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Henry W. Taylor Collection

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Diaries

Series 2: Letters

Series 3: Miscellaneous

Henry W. Taylor Collection 2005.26 Series 1, Diaries

Box #	Folder #	Accession #	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2005.26.1.1	1862 Diary (Includes mostly scribbles, drawings and math calculations.)
1	1	2005.26.1.2	1863 Diary (Includes mostly scribbles, drawings and math calculations.)
1	1	2005.26.1.3	1864 Diary (Includes mostly scribbles, drawings and math calculations.)
1	2	2005.26.1.4	1866 Diary (Includes activities each day as well as weather observations. He was 12 at the time.)
1	2	2005.26.1.5	1866 Diary (Includes mostly scribbles, drawings and math calculations.)
1	2	2005.26.1.6	1867 Diary (Includes some daily activities but mostly math calculations and names.)
1	3	2005.26.1.7	1868 Diary (Includes mostly scribbles, drawings and math calculations.)
1	3	2005.26.1.8	1868 Diary (Includes mostly names and an account balance in the back.)
1	3	2005.26.1.9	1869 Diary (Includes some weather observations but mostly used as an account book.)
1	4	2005.26.1.10	1870 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	4	2005.26.1.11	1871 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	4	2005.26.1.12	1871 Diary (Includes daily activities)
1	5	2005.26.1.13	1872 Diary (Includes mostly daily accounts ledger.)

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Box #	Folder #	Accession #	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2005.26.1.14	1873 Diary (Includes mostly daily accounts ledger.)
1	5	2005.26.1.15	1874 Diary (Includes daily activities including work related projects.)
1	6	2005.26.1.16	1874 Diary (Includes daily activities including work related projects.)
1	6	2005.26.1.17	1874 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	6	2005.26.1.18	1875 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	7	2005.26.1.19	1876 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	7	2005.26.1.20	1877 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	7	2005.26.1.21	1878 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	8	2005.26.1.22	1879 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	8	2005.26.1.23	1880 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	8	2005.26.1.24	1881 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	9	2005.26.1.25	1882 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	9	2005.26.1.26	1882 Diary (Includes mostly daily account ledger.)
1	9	2005.26.1.27	1883 Diary (Includes daily account ledger.)

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2 10	2005.26.1.28	1883 Diary (Includes daily account ledger.)
2 10	2005.26.1.29	1884 Diary (Includes daily account ledger.)
2 10	2005.26.1.30	1885 Diary (Includes daily account ledger.)
2 11	2005.26.1.31	1886 Diary (Includes daily account ledger)
2 11	2005.26.1.32	Household account ledger (1881 – 1885)
2 11	2005.26.1.3340	8 loose journals (c.1832 – 1850) written by unidentified man. May be Henry's father.
2 12	2005.26.1.41	Unidentified business ledger (1868 – 1885)

Henry W. Taylor Collection 2005.26 Series 2, Letters

Box #	Folder #	Accession #	<u>Description</u>
2	13	2005.26.2.1	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (September 1, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.2	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (September 8, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.3	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (September 15, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.4	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (September 22, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.5	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (September 25, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.6	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (October 6, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.7	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (October 13, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.8	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (October 20, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.9	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (November 3, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.10	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (November 10, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.11	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (November 17, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.12	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (November 24, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.13	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (December 1, 1872)

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2	13	2005.26.2.14	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor, Worcester, Mass (December 8, 1872)
2	13	2005.26.2.15	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor. Worcester, Mass (December 15, 1872)
2	14	2005.26.2.16	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (January 26, 1873)
2	14	2005.26.2.17	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (February 2, 1873)
2	14	2005.26.2.18	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (February 9, 1873)
2	14	2005.26.2.19	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (February 16, 1873)
2	14	2005.26.2.20	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (August 20, 1873)
2	14	2005.26.2.21	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (June 14, 1874)
2	14	2005.26.2.22	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (June 21, 1874)
2	14	2005.26.2.23	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, MA (September 6, 1874)
2	14	2005.26.2.24	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (March 12, 1876)
2	14	2005.26.2.25	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (March 19, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.26	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (March 26, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.27	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (April 23, 1876)

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Box #	Folder #	Accession #	<u>Description</u>
2	15	2005.26.2.28	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (May 7, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.29	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (June 25, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.30	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (July 1, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.31	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (July 23, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.32	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (September 3, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.33	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (September 17, 1876)
2	15	2005.26.2.34	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (January 20, 1877)
2	15	2005.26.2.35	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (February 4, 1877)
2	15	2005.26.2.36	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (February 18, 1877)
2	15	2005.26.2.37	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (December 31, 1882)
2	15	2005.26.2.38	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (November 22, 1885)
2	15	2005.26.2.39	Part of undated letter
2	15	2005.26.2.40	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (June 18, ?)
2	15	2005.26.2.41	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (May 28, ?)

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<u>Box #</u>	Folder #	Accession #	Description
2	15	2005.26.2.42	Letter to Father from Henry Taylor Worcester, Mass (no date)

Henry W. Taylor Collection 2005.26 Series 3, Miscellaneous

Box #	Folder #	Accession #	<u>Description</u>
2	16	2005.26.3.1	To Brother Taylor from Noah Hammond (July 31, 1880)
2	16	2005.26.3.2	To Brother and Sister from E. Taylor (no date)
2	16	2005.26.3.3	To Brother from Sarah (October 19, 1885)
2	16	2005.26.3.4	To Henry from Dexter Rice (January 16, 1873)
2	16	2005.26.3.5	To Brother Henry from Helen (April 3, 1873)
2	16	2005.26.3.6	To Henry from Nan (?) September 1, 1873)
2	16	2005.26.3.7	To Brother from Helen (March 1, 1876)
2	16	2005.26.3.8	To Henry from Annie (February 4, 1873)
2	16	2005.26.3.9	To Niece from unknown (January 31, 1845)
2	16	2005.26.3.10	Antiquarian Sewing Circle Notes
2	17	2005.26.3.11a-b	Business Card, Henry Taylor Dry Goods
2	17	2005.26.3.12	Hand painted card
2	17	2005.26.3.1319	Miscellaneous pictures