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Abstract: Mainly letters and papers of John LeConte and his family for the Civil War period, prior to departure for California. Included also: autobiographical sketch of John LeConte, genealogical notes, and a bound volume of reprints of papers by John Lawrence LeConte.

Languages Represented: English

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Scope and Content
Originally given to the University Archives by Professor Victor Lenzen, these papers were transferred to the Manuscripts Division of The Bancroft Library in March 1966. Additional notes by Joseph LeConte were a gift of his grandson, Joseph LeConte, December 17, 1981.

The collection contains papers of John LeConte and his wife -correspondence, mainly concerning the Civil War and the family in South Carolina, and his presidency of the University of California; some of his writings, obituaries and memorials. Also included are papers of his brother, Joseph LeConte, consisting of some correspondence, a few of his writings, notes on geology and other subjects; and papers of Joseph Nisbet LeConte (son of Joseph LeConte) relating for the most part to the settlement of his mother's estate. There is also a file of clippings and some miscellaneous genealogical information. Photographs have been removed to The Bancroft Library's Pictorial Collection.

Box 1
Papers of John LeConte and his wife
Correspondence
Letters written by Eleanor Josephine LeConte, 1864-1896, mainly to her sister, describing life in Columbia, South Carolina, during the Civil War. (1 folder)
Letters written by John LeConte, 1856-1878. Arranged chronologically. Primarily letters written from the University of South Carolina in Columbia to Benjamin Peirce. Letters of Mar. 14, 1856 and Oct. 14, 1860 include letters by Mrs. LeConte. (1 folder)
Letters written to Mr. and Mrs. John LeConte, arranged alphabetically by author. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key to Arrangement. Unlisted letters have been placed in an alphabetical miscellany.
John LeConte's copy of a syllabus of Charles F. McCay's Lectures on Civil Engineering, with pencilled annotations
Obituaries and memorials for John LeConte
Miscellany, 1868-1894

portfolio Portfolio
Writings, printed and manuscript
Printed
"Apparent Attractions and Repulsions of Small Floating Bodies," from The American Journal of Science, Dec. 1882
"The Decadence of Truthfulness," from Overland Monthly, Apr. 1890
"Influence of Modern Methods of Popularizing Science," an address delivered on Charter Day, March 23, 1882
"The Metric System," from Overland Monthly, Aug. 1885
"Origin of Jointed Structure in Undisturbed Clay and Marl Deposits," from The American Journal of Science, March 1882
"Physical Studies of Lake Tahoe," from Overland Monthly, 2d series, vols. 2-3

Manuscripts
"Notes on the History of the Organization of the University of California"
"Popular Fallacies: Number Four - The Fallacies of Sight"
"To the Pliocene Skull"
Part I of a work relating to physics

Box 2
Papers of Joseph LeConte
Correspondence
Letters written by him, 1823-1901. Arranged chronologically. Some to the Italian novelist, A. Fogazzaro. (1 folder)
Letters written to him, arranged alphabetically by author. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key to Arrangement. Unlisted letters have been placed in a miscellany.

Writings, printed and manuscript

Printed

"The General Interior Condition of the Earth," from *American Geologist*, July 1889
"Memoir of John LeConte, 1818-1891," April 1894
"Sketch of a Philosophy That Might Fitly Be Named Evolutional Idealism," March 1893
"The South Revisited," from an informal lecture - Nov. 1888

Manuscripts - Fragments

Proofs of plates for illustrations

Miscellaneous

Box 2

Papers of Joseph Nisbet LeConte

- Correspondence and papers relating to the settlement of his mother's estate, 1915-1916. (1 folder)
- Clippings, roughly arranged by subject, relating to the Civil War, Jefferson Davis, John and Joseph LeConte, physics, etc.
- Genealogical information

Box 3

- Notes and examination questions by Joseph LeConte (gift of his grandson, Joseph LeConte, Dec. 1981)
- Alexander, Barton Stone, 1819-1878
  5 letters, 1867-1869, to John LeConte (Box 1)
- Altrocchi, Rudolph, 1882-
  see Fogazzaro, Antonio
- California. University. Regents
  4 letters, 1868-1876, by A. J. Moulder and R. E. C. Stearns, to John LeConte (Box 1)
- California. University, Berkeley. Library
  Letter, Apr. 29, 1890, by J. C. Rowell, to John LeConte. (Box 1)
- Coney, Donald, 1901-
  see Fogazzaro, Antonio
- Emmons, Samuel Franklin, 1841-1911
  Letter, Apr. 2, 1883, to Joseph LeConte (Box 2)
- Fogazzaro, Antonio, 1842-1911
  5 letters, 1889-1895, to Joseph LeConte. At the end of the folder: copies of correspondence, including letters by Rudolph Altrocchi, Donald Coney and Joseph N. LeConte, relating to the Fogazzaro letters, and a copy of R. Altrocchi's article about them. (Box 2)
- Gilbert, Grove Karl, 1843-1918
  Letter, Apr. 29, 1890, to Joseph LeConte (Box 2)
- Graham, Mary A. Cecilia, d. 1890
  3 letters, 1867-1879, to her sister, Josephine LeConte. Undated obituary clipping and an article, "Plucking the Chicken," enclosed. (Box 1)
- Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878
  Letter, Nov. 21, 1874, to John LeConte (Box 1)
- Hilgard, Julius Erasmus, 1825-1891
  see National Academy of Sciences
- Hitchcock, Martha Taliaferro (Hunter)
  4 letters, 1876-1896, to John LeConte (Box 1)
- Hudson, John R.
Letter, July 30, 1900, to Joseph LeConte, re his experiences fighting in the Philippines (Box 2)
LeConte, Eleanor Josephine (Graham), 1824-1894 (Mrs. John LeConte)
Letters, 1864-1896 in Box 1
LeConte, John, 1818-1891
Letters, 1856-1878 in Box 1
LeConte, Joseph, 1823-1901
  6 letters, 1860-1891. Some written to the Italian novelist, A. Fogazzaro. (Box 2)
LeConte, Joseph Nisbet, 1870-1950
  Correspondence re his mother’s estate, 1915-1916 (Box 2).
  See also Fogazzaro, Antonio
Lesquereux, Léo, 1806-1889
Letter, Jan. 21, 1873, to Joseph LeConte, re paleontological specimens. (Box 2)
Miel, Charles L.
  Letter, Aug. 15, 1889, to Joseph LeConte (Box 2)
Moulder, Andrew Jackson, 1825-1895
see California. University. Regents
National Academy of Sciences
  2 letters, 1878, by J. E. Hilgard (Box 1)
Peirce, Benjamin, 1809-1880
  119 letters to Mr. and Mrs. John LeConte, 1852-1875 (Box 1) (Also on film)
Rowell, Joseph Cummings, 1853-1938
see California. University, Berkeley. Library
Stearns, Robert Edwards Carter, 1827-1909
see California. University. Regents