Guide to the Elon N. Lee and Edson S. Bastin Papers 1864-1919
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Descriptive Summary

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                    Elon Lee’s diary (1864-1865), drafts of essays, and miscellaneous ephemera
                    concerning the Old University of Chicago (1867-1881).

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Biographical Note   

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Edson Sewell Bastin (1843-1897) of Waukesha, Wisconsin and Elon N. Lee of Elk Horn, Wisconsin were students at the Old University of Chicago in the 1860s. The men were brothers-in-law, as Lee married Bastin's sister, Anna.

Bastin and Lee were very active during their time at the University. Bastin was the president of the senior class, secretary of the Berean Society (a literary society), vice president of Tri Kappa (a literary society), president of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and president of the Students' Association. Lee was corresponding secretary for the Athenaeum (a literary society). Bastin graduated in June 1867.

From 1864 to 1865 Lee served as a private in the Civil War in Company G, Unit 134 of Illinois. A typed version of his diary, that contains description of these experiences, is contained in this collection.

Bastin’s son, Edson Sunderland Bastin, would also attend and eventually teach at the University of Chicago.

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**Related Resources**
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Edson Sunderland Bastin Papers

**Subject Headings**
- Lee, Elon N.
- Bastin, Edson S. (Edson Sewell), 1843-1897
- University of Chicago (1857-1886)-History
- University of Chicago (1857-1886)-Students
- Reminiscences
- United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States-Geological surveys-Maps
- Diaries

**INVENTORY**
Box 1
Folder 1
Correspondence, Edson S. Bastin to his sister, Mrs. Anna Lee, 1866-1880
View digitized documents, part 1. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/leebastin-0001-001a

Box 1
Folder 2
Correspondence, Edson S. Bastin to his mother, 1877-1880
• Edson to Mother, July 27, 1877
• Edson to Mother, November 30, 1877
• Edson to Mother, July 31, 1878
• Edson to Mother, February 2, 1878
• Edson to Mother, October 11, 1878
• Edson to Mother, December 24, 1880

Box 1
Folder 3
Miscellaneous correspondence, 1866-1919
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/leebastin-0001-003
• Albert Magoon and Willie B (?) to Teacher (Miss Anna Bastin), 1886, 2 copies
• Pastor H.A. Buzzell to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, March 25, 1890
• Edson to Lee, n.d.

Box 1
Folder 4
Journal of Elon Lee, typed copy, 1864-1865

Box 1
Folder 5
Handwritten drafts of essays, Elon Lee
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/leebastin-0001-005

Box 1
Folder 6
Miscellaneous ephemera concerning the Old University of Chicago, 1867-1881
• Program for Sixth Anniversary of the Berean Society, March 29, 1867, with handwritten notes
• Program for Class-Day Exercises, June 26, 1867
• Copy of Index Universitatis, Volume 1, Number 4, June 1867
• Kappa Psi, June 3, 1881, with envelope