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Albert Leffingwell Collection

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical note

Dr. Albert Leffingwell (1845–1916) was a physician, social reformer, and vocal advocate for vivisection reform born in Aurora, NY. He authored many books bringing light to the cruel abuses of animal experimentation and calling for regulation. He worked at the Dansville Sanatorium at Dansville, NY, had a private practice in New York City, and served as U. S. Consul to Warsaw in 1905, then part of the Russian Empire. His wife, Elizabeth (née Fear) was also a doctor. His son Albert Fear Leffingwell (1895-1946) was a pulp novelist who wrote mystery thrillers under the pen name Dana Chambers.

Note on relations

Elisha – father
Albert – uncle
William – brother
Arthur – brother
Hattie – sister
Jane – cousin
Kate – cousin

Mary – cousin
Albert Fear – son
Thomas Arthur – son
Dana Stuart - son
Dr. Elizabeth (née Fear) – wife
Aranuah – brother

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

Scope and Content Note

The Albert Leffingwell Collection was originally well preserved and well organized by Leffingwell himself. The correspondence and other documents reveal the state of animal rights and mental healthcare in the U. S. in the Victorian era. The scope of the collection is wide, ranging from some early settlement claims in Aurora, NY to the grounds eye view of the Russian Revolution of 1905 and the persecution of Jews in Warsaw.

Organization and Arrangement

This collection is organized into 19 series.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence of Albert Leffingwell from the 1860s until his death.

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Series 2: Albert's school assignments from his years at the Cayuga Academy and college.

Series 3: Manuscripts authored by Albert Leffingwell.

Series 4: Correspondence of Mary Leffingwell, Albert's sister.

Series 5: Correspondence of Albert's siblings, wife, and miscellaneous acquaintances.

Series 6: Materials from Albert Leffingwell's time as U. S. Consul in Warsaw.

Series 7: Aurora, NY related materials.

Series 8: Dansville Sanatorium materials.

Series 9: Tangential materials.

Series 10: Various artifacts.

Series 11: Real Estate records.

Series 12: Periodical articles by Albert Leffingwell.

Series 13: Photographs.

Series 14: Leffingwell genealogical materials.

Series 15: Albert Leffingwell's will.

Series 16: Financial records.

Series 17: Albert Leffingwell's research notes.

Series 18: Albert Leffingwell's diaries.

Series 19: Oversized items.

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Box Folder Dates Description

Series 1: Albert Leffingwell Correspondence

1	1	n/d	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	2	1860s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	3	1870s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	4	1880s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	5	1880s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	6	1880s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	7	1890s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	8	1900s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	9	1900s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	10	1900s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	11	1900s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	12	1900s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell
1	13	1910s	Correspondence to and from Albert Leffingwell

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<i>Series 2: Albert Leffingwell's scholastic materials</i>			
2	1	1853-1864	Cayuga Academy compositions
2	2	1853-1864	Cayuga Academy compositions
2	3	1853-1864	Cayuga Academy compositions
2	4	1856, 1870	Cayuga Academy compositions, college lecture
2	5	n/d	Cayuga Academy compositions

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<i>Series 3: Manuscripts</i>			
2	1	1872	Manuscript: "Brute and Man"
2	2	1871	Manuscript: "The Problem of Marriage"
2	3	1877	Manuscript: "The Problem of Marriage"
2	4	1880	Manuscript: "The Problem of Marriage"
2	5	1884	Manuscript: "Sociology"
2	6	1884-1888	Manuscript: "the Sex Instinct"
2	7	1886	Manuscript: "Insanity and the Unsound Mind"
2	8	n/d	Manuscript: Preventive Medicine
2	9	1900	Manuscript: "Lessons of Great Reform"
2	10	1909	Manuscript: "On meat"
2	11	n/d	Manuscript: "Conflict with Cruelty"
2	12	various	Manuscript: "Vivisection"
2	13	1907	Manuscript: Essay on the Chicago Stockyards
2	14	n/d	Manuscript: untitled travel story

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Series 4: Mary Leffingwell Correspondence

3	1	n/d	Correspondence to and from Mary Leffingwell
3	2	1850s-60s	Correspondence to and from Mary Leffingwell
2	3	1870s	Correspondence to and from Mary Leffingwell
2	4	1880s	Correspondence to and from Mary Leffingwell

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<i>Series 5: Related correspondence</i>			
3	1	1864	Correspondence with Arthur
3	2	1860s-70s	Correspondence with Hattie
3	3	1868-1884	Correspondence with William
3	4	1908	Correspondence with Thomas
3	5	1860s, 1890s	Correspondence with Elizabeth
3	6	1830s-40s	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	7	1870s	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	8	1800s-1910s	Miscellaneous correspondence

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Series 6: U. S. Consulate at Warsaw

3	1	1905-06	Consulate journal
3	2	1905-06	Personal journals and correspondence

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<i>Series 7: Aurora, NY materials</i>			
4	1	1801-42	Cayuga Academy materials
4	2	1801-42	Cayuga Academy materials
4	3	1899-1938	Aurora "Thursday Club"
4	4	1830-50	Aurora autographs
4	5	various	Wells College materials
4	6	1840-98	Presbyterian Church documents
4	7	1913	1913 U. S. Census cards

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<i>Series 8: Dansville Sanitorium</i>			
4	1	various	Related documents
4	2	n/d	Letters from patients

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<i>Series 9: Tangential material</i>			
4	1	1880	Leather portfolio (empty)
4	2	n/d	Copy of a 1745 letter from Ben Franklin
4	3	1879	London Times article by Albert Leffingwell
4	4	n/d	Women's rights materials
4	5	1888	Laurence Oliphant notes
4	6	1871	Chicago Fire materials
4	7	1900-02	Tracts on cancer "cures"
4	8	1902	Animal Rights bill
4	9	1862-69	Albert Leffingwell (uncle) army commissions
4	10	1889	Albert Leffingwell passport
4	11	n/d	Autobiography draft
4	12	various	Miscellaneous materials
4	13	various	Miscellaneous materials

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<i>Series 10: Artifacts</i>			
4	1	various	Artifacts and keepsakes

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<i>Series 11: Real Estate records, Aurora, NY area</i>			
5	1	1790s-1900s	Land deeds and Certificates of indenture
5	2	1790s-1900s	Land deeds and Certificates of indenture
5	3	1790s-1900s	Land deeds and Certificates of indenture

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<i>Series 12: Periodicals</i>			
5	1	various	Articles by Albert Leffingwell
5	2	various	Articles by Albert Leffingwell

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Series 13: Photographs

5	1	1891-1903	Leffingwell family photographs
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5	2	1891-1903	Leffingwell family photographs
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<i>Series 14: Leffingwell genealogy</i>			
5	1	n/d	Genealogical materials
5	2	n/d	Genealogical materials

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Series 15: Albert Leffingwell's will

5 1 1900 Albert Leffingwell's will

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Series 16: Financial records

5	1	various	Financial records
5	2	various	Financial records

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>Series 17: Research materials</i>			
6	1	n/d	Bound notebooks
6	2	n/d	loose paper notes
6	-	various	Bond books/ scholarly journals

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<i>Series 18: Albert Leffingwell diaries</i>			
7	-	1838-1882	Albert Leffingwell diaries
8	-	1882-1895	Albert Leffingwell diaries
9	-	1896-1910	Albert Leffingwell diaries
10	-	1910-1916	Albert Leffingwell diaries

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<i>Series 19: Oversized items</i>			
11	-	n/d	Glass negatives, 2 large account books
12	-	n/d	2 large framed items, 1 large matted photo