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Biography
Edward James Wickson, professor of agriculture of the University of California, was born in Rochester, New York on August 3, 1848. He attended Hamilton College, graduating in 1872. He was for a while on the editorial staff of the Utica Morning Herald, made a special study of the cheese industry, and was elected secretary of the New York Dairymen's Association in 1871. He also served as president of the Utica Dairymen's Board of Trade. In 1875 he became connected with the Pacific Rural Press. His association with the University of California began as a lecturer in practical agriculture in 1879; he became an associate professor in 1891. He later assumed responsibility for the University Extension courses in agriculture, and became Dean of the College of Agriculture and head of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1905, becoming emeritus in 1915. Professor Wickson organized the first dairy association in California in 1876 and was active in the California State Horticultural Society. He was the author of numerous articles in professional journals and newspapers, and of several volumes relating to fruits and vegetables and garden flowers. He died July 16, 1923.

Scope and Content
The collection, transferred from University Archives to the Manuscripts Division in 1966, includes correspondence; MSS and reprints of his writings, mainly on agricultural subjects; clippings; reviews of Wickson's work; papers relating to Luther Burbank; and class notes and other materials relating to his student days at Hamilton College.

A key to arrangement and partial list of correspondents follow.

box Box
Letters written by Wickson, 1905-1923
Scope and Content Note
Copies and drafts, arranged chronologically.

Letters written to Wickson.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically, by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key. Unlisted letters are in a separate folder, also arranged alphabetically.

box Carton
Wickson's writings - MSS, reprints and clippings
Address at Memorial Services in Honor of Dr. E. W. Hilgard, 1916
Agricultural Development of the Pacific Coast
Agricultural Education in California
California Climate as Affecting Crop Production
California Fruits and How to Grow Them
California's Wealth is Farmer's Opportunity
Climatic Conditions Ideal for Fruit Culture
Cost of Planting and Care of Trees and Vines to Bearing Age
The Development of California Fruit Industries
An Elementary Agriculture of California
Eugene Woldemar Hilgard, a Biographical Sketch
Flax as a Change-Crop with Cereals
Flax Seed in California
Floral Progress
Foundations of Agricultural Credit in Europe
History and Outlook of the California Fruit Industries
Horticulture at the Experiment Station
How California Advanced from Desolation to Triumph
The Improvement of Citrus Fruit Varieties
Improvement of University Grounds
Industrial Use of the Imagination
Key to Arrangement

Intensive Farming in California
Lessons for Populous Agricultural Countries of Modern Times
Luther Burbank, the Man, His Methods and His Achievements
Nurserymen's Service to Suburban Life in California
The Opportunity in Agriculture
The Orange in Northern California
Preparation of Garden Soil
Rural California
The University at Large in the State
Utility of Beauty in Home and Town
What U.C. Has Done for Horticulture
What We Owe the Horticultural Pioneers of California
The Whistling Girl
Writing for Rural Folks
Poems
Miscellaneous fragments and untitled pieces
Reviews of Wickson's California Flower Gardens, California Fruits and How to Grow Them, California Vegetables in Field and Garden
Scrapbook, containing mainly clippings of reviews of Wickson's books.
Plates used in Pacific Rural Press
Plates used in second edition of Wickson's California Garden Flowers
Papers relating to the Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, 1914.
  Scope and Content Note
  Including commission as delegate, Mar. 25, 1914, signed by Hiram W. Johnson, and list of delegates.

Material relating to Luther Burbank.
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes promotional material for Oscar E. Binner Co., Burbank's publisher; A Brief Review of the Great Earthquake of Apr. 18th, 1906 by Burbank (typescript); typescript of an introduction by David Starr Jordan; Wickson's editorial note; clippings.

Material relating to Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes notebook containing class notes, 1868, for course in Greek, which includes, also, a register of letters written to and received from the class of '69, kept by Wickson as class secretary; copies of the Hamilton Literary Monthly for 1868 and 1869 (Wickson was one of the Monthly's editors); record of class of 1869; and miscellaneous items.

Clippings and obituary for Wickson
Miscellaneous clippings
Miscellaneous notes, etc.
Adams, Edward Francis, 1839-1929
  Letter, Jan. 15, 1907
Bailey, Liberty Hyde, 1858-1951
  51 letters, 1899-1922
  Additional Note
  Mainly concerning Wickson's Rural California. Also included, a reprint of Bailey's article, What a College Farm Is For

Bellows, John A.
  4 letters, 1921
  Additional Note
  Re his Agricultural Cyclopedia for Young People, including sample pages from it.
Benchley, Leonidas B.
   Letter, May 12, 1900
Bentley, Charles Harvey, 1869-1922
   Letter, June 13, 1919
Binner, Oscar E.
   31 letters, 1911
       Additional Note
       See also material in carton

Brackett, Gustavus Benson, 1827-1915
   see U.S. Department of Agriculture. Division of Pomology.
   See also Horsburgh, James
   Briggs, Arthur R.
   see California. State Board of Trade
Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926
   Letter, Oct. 19, 1911
       See also material in carton.
California. Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside.
   Letter, Mar. 28, 1918, by H. J. Webber.
California. Governor
   Letter, Mar. 25, 1914.
       Additional Note
       Written for the Governor by his executive secretary, Martin C. Madsen.
California. State Board of Trade
California. State Commission of Horticulture
   2 letters, 1907-1917, by John Isaac and George H. Hecke.
California Fruit Canners Association
   2 letters, 1909
Chipman, Norton Parker, 1838-1924
   4 letters, 1905-1908
Clements, George P., 1867-
   see Los Angeles. Chamber of Commerce
Earle, Parker
   Letter, Feb. 7, 1916
Filcher, Joseph Adams
   see California. State Board of Trade
Gould, Harris Perley, 1871-
   see U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry
Hearst, Phoebe (Apperson), 1842-1919
   Letter, Mar. 17, 1915
Hecke, George H., 1870-
   see California. State Commission of Horticulture
Horsburgh, James
   2 letters, 1903-1905
       Additional Note
       Enclosure to 1903 letter; copy of letter from G. B. Brackett.

Huntington, Tuley Francis, 1870-1938
   Letter, Jan. 1901
Isaac, John
   see California. State Commission of Horticulture
Kellogg, Vernon Lyman, 1867-1937
see Binner, Oscar E.
Kruckberg, Henry W.
  Letter, May 16, 1908
Leib, Samuel Franklin, 1848-1924
  Letter, July 31, 1907
Los Angeles. Chamber of Commerce
  Letter, Nov. 30, 1921, by George P. Clements.
Macmillian Company
  3 letters, 1922
Madsen, Martin C.
see California. Governor
Mead, Elwood, 1858-1936
see U.S. Office of Experiment Stations
Merritt, Ralph Palmer, 1883-
  Letter, Oct. 11, 1919
More, Warren D.
  Letter, Aug. 31, 1905
North, Simon Newton Dexter, 1849-1924
  Letter, Aug. 10, 1918
Ray, Edward Chittenden, 1849-
  Letter, June 3, 1917.
  Additional Note
  Included is annotated reprint of his article Periscopic Reflections from California
Reed, Charles Wesley, 1867-
  Letter, Nov. 30, 1898
Reed, John Henry
  Letter, May 30, 1905
Stabler, H. P.
  Letter, Dec. 21, 1921
Twight, Edmund Henry, 1873-
  Letter, June 2, 1921
U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry
  2 letters, 1910, by H. P. Gould
U.S. Department of Agriculture. Division of Pomology
  Letter, Jan. 22, 1900, by G. B. Brackett
U.S. Office of Experiment Stations
  Letter, May 26, 1905, by Elwood Mead
Webber, Herbert John, 1865-1946
see California. Citrus Experiment Station
Whitson, John
  Letter, Oct. 10, 1911
Woodward, Edward F., 1852-
  Letter, May 11, 1900