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TO THE

LEVI BOOTH FAMILY PAPERS

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INTRODUCTION

Levi Booth was born May 1, 1829, in Moravia, New York. He was the first Bachelor of Arts graduate from the University of Wisconsin/Madison in 1854. In that same year, he married Millie Downing, who was born on February 11, 1837, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Later, Booth was awarded the Master of Arts from the same university after five or six years in the study and practice of law. After moving to Colorado, Levi, Millie and their son lived in Leadville, then relocated for a few years to southern New Mexico, where Levi served as a law clerk. The Booths had four children, although one died en route during their trek across the plains.

In 1864, Levi, wanting to pursue a career in agriculture, bought land along Cherry Creek in Denver. This farm, known as Four Mile House, is now a historic landmark in the development of the City of Denver.

Levi Booth was one of the first Masters of the Denver Grange. He and his wife were involved in numerous Grange activities. A later Master, Daniel W. Working, married the Booth’s daughter, Grace.

The greater part of the collection encompasses correspondence between Millie, her daughters and grandchildren. Although Levi Booth bears historical importance as the first graduate of the University of Wisconsin/Madison and as a prominent member of the Denver Grange, only a few items deal directly with him.
SIGNIFICANCE

In this collection, the reader will find a predominance of correspondence. Also found are receipts, Grange information, pamphlets, postcards, newspaper clippings and photographs, the latter of which, for the most part remain unidentified.

Material relevant to the Booth Family Collection can also be found in the Daniel W. Working Papers, 1868-1958, Collection No. 688, Colorado Historical Society. This collection contains extensive information concerning the Booth and Working families. A more complete biographical picture of the Booth family can be found in the Working Papers,* which fill in the gaps encountered in the Booth Collection.

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FF  17B Register: Colorado Teachers’ Daily Register, District #4, Arapahoe County, 1880, 1882, 1886-1887


FF  19 J.C.B. Boyd Account Book. C. 1869

FF  20 Proclamation of Territorial Governor of Colorado, 2-17-1874

FF  21 Grange Handbook, 1899 and Handbill

FF  22 Pamphlets; Santa Catalina Picture Book, n.d.; Wisconsin Alumni Magazine, 11/1905; Bees in Colorado, 9-5-1902

FF  22A Scrapbook

FF  23 Announcements and Invitations, 1879 – 1924

FF  24 Certificates of Assay, 10-20-1883

FF  25 Photographs: Levi Booth; Earl Wettengel, c. 1920-1921; Unidentified

FF  26 Photographs: Unidentified

FF  27 Postcards: Arizona, California, Canada, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa

FF  28 Postcards: New Mexico, Michigan, Ohio, Philippines, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., Wyoming

FF  29 Greeting Cards: Birthday, Easter, Halloween, Valentine’s Day, New Years

FF  30 Greeting Cards: Christmas and Miscellaneous

FF  31 Calling Cards
FF 32  Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings

FF 33  Newspaper clippings, loose, n.d.

FF 34  Publication: History of the United States, 1839

FF 35  Publication: Introduction to Monteith’s Manual of Geography, 1866

PORTFOLIO I

Item 1:  Certificate of Incorporation, Patrons of Husbandry, 4-22-1874

Item 2:  Certificate of Incorporation, Patrons of Husbandry, 1-17-1876