



Guide to the Townsend Family Papers, 1829-1972

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Summary

Collection Title:

Townsend Family papers, 1829-1972

Creator:

Townsend family

Abstract:

Consists of genealogical information, correspondence, photographs, diaries, notebooks, and a manuscript autobiography relating to the large Townsend family of Felchville, Vermont.

Extent:

2.4 Linear Feet
1699 items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.10990

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The collection consists of genealogical information, correspondence, photographs, diaries, notebooks, and a manuscript autobiography relating to the Townsend family of Felchville, Vermont. The bulk of the correspondence between a large group of family members falls between 1830 and 1939; topics include family matters and spiritualism. One group of letters and a diary were written by a Union soldier, Francis Torrey Townsend, and relate to his experiences in Mississippi and Tennessee as a soldier with Company K, 13th Iowa Infantry. Other materials concern Bessie Meachum's teaching experiences with African-American children at the Beach Institute, Savannah, Ga., at the Lincoln Normal School, Marion, Ala., and at the Rio Grande Industrial School in Albuquerque, N.M.; some of this work was done through the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church. Some photographs also depict Tougaloo College in Miss., and Le Moyne College in Tenn. Other volumes include the early 20th century diaries of Torrey Townsend and his autobiography; an 1870 diary of Elisa Townsend; a 1892 diary of Mary Meachum; and several diaries and notebooks of Bessie Meachum.

Biographical/Historical

Residents of Felchville, Windsor County, Vt.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

- American Missionary Association
- African Americans -- Education -- Southern States
- Tougaloo College
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Le Moyne College (Memphis, TN)
- Felchville, VT -- History
- Education -- Southern States
- Diaries
- Soldiers -- Correspondence
- Rio Grande Industrial School (Albuquerque, NM)

- Mississippi -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Lincoln Normal School (Marion, AL)
- Tennessee -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Spiritualism
- Soldiers -- Diaries
- Vermont -- Social life and customs
- United States Army -- Iowa Infantry Regiment 13th -- Company K
- Women -- Vermont -- Correspondence
- Susan T. Fay
- Annie A. Townsend
- Aurelia T. Herrick
- Mary Meachum
- Elisa Townsend
- Francis Torrey Townsend
- Bessie Meachum
- Townsend family
- Dennis Townsend

Collection Inventory

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Genealogical information	Box 1
Correspondence, 1829-1862	Box 1
Correspondence, 1863-1904	Box 2
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