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## Taylor - Langworthy Families Collection

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## Langworthy Family.

- I. Correspondence.
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- III. Miscellaneous Papers of Cyrus Langworthy.

## Other Papers.

- I. Land Records.
- II. Financial Papers.
- III. Memorabilia.

## Taylor - Langworthy Families Collection

## Series Descriptions

## Taylor Family

## 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.

## II. Diaries.

The second series contains the diaries of Joseph I. Taylor, 1856-1876, an 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.

## III. Financial Papers.

Series Three contains the family's financial papers. The papers are 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.

## 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.

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

Series Five contains the papers relating to Taylor's legal practice. There are 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.

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.

VII. Miscellaneous Family Papers and Memorabilia.

Series Seven contains miscellaneous family papers and memorabilia consisting of family history notes, Joseph I. Taylor's 1867 passport, locks of hair from two of Taylor's daughters, and an unidentified picture of a girl who is probably one of the daughters.

VIII. Printed Materials.

Series Eight contains printed materials. There are five sections: newspaper clippings, advertisements and handbills, business and calling cards, publications by and about the Bryants, and publications on Bureau County history. Three of the newspaper clippings are obituaries for General Thomas J. Henderson, Stephen G. Paddock, and Eliza Skinner. The publications are:

Brown, E.R. Life and Poems of John Howard Bryant.  
Elmwood, IL: 1894.

Bryant, Peter. The Old Oak's Story. Holton,  
Kansas: Signal Job Printing, 1897.

Voters and Tax-Payers of Bureau County, Illinois.  
Chicago: H.F. Kett and Company, 1877.

Matson, Nehemiah. Map and Sketches of Bureau County, Illinois. Chicago: Tribune Co., 1867.

## Langworthy Family

### I. Correspondence.

The first series of the Langworthy Family papers contains correspondence. The correspondence falls into two divisions, the Civil War letters of Lucius Lucene Langworthy to his parents, his sister Sarah, his brother Cyrus Gregg Langworthy, and cousin Fred Wood; and miscellaneous family letters. Both divisions are arranged in chronological order.

### II. Financial Papers of Cyrus Langworthy.

The second series contains Cyrus Langworthy's financial papers. They are divided into four sections: land records, consisting of patents, deeds, a certificate of master's sale, and land sale notices; receipts; insurance policy; and pension papers. The sections are arranged chronologically.

### III. Miscellaneous Papers of Cyrus Langworthy.

Series Three contains the miscellaneous papers of Cyrus Langworthy. There are three sections: certificates of election, jury summons, and family history. The first section, which is arranged chronologically, is the only section with more than one item.

## Other Papers

### I. Land Records.

The first series contains land records of various individuals. There are patents, deeds, and documents relating to a piece of land in the Illinois Military Tract. Each of these sections is chronologically arranged.

### II. Financial Papers.

The second series contains financial papers, primarily bills and receipts. They are arranged in chronological order.

### III. Memorabilia.

The third series contains one item of memorabilia, a medal from the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment of 1912.

## Taylor Family.

## I. Correspondence.

## A. Joseph I. Taylor and Sarah Langworthy Taylor.

1. 1849-1850, 12 items. 1 folder.
  - SL to JIT March 9, 1849.
  - SL to JIT March 12, 1849.
  - JIT to SL July 8, 1849.
  - SL to JIT July 13, 1849.
  - SL to JIT January 13, 1850.
  - SL to JIT March 17, 1850.
  - SL to JIT April 1, 1850.
  - JIT to SL June 7, 1850.
  - SL to JIT June 11, 1850.
  - JIT to SL June 20, 1850.
  - SL to JIT July 18, 1850.
  - SL to JIT Thursday night, 1849 or 1850.
2. 1867, 27 items. 7 folders.
  - a. Washington, D.C. June 9, 1867.  
New York City June 18, 1867.
  - b. 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. Paris August 4, 1867.  
Paris August 9, 1867.  
Paris August 14, 1867.  
Cologne August 25, 1867.  
Frankfort August 31, 1867.
  - d. Zurich September 8, 1867.  
Geneva September 15, 1867.  
Geneva September 22, 1867.
  - e. Constantinople October 7, 1867.  
Mediterranean October 15, 1867.  
Baalbeo October 23, 1867.  
Damascus October 26, 1867.
  - f. Tyre November 3, 1867.  
Tiberiaz November 7, 1867.  
Jerusalem November 15, 1867.  
Jerusalem November 17, 1867.
  - g. Alexandria December 1, 1867.  
Rome December 17, 1867.  
London December 25, 1867.
3. 1867, 1869, 2 items. 1 folder.
  - SLT to JIT September 1, 1867.
  - SLT to JIT July 11, 1869.
4. 1876, 2 items. 1 folder.
  - JIT to SLT March 5, 1876.
  - JIT to SLT March 8, 1876.

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

6 notes to JIT regarding his book, 1868-1869.

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

9 sympathy letters to SLT, 1876-1877, and 1880.

- D. May Taylor. n.d., 1880, 2 items. 1 folder.  
 May Taylor to Florence November 21, 1880.  
 invitation to May Taylor n.d.
- 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.

- A. Joseph I. Taylor. 1856-1876, 20 volumes.  
At the end of this section there is a folder of 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.

- A. Joseph I. Taylor.
  - 1. Bills, Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1852, 1856-1876, 46 items. 1 folder.
  - 2. Other Financial Papers. n.d., 1859-1861, 2 items. 1 folder.
    - list of income and expenses, 1859-1861.
    - list of bonds held and their values, n.d.
- 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, ca. 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.

- 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. ca. 1852-1853, 32 items, and n.d., 14 items. 1 folder.

## V. Papers Relating to Joseph I. Taylor's Legal Practice.

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



## B. Financial Records.

1. Bills and Receipts for Fees. n.d., 1850-1870, 57 items. 1 folder.
  - 1850's, 4 items.
  - 1860's, 31 items.
  - 1870's, 8 items.
  - n.d., 10 items.
  - Bureau County Circuit Court Receipts. 1866-1867, 4 items.
2. Account Book. 1851-1852, 1854-1857, 1 volume.

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

## D. Case Notes and Legal Documents. n.d., 1857-1870, 14 items. 1 folder.

- Petition for sale of real estate and Chicago and Rock Island  
Railroad Company vs. Rufus Carey April, 1857.  
Power of Attorney, J. Thompson to JIT 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 vs. Harsh December 29, 1864.  
Affadavit, Battey vs. James Stevens and Others March 30, 1865.  
Letter of Instruction, Warren Woodward vs. Blanchard March 29, 1866.  
Summons and Complaint June 14, 1870.  
Notes, Elizabeth Jones vs. Hiram Partridge n.d.  
Interrogatory by Judge Knox, Daniels vs. Daniels n.d.  
Questions to ask Mrs. Coles' witnesses n.d.  
Closing Statement n.d.  
Closing Statement n.d.  
Description of the parsonage lot n.d.

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

## VI. Joseph I. Taylor's Literary Works.

## A. Prose. 1 volume, 3 items. 4 folders.

1. "The Cow and the Bumble Bees."
2. "The Cow and Miss Jones."
3. "Dr. Converse and the Cow."
4. Notebook. n.d.
  - "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. ca. 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 Gyre Thro' the Orient. Princeton: Republican Book and Job Printing Office, 1869.

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

VII. Miscellaneous Family Papers and Memorabilia.

- A. Family History Notes. n.d., 1 item. 1 folder.
- B. Joseph I. Taylor's Passport. 1867, 1 item. 1 folder.
- C. Locks of Hair and Photograph of Daughters. n.d., 3 items. 1 folder.

VIII. Printed Materials.

- A. Newspaper Clippings. n.d., 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, IL: 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.

## I. Correspondence.

## A. Lucius Lucene Langworthy.

1. Lucius Lucene Langworthy to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Langworthy.  
1861-1865, 22 items. 4 folders.
  - a. Camp McArthur, Cairo, Illinois August 8, 1861.  
Smithland, Kentucky October 3, 1861.  
Fort Smith, Kentucky December 8, 1861.
  - b. Fort Henry February 9, 1862.  
Pittsburg Landing April 17, 1862.  
Camp near Boonville, Mississippi June 6, 1862.  
Corinth, Mississippi November 12, 1862.
  - c. 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.  
Tuscumbia Bridge August 24, 1863.  
Vale Mills, Tennessee December 6, 1863.  
Vale Mills, Tennessee December 16, 1863.
  - d. 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. 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. 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 24, 1863.
  - c. 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.

## II. Financial Papers of Cyrus Langworthy.

- A. Land Records.
  1. Land Patents. 1838, 1841, 2 items. 1 folder.  
--Cyrus Langworthy August 4, 1838.  
--Cyrus Langworthy May 20, 1841.
  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. n.d., 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.

- A. Certificates of Election. 1837, 1838, 1840, 3 items. 1 folder.
- B. Jury Summons. 1863, 1 item. 1 folder.
- C. Family History. n.d., 1 item. 1 folder.

## Other Papers.

### I. Land Records.

- A. Land Patents. 1818, 1838, 1848, 1855, 6 items. 1 folder.  
 George Gordon November 23, 1818.  
 Lyman Stoye 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.
- B. Land Deeds. 1834-1869, 5 items. 1 folder.  
 John Reynolds, Governor, and Robert Clark January 2, 1834.  
 Thomas Elston and wife and Alfred Sherwin October 4, 1836.  
 Elias Mott and Wallace Sunderlan June 16, 1847.  
 William M. Shields and Mary Emily Borders March 24, 1865.  
 John Elmendorf and Elizabeth Shields February 6, 1869.
- 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. 1 folder.  
 Power of Attorney August 27, 1817.  
 Land Patents November 29, 1817, April 29, 1819, and August 19, 1819.

- II. Financial Papers. 1859-1869, 1895, 11 items. 1 folder.  
 These are mainly bills and receipts.

- III. Memorabilia. 1912, 1 item. 1 folder.  
 This is a medal from the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment.