Introduction

The George Stevenson collection was donated by John H. Stevenson of Lakewood, New Jersey in 1976. He is the great-grandson of George Stevenson.

George Stevenson was born on April 1, 1820. He was the eldest son of Dr. Miles Stevenson and Theodosia Goldsmith of Chazy, New York. George started to study law in the summer of 1836 at age 16 in the office of Swetland and Beckwith of Plattsburgh, New York. In 1838, he continued his law studies at the office of J.C. Hubbal in Chazy and the firm of Beckwith and Hubbell in Plattsburgh. In 1862, he married Ellen Julia Lesly of Chazy.

The collection consists mostly of George’s journals, which he started keeping at age 18. The journal entries include the years 1838 to 1840, 1842, and 1844. During this time he studied law and worked on his father’s farm. Also included in this collection are typed transcripts of his journals and a typed transcript of his papers, undated essays, correspondence from 1848 to 1857, and miscellaneous items.

Contents

The George Stevenson collection is contained in ten folders in a single Hollinger Box. The journals are arranged in chronological order and are in the first five folders. The sixth folder contains dated correspondence, the seventh folder contains undated essays, and the eighth folder contains miscellaneous items. The ninth and tenth folders contain the typed transcripts of the journals and the papers.
Box 1

Folder

1. Journal, 1838 (8 items)
2. Journal, 1839 (40 items)
3. Journal, 1840 (11 items)
4. Journal, 1842 (1 item)
5. Journal, 1844 (1 item)
6. Correspondence (10 items)
7. Undated Essays (11 items)
8. Miscellaneous (9 items)
9. Journal Transcript (1 item)
10. Papers Transcript (1 item)

Total Items--93