Guide to the Samuel Franklin Leib Papers

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Title: Samuel Franklin Leib papers

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Summary: The collection consists of four major components: Stanford correspondence pertaining to Judge Leib's association with the Stanford family and his responsibilities as a member of the first Board of Trustees of Stanford University (1891-1923); personal correspondence (1885-1910); correspondence pertaining to Leib's fruit and other farm interest (1883-1919); and legal and business correspondence pertaining to his San Jose law practice and local business interests (1881-1920), including cases resulting from the failure of the Savings Bank of San Diego County. Major correspondents include Luther Burbank, John Casper Branner, George Crothers, Horace Davis, Timothy Hopkins, David Starr Jordan, Charles Lathrop, Leland and Jane Stanford, Wilson and Wilson (law firm, San Francisco) and Sarah Winchester.

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Access Terms

Branner, John Casper, 1850-1922.

Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926.

Crothers, George E. (George Edward), 1870-1957.

Davis, Horace, 1831-1916.

Hopkins, Timothy, 1859-1937.
Series 1 Papers

Subseries 1 Stanford Correspondence 1889-1910

Arrangement
Letters are arranged alphabetically by author's last name. Where more than one letter from an individual is included, the letters are further arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
This subseries includes letters pertaining to Leib's association with the Stanfords and his responsibilities as a member of the Stanford University Board of Trustees. Major correspondents include David Starr Jordan, Charles Lathrop, George Crothers, John Branner, Timothy Hopkins, the Stanfords, and the Wilson and Wilson law firm of San Francisco. Topics discussed include finalizing the endowment and enfranchising the Board of Trustees; the Stanford amendment; the Ross affair; faculty appointments and salaries; water cases; and other trustee business.

Box 1, Folder 1 Abbott through Berner
Scope and Content Note
Abbott, Adams, Allardice, Angell, Arden, Berner

Box 1, Folder 2 Branner, J.C. 1900-1910
Scope and Content Note
The Branner correspondence covers the following topics: Branner's geological research, local liquor laws, University tax status, establishment of an on-campus public grade school, water rights and lawsuits, establishment of an on-campus University cemetery.

Box 1, Folder 3 Brooke through Cooksey
Scope and Content Note
Brooke, Brown, Bullock, Butler, Caldwell, Carnegie Foundation, Caton, Clark, Clement, Cooksey
Box 1, Folder 4  
**Crothers, George E. 1899-1910**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Crothers correspondence covers the following topics: campaign for passage of the Stanford Amendment, arrangements for finalizing the endowment, Stanford Alumni Association business and interests, determination of University's legal status and Board of Trustee's corporate identity, composition and duties of the Board of Trustees, various aspects of University budgeting and financial affairs.

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Cutter through Hodges**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Hopkins, Timothy, through Jenkins**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Howard, Hull, Jenkins. The Hopkins correspondence covers the following topics: (1894-1910) social and business meetings of the Board of Trustees, near-campus liquor sales, proposed town-to-campus railroad line, medical school's financial difficulties, campus arboretum.

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Jordan, David Starr 1891-1902**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Jordan correspondence covers the following topics: professorial appointments, choices of lecturers, invitations to campus formal events, visit of McKinley, library acquisitions, establishment of on-campus public grade school, salaries, Ross Affair, campaign for passage of Stanford Amendment, University fees, water supply, arrangements for finalization of endowment, campus workmen's wages, departure of group of promising young Law School faculty.

Box 1, Folder 8  
**Jordan, David Starr 1903-1910**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Jordan correspondence covers the following topics: liquor question near campus, campus trolley line, formal observations and events, visit of McKinley, library acquisitions, establishment of on-campus public grade school, salary appropriations, invalid students, Palo Alto hospital and sanitarium, typhoid fever epidemic on campus, Student Guild, trade unions controversy; Atkinson-Snodgrass controversy (bicycle rules and regulations), Luther Burbank, automobiles on campus, dances on campus, Professor Ross affair, death of Jane Stanford, Professor Goebel's affair, student discipline, selection of church organist, Medical School facility, Rev. Dr. Brown's nomination for chaplaincy, Forum Club, Faculty Club. [Letters from Dr. Jordan which do not include direct references to Stanford subjects are included in personal correspondence, cf. Box 3, Folder 5 ]

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Judge through Kirke**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Judge, Kellogg, Kirk, Kirk, Kirke.
Box 1, Folder 10  
**Lathrop, Charles G. 1894-1902**

Scope and Content Note
The Lathrop correspondence covers the following topics: Board of Trustees meeting scheduling, deeds to Stanford lands, campaign for passage of Stanford Amendment, water questions (pumps, wells, lawsuits), Lathrop's power of attorney for Jane L. Stanford, Metropolitan Trust Company lawsuit against estate of Jane L. Stanford, University investments, on-campus horse stabling, on-campus light and power generation, establishment of on-campus public grade school, University band, Professor Ross Affair, on-campus sewage disposal system, Professor Loser's "locomobile" affair, professorial salaries, on-campus telephone service, rental of campus facilities, incorporation of Board of Trustees, Jane L. Stanford's personal property taxes, local labor disputes, law library, gift acquisitions, Palo Alto Stock Farm, miscellaneous physical plant problems and policies.

Box 2, Folder 1  
**Lathrop, Charles G. (1903-1909) through Lawton**

Scope and Content Note
The Lathrop correspondence covers the following topics: arrangements for finalization of Stanford endowment, several on-going water rights suits, reports from the management of Vina Ranch, smaller issues under consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Box 2, Folder 2  
**Outgoing Letters 1900-1908**

Scope and Content Note
The Leib outgoing correspondence covers the following topics: campus water system, campaign for passage of the Stanford Amendment, management of Vina Ranch, Metropolitan Trust Company lawsuit, numerous legal discussions regarding finalization of endowment and other Trustee matters. Primary addressees are: Charles G. Lathrop, David S. Jordan, George E. Crothers, and the Wilson and Wilson law firm of San Francisco.

Box 2, Folder 3  
**Leiter through Sotz**

Scope and Content Note
Leiter, Lusk, McMahan, Maddock, Marx, Maurer, Miller, Miscellaneous University form notes, Moore, Mynick, Nash, Newton, Nickel, Niles, O'Neil, Palo Alto Stock Farm, Pardee, Pease, Peterson, Phelan, Piefer, Pitts, Pomeroy, Ponce, Poole, Quinlan, Ramsey, Renner, Rhodes, Scott, Sewall, Shaw, Sheehan, Shepard, Shortridge, Shoup, D. R. Smith, E.H. Smith, Sotz

Box 2, Folder 4  
**Stanford, Leland and Jane L. 1889-1903**

Scope and Content Note
The Stanfords' correspondence includes: five letters from Leland Stanford discussing pre-University judicial questions but establishing basis of the Stanford-Leib acquaintance which led to Leib's association with the University; and, thirty communications from Jane L. Stanford (letters, notes, and telegrams) concerning the University budget, campaign for passage of the Stanford Amendment, Board meetings in the Stanford home, water cases, and the Professor Ross Affair. Some of these communications are signed by Mrs. Stanford, most are both written and signed by her personal secretary.

Box 2, Folder 5  
**Stillman through Tweed**

Scope and Content Note
Stillman, Stratton, Sturtevant, Suzzallo, Treat, Tweed
Box 2, Folder 6  
**Vina Ranch through Wilke**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Vina Ranch, Wells, Whaley, Wilbur, Williams, Wilke

Box 2, Folder 7  
**Wilson and Wilson Law Firm of San Francisco 1898-1908**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Wilson and Wilson correspondence covers the following topics: various water cases and lawsuits, taxation cases, disposal of Jane L. Stanford's bonds, lawsuits arising from near-campus liquor sales question, suits against the Stanford estate, execution of Jane L. Stanford's will.

Box 2, Folder 8  
**Woods through Wright**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Woods, Woodworth, Wooster, C.F. Wright, Eli Wright

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**Subseries 2 Personal Correspondence 1885-1910**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
This subseries contains letters pertaining to Leib's personal and family life. Included are 140 letters from naturalist Luther Burbank, a close personal friend of Leib's.

**Arrangement**  
The letters are arranged alphabetically by author's last name. Where more than one letter from an individual is included, the letters are further arranged chronologically.

**Processing/Project Information**  
The Luther Burbank correspondence has been included in this category despite its preoccupation with fruit and agriculture. This was done to isolate these particularly interesting letters from the mixed-author, strictly-chronological system used in the fruit and agriculture portion of the collection. This was also done because of the extremely warm and friendly tone of the correspondence, which alone qualifies these letters for inclusion in "personal correspondence."

Box 3, Folder 1  
**A through Bright**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Alexander, Allman, American Legion of Honor, Archer, "M. B.", Bartlett, Benso, Bowden, Branner, Breyfogle, Bright

Box 3, Folder 2  
**Burbank, Luther 1896-1902**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Burbank correspondence covers the following topics: grafts and plant specimens exchanged between Burbank and Leib, arrangements for exchange visits to each other's farm, arrangements for Burbank's series of lectures at Stanford and for the attendant honorarium, discussions of horticultural and family incidents and problems.

Box 3, Folder 3  
**Burbank, Luther 1903-1910**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
The Burbank correspondence covers the following topics: results of ongoing experiments and research, new ideas in several branches of horticulture, exchange of family news, discussions of each other's health and tendency to overwork. [Note: This file also includes copies of Leib's outgoing letters, some incomplete, written to Burbank during 1905.]
Box 3, Folder 4  C through G

Scope and Content Note
Campbell, Carthill, "Carnival of Roses" Executive Committee [including letters from committee under former title: "Executive Committee to Prepare a Reception for the President"], Chapin, Combe, Cosmos Club, Croke, Crosby, "D.", Dabney, Davis, deCroy, deG---, Dickey, Driscoll, Eberhard, Gilliland [general agent for Thomas Alva Edison], Emlay, Farrand, Fauley, Ferbos, First Ward Improvement Club, Fischer, Fox, Gardner, Gates, Gausline, Gillet, Gould

Box 3, Folder 5  H through L

Scope and Content Note

Box 3, Folder 6  M

Scope and Content Note
McCann, McPherson, McVeigh, Maloney, Marmolejo, Martin, Mauk, Mitchell Motor Car Company, Charles Moore, L.P. Moore, Moorhead, Mulvema, Murgotten, Mynick

Box 3, Folder 7  N through S

Scope and Content Note
Newton, Ohio Society of Santa Clara County, Ortley, Paine, Parisian Dyeing Works, Payne, Peters, Ranken, Reed, Rutherford, Sainte Claire Club, Santa Clara College, Santa Clara County Lawyers, Seismological Society of America, Smith and Pressinger Clothiers, Snyder, Sontheimer, Stephens, Stone, Stump, Sullivan, Swift

Box 3, Folder 8  T through Z

Scope and Content Note
Thomas, Thorne, Trescony, Uncle Remus' Magazine, Unitarian Club, Vanmeter, Villegas, Waldteufel, Welch, Wickson, Wingate, Wright, Young

Subseries 3  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1883-1919

Scope and Content Note
This subseries consists of letters pertaining to Leib's fruit and other farm interests.

Arrangement
The letters in this subseries are arranged chronologically

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Box 4, Folder 2  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1888
Box 4, Folder 3  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1889 Jan-Aug
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Box 5, Folder 5  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1900-1901
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Box 5, Folder 7  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1905-1907
Box 5, Folder 8  Fruit and Agriculture Correspondence 1908-1919

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Subseries 4 Legal and Business Correspondence 1881-1920

Scope and Content Note
This subseries includes letters pertaining to Leib's San Jose law practice and local business interests.

Arrangement
The letters in this subseries are arranged chronologically by year only.

Box 6, Folder 1 Legal and Business Correspondence 1881
Box 6, Folder 2-3 Legal and Business Correspondence 1882
Box 6, Folder 4-5 Legal and Business Correspondence 1883
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Box 6, Folder 8-9 Legal and Business Correspondence 1886
Box 6, Legal and Business Correspondence 1888
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Box 6, Legal and Business Correspondence 1889
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Box 6, Legal and Business Correspondence 1890
Folder 14-16
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Box 7, Folder 5-6 Legal and Business Correspondence 1893
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Box 8, Folder 3 Legal and Business Correspondence 1903
Box 8, Folder 4-5 Legal and Business Correspondence 1904
Box 8, Folder 6-7 Legal and Business Correspondence 1905
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Box 8, Folder 12 Legal and Business Correspondence 1909
Box 8, Legal and Business Correspondence 1910
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Box 8, Folder 16 Legal and Business Correspondence 1911-1928

Subseries 5 Legal and Business Records

Scope and Content Note
The records in this subseries, including bills, receipts, and cancelled checks, are selected samples, chosen on the basis of their representative value, general interest, and state of preservation.

Arrangement
The records in this subseries are arranged chronologically by year only.

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**Subseries 6 Oversize Legal and Business Records**

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<td>Journal containing day-by-day account of an oil expedition conducted under Leib's auspices in the Bakersfield area of the San Joaquin Valley 1900 Apr 13-1901 Nov 30</td>
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<td>The journal was apparently (judging by the name in the fly-leaf) kept by a George H. Eldridge of the United States Geological Survey. It appears to represent an expedition of both scientific and businessinvestment interest.</td>
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**Subseries 7 Additional Correspondence and Business Records**

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Subseries 1 Correspondence

- **Box 1, Folder 1**
  - Mabury family, estate matters 1903

- **Box 1, Folder 2**
  - Burbank, Luther 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 3**
  - Dawson, E. L. (California Fruit Growers Association) 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 4**
  - Correspondence re fruit business, A-J 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  - Correspondence re fruit business, K-W 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  - Correspondence general, A-C 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes correspondence with John Casper Branner and from Clarke & Clarke re estate of John Rock.

- **Box 1, Folder 7**
  - Correspondence general, D-G 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes correspondence with Joseph E. Donaldson re his California citizenship as it relates to attending Stanford and with John W. Gwilt re estate of John Rock.

- **Box 1, Folder 8**
  - Correspondence general, H-K 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes correspondence with Hayes Apperson Company re purchasing automobile.

- **Box 1, Folder 9**
  - Correspondence general, L-M 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes outgoing letter to Geo. W. Farmers Union and correspondence with Mayfield Board of Trade re direct road to Stanford campus.

- **Box 1, Folder 10**
  - Correspondence general, N-S 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes correspondence with Pope Manufacture Company re purchasing automobile.

- **Box 1, Folder 11**
  - Correspondence general, T-W 1905

  Scope and Content Note
  Includes correspondence with Sherman D. Thacher of Thacher School re Leib’s leaving school and issue of accreditation, and with S. L. Winchester re sale of

Subseries 2 Miscellaneous Papers

- **Box 1, Folder 12**
  - Golden Gate Packing Company accounts 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 13**
  - Record of loans 1905

- **Box 1, Folder 14**
  - Notebook on law undated

Subseries 3 Savings Bank of San Diego County Failure
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Box 1, Folder 15
- Correspondence of S. F. Leib 1896-1902

Box 1, Folder 16
- Account books, Hiram Mabury with Bryant Howard 1885-1888

Box 1, Folder 17
- Letters to Hiram Mabury from San Diego bank 1884-1890

Box 1, Folder 18
- Letters to Hiram Mabury from San Diego bank 1891

Box 1, Folder 19
- Letters to Hiram Mabury from San Diego bank 1893

Box 1, Folder 20
- Letters to Hiram Mabury from San Diego bank 1896, 1902

Box 1, Folder 21
- Clippings 1895-1897

Box 2
- Legal documents, primarily regarding the failure of the Savings Bank of San Diego County. 1888-1902