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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.

*Located in the Daniel W. Working Papers, Box III, FF 227-228.

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Box I

- FF 1 Correspondence, 2-26-1876 – 7-4-1878
- FF 2 Correspondence, 1-31-1880 – 5-13-1890
- FF 3 Correspondence, 1-10-1891 – 11-6-1891
- FF 4 Correspondence, 6-4-1892 – 5-4-1902
- FF 5 Correspondence, 8-10-1903 – 1-26-1907
- FF 6 Correspondence, 1-2-1913 – 2-11-1913
- FF 7 Correspondence, 2-16-1913 – 12-30-1913
- FF 8 Correspondence, 2-7-1914 – 10-24-1915
- FF 9 Correspondence, 2-8-1916 – 9-16-1918
- FF 10 Correspondence, 6-8-1919 – 3-27-1930
- FF 11 Correspondence, 4-22-1920 – 12-24-1921
- FF 12 Correspondence, 4-19-1922 – 2-20-1923
- FF 13 Correspondence, 3-6-1923 – 12-27-1924
- FF 14 Correspondence, 1-12-1925 – 3-28-1926
- FF 15 Correspondence, 1-8-1932 – 7-1965
- FF 16 Correspondence, n. d.
- FF 17 Correspondence, n. d.
- FF 17A Diaries: Levi and Billie Booth, 1-6/1858, 4-12-/1860

- FF 17B Register: Colorado Teachers' Daily Register, District #4, Arapahoe County, 1880, 1882, 1886-1887
- FF 18 Receipts and Account Book: School Receipt Book, 11-25-1876 – 12-28-1882; Patent Receipts, 5-18-1889 and 11-7-1891; Grange Insurance Receipts, 9/1919; Cemetery Plot Receipt, 5-15-1925; Account Book, 7-10-1912 – 1913
- 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