        Rome, Georgia, November 7, 1864.
        Fort McAllister, Georgia, December 20, 1864.
        Savannah, Georgia, January 22, 1865.
        Camp near Louisville, Kentucky, July 1, 1865.
2. Lucius Lucene Langworthy to Sarah Langworthy Taylor. 1861-1865, 18 items. 3 folders.
    a. August 1861-August 1862.
        Bird Point, Missouri, August 21, 1861.
        Fort Smith, Kentucky, October 22, 1861.

Fort Smith, Kentucky, January 5, 1862.
Pittsburg Landing, April 1862.
Camp near Corinth, Mississippi, August 12, 1862.

b. February-November 1863

Corinth, Mississippi, February 28, 1863.
Corinth, Mississippi, April 22, 1863.
Corinth, Mississippi, May 19, 1863.
Tuscumbia Bridge, July 1, 1863.
Tuscumbia Bridge, August 25, 1863.
Pocahontas, Tennessee, October 12, 1863.
Vale Mills, Tennessee, November 23, 1863.

c. 1864-1865.

Camp Fry, Chicago, Illinois, 1864.
Camp near Chatahootchie, July 1864.
Camp near Atlanta, Georgia, August 1, 1864.
Rome, Georgia, October 25, 1864.
Louisville, Kentucky, June 11, 1865.
Camp Butler, Illinois, July 12, 1865.
Corinth, Mississippi, April 5, 1863. (photocopy)

3. Lucius Lucene Langworthy to Cyrus Gregg Langworthy. 1861-1862, 4 items. 1 folder.

Brick Yard Camp, Springfield, Illinois, April 27, 1861.
Paducah, Kentucky, September 7, 1861.
Fort Donelson, February 19, 1862.
Camp near Corinth, Mississippi, June 26, 1862.

4. Fred Wood to Lucius Lucene Langworthy. 1862, 1 item. 1 folder.

Camp near Corinth, Mississippi, May 20, 1862.

B. Other Langworthy Family Correspondence. 1852-1865, 4 items. 1 folder.

Charlotte Langworthy to Cyrus Langworthy, July 8, 1852.
B. F. Langworthy to Cyrus Langworthy, April 26, 1859.
B. F. Langworthy to Cyrus Langworthy, February 24, 1862.
E. Langworthy to "Uncle" Augustus Langworthy, August 12, 1865.

Box 8

II. Financial Papers of Cyrus Langworthy

A. Land Records.

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1. Land Patents. 1838, 1841, 2 items.

Cyrus Langworthy, August 4, 1838.
Cyrus Langworthy, May 20, 1841.

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2. Land Deeds. 1836-1870, 7 items. 1 folder.

Robert E. and Clarissa Little and Augustus Langworthy, October 29, 1836.
Samuel Triplet and Cyrus Langworthy, December 25, 1837.
Horace Winship and wife and Cyrus Langworthy, April 24, 1848.

Warren P. Langworthy and Cyrus Langworthy, April 3, 1852.
C. L. Kelsey and Cyrus Langworthy, October 10, 1856.
Chas. Braz and wife, Robinson C. Palmer and wife, and Cyrus Langworthy, October 16, 1856.
Cyrus Langworthy and Cyrus G. Langworthy, July 28, 1870.

3. Certificate of Master's Sale. 1873, 1 item. 1 folder.
4. Land Sale Notices. Undated, 1842, 3 items. 1 folder.

B. Receipts. 1817, 1847-1868, 16 items. 1 folder.
Bureau County Tax Receipts. 1858, 1859, 1865, 8 items.
Receipts for Town Collector. 1865, 2 items.
Court Fee Receipts. 1868, 1 item.
Post Office Box Rent. 1858, 1859, 2 items.
Personal Receipts. 1817, 1847, 1861, 3 items.

C. Insurance Policy. 1871, 1 item. 1 folder.
D. Pension Papers. 1855, 1871-1873, 7 items. 1 folder.

III. Miscellaneous Papers of Cyrus Langworthy.

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A. Certificates of Election. 1827, 1838, 1840, 3 items.

Box 8 (cont.)

B. Jury Summons. 1863, 1 item. 1 folder.
C. Family History, Undated, 1 item. 1 folder.

Other Records

I. Land Records

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A. Land Patents. 1818, 1838, 1848, 1855, 6 items.
George Gordon, November 23, 1818.
Lyman Stoyle, August 1, 1838.
Elisha Wood and Uriah White, August 1, 1838.
James Chancy, August 4, 1838.
John Taylor, September 1, 1848.
Cyrus L. Murphy, May 1, 1855.

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B. Land Deeds. 1834-1869, 5 items.
John Reynolds, Governor, and Robert Clark, January 2, 1834.
Thomas Elston and wife and Alfred Sherwin, October 4, 1836.
Elias Mott and Wallace Sunderland, June 16, 1847.
William M. Shields and Mary Emily Borders, March 24, 1865.
John Elmendorf and Elizabeth Shields, February 6, 1868.

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C. Documents Relating to North-west Quarter of Section 10, Township 14, North in Range 8 East of the Illinois Military Bounty Land. 1817-1819, 4 items.
Power of Attorney, August 27, 1817.
Land Patents, November 28, 1817, April 29, 1819, and August 19, 1819.

Box 8 (cont.)

II. Financial Papers

Bills and receipts. 1859-1869, 1895, 11 items. 1 folder.

III. Memorabilia

Medal from the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment. 1912, 1 item. 1 folder.