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Descriptive Summary

Identifier          ICU.SPCL.GRIDLEY
Title               Gridley Family. Papers
Date                1847-1920
Size                1.5 linear ft. (3 boxes)
Repository          Special Collections Research Center
                    University of Chicago Library
                    1100 East 57th Street
                    Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract            The Gridley Family Papers consist of approximately 1500 items, most of
                    which are family letters. The next largest category is business letters, receipts
                    and bills. There is also a small amount of miscellaneous printed matter: clippings,
                    advertisements, circulars, etc. The papers date from around 1847 through the
                    decade 1910-1920, reflecting the lives of three generations of Gridleys, their
                    relatives, their friends and business associates.

Information on Use

Access              No restrictions.

Citation            When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Gridley Family. Papers,
                    [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

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                    The next largest category is business letters, receipts and bills. There is also a small amount
                    of miscellaneous printed matter: clippings, advertisements, circulars, etc. The papers date
                    from around 1847 through the decade 1910-1920, apparently embracing three generations of
                    Gridleys, their relatives, their friends and business associates.

                    Most of the family lived in northern Illinois, in the smaller towns and villages. Some were
                    farmers, but generally they appear to have involved themselves in independent businesses such
                    as that of commission merchant, or real-estate. The Gridleys were related in some way with the
                    descendants of one John Cary, allegedly a soldier in the Revolutionary War. These descendants
                    were very much interested in genealogy, and a large number of the letters have to do with their
                    activities in this line. Among the business papers, the chief concern is with real estate in a period
                    extending roughly from the civil war to 1915.
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Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Subject Headings
• Gridley family

INVENTORY
Series I: Letters, 1845-1880
This is a file of letters filed alphabetically by name of writer, mostly to Elisha Gridley and his wife. The bulk of the letters fall between the years 1845 and 1880.

Box 1
Folder 1
  Correspondence A
Box 1
Folder 2
  Correspondence B
Box 1
Folder 3
  Correspondence C
Box 1
Folder 4
  Correspondence D
Box 1
Folder 5
  Correspondence E
Box 1
Folder 6
  Correspondence F
Box 1
Folder 7
  Correspondence G
Box 1
Folder 8
  Correspondence H
Box 1
Folder 9  
Correspondence I-L

Box 1
Folder 10  
Correspondence M-P

Box 1
Folder 11  
Correspondence R-S

Box 1
Folder 12  
Correspondence T-Z

**Series II: George Gridley Letters**

Box 1
Folder 13  
Letters from E. H. Moore, a University of Illinois friend of George Gridley’s, dating from 1869.

Box 1
Folder 14  
Letters from Rev. Nelson Cook and family; George Gridley was friendly with the son, Lyman.

Box 1
Folder 15  
Letters from the Davison family, in California.

Box 1
Folder 16  
Letters from Fred L. Hatch & family to George Gridley.

Box 1
Folder 17  
Letters from Field family, pre-Civil War.

Box 1
Folder 18  
Letters from Kiefer, Schantz, Hickop, and Ormsby families.

Box 1
Folder 19  
Gridley family letters

Box 1
Folder 20  
"Social and Business Letters -- Horace E. Partridge"

Box 2
Folder 1  
Letters from Gannett family

Box 2
Folder 2  
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 3
Watson Pickrell, a University friend of G. Gridley
Box 2
Folder 4
Squier, Bennett, & Bruce families
Box 2
Folder 5
Members of "Western Branch, John Cary Descendents"
Box 2
Folder 6
Talcott and Barber families
Box 2
Folder 7
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 8
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 9
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 10
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 11
Letters from various friends of Gridley family
Box 2
Folder 12
Gridley Family letters
Box 2
Folder 13
Gridley Family letters
Box 2
Folder 14
Gridley Family letters
Box 2
Folder 15
Gridley Family letters

Series III: Business Papers
Box 3
Folder 1
Miscellaneous business papers, mostly of Elisha Gridley, ca. 1850-1880.
Box 3
Folder 2
Miscellaneous business papers, ca. 1880-1910.

**Box 3**
**Folder 3**
  Bills

**Box 3**
**Folder 4**
  Bills

**Box 3**
**Folder 5**
  Bills and receipts

**Box 3**
**Folder 6**
  Memoranda and clippings re Lake County Treasurer's Office, 1899-1902

**Box 3**
**Folder 7**
  Miscellaneous printed matter: advertisements, clippings, circulars describing land plots (especially Tennessee land), publications of Rev. Seth Cary, who was apparently the leading spirit in the "John Cary Descendants", etc.