Finding aid for the Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs family papers 0394

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Abstract: Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs was a horticulturist and medical doctor who originally came to California from Ohio during the Gold Rush but returned to Ohio where he married and established a medical practice. He later returned to California to continue with horticultural pursuits and was one of the founders of La Crescenta, where he hoped to establish a health resort. Though he died before he could accomplish all his dreams, today's Crescenta-Canada valley was home to many sanitariums and health resorts owing to its excellent quality of air. Briggs is also remembered for having started the first school in the valley, the first church, the first public park, and the first full-time medical practice in the area. The Briggs family papers contain correspondence to and from various family members, photographs of family members spanning multiple generations, Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs' 1849 diary, ephemera, collected publications, and realia. Shedding light on the daily lives of one of Southern California's pioneer families, the Briggs family papers is a small but historically important resource.

Biographical Note
In 1986, Sally Ward, the wife of Dr. Chester L. Ward, M.D., wrote a short description of Benjamin Bennett Briggs' life and his descendents based upon information compiled earlier by Irene Ward Kennedy, the sister of Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. The document that Sally Ward created is the first folder in the collection and helps to identify various family members through the generations as well as summarize the life of Benjamin Bennett Briggs specifically.

Benjamin Bennett Briggs was born on June 2, 1827 in Bristol, New York. The seventh of at least nine children born to Thomas Briggs and Abigail Gregg, Benjamin and his family moved to Ohio in 1835 where they farmed and where the children learned about horticulture.

In the spring of 1849, Benjamin and two of his brothers as well as a neighbor, set out for California (from Missouri) across the plains with an ox team. Benjamin was 22 years old; the youngest brother on the journey, John, was only 18. It took the group nine months to make the trip, during which time Benjamin was accidentally injured by a bullet which affected his health for the rest of his life. When the men arrived in California, two of them went to the mines as planned; Benjamin and his brother George became successful gardeners. Eventually, however, Benjamin's poor health led him to return to his Ohio home while George continued to plant orchards in Knights Landing, Oroville, and Marysville, California. Unfortunately the floods of 1861-62 destroyed the 300 acres of his Marysville orchard which was eventually completely covered by mining deposits.

Upon returning to Ohio, Benjamin married Abby Crane in 1852; their only child Irene was born in 1853 in Wadsworth, Ohio. Benjamin and his family later spent time in California again looking at property and prospects; Abby died of tuberculosis in Santa Paula in 1863. Benjamin and his daughter returned to Ohio where, at age 35, Benjamin enrolled in medical school. Continuing his medical studies in 1865, Benjamin traveled to Heidelberg, Germany and Paris, France, accompanied by his daughter Irene and her cousin Louise N. Crane, daughter of his oldest sister, Louise Briggs Crane.

After their return to the United States, Benjamin had a medical practice in Crawfordsville, Indiana for about 13 years. In 1870, Benjamin married Caroline A. Crane -- his first wife Abby's sister. Benjamin's daughter Irene married Reverend Samuel Lawrence Ward in 1873 and they went to Persia as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church for over twenty years. In the early 1880s, Benjamin returned to California to continue with horticultural pursuits and was one of the founders of La Crescenta, where he hoped to establish a health resort. (Briggs coined the name "Crescenta" to indicate the crescent-shaped valley nestled between the Sierra Madre mountains and the Verdugo Hills.) Though he died before he could accomplish all his dreams, today's Crescenta-Canadia valley was home to many sanitariums and health resorts owing to its excellent air quality. Briggs is also remembered for having started the first school in the valley, the first church, the first public park, and the first full-time medical practice in the area. Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs died in 1893 at the age of...
Scope and Content
This small collection of family papers centers around Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs (1827-1893) whose 1849 diary chronicles his account of moving from Ohio to California by covered wagon. Briggs was the great-great-grandfather of the collection's donor, Dr. Chester Ward. In addition to the diary, the collection includes a small account book/diary from 1862—also kept by Briggs—as well as a number of letters to and from family members and photographs of family members across multiple generations. There are also a few Presbyterian missionary materials because Benjamin's daughter, Irene, married Samuel Lawrence Ward; they went to Persia as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church from 1876 to 1897. Other noteworthy items in the collection include a very small (and fragile) Arabic prayer book and an 1896 book of "pressed flowers from the Holy Land" in excellent condition.

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Acquisition
The collection was presented to USC Libraries by Benjamin Briggs' great-great-grandson, Dr. Chester Ward, and his wife, Sally Ward. In 2019, Lynda Ward Pierce donated additional family papers, which have been added and described as part of this collection.

Processing Note
Assistance in processing the Briggs papers was provided by Tiffany Chu.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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Briggs family -- Archives
Briggs, Abby Crane -- Archives
Briggs, Benjamin -- Archives
Briggs, Caroline Crane -- Archives
Briggs, Irene Crane -- Archives
Presbyterian Church in the U.S. -- Correspondence
Ward, Samuel Lawrence -- Archives

Biographical Information 393702
Box 1, Folder 1  
**Family History 393703 1962**

**Scope and Content**

This folder contains a photocopy of the work compiled by Irene Ward Kennedy in 1962: *Family History of Ward, Briggs, and Allied Lines*. Irene Ward Kennedy was the sister of Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. and the granddaughter of Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs. The manuscript documents the lineage of these families with "family tree" charts, photographs, and text from historical society records and genealogical registers. A portion of the document is Samuel Lawrence Ward's own recollections of his father's history.

In addition to the 225-page manuscript, the folder includes three pages of family information extracted and summarized from it, accompanied by the patent information and description of a 1959-1960 invention of Benjamin Bennett Briggs known as the "Improved Apparatus for Laying Drain Tiles."

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**Personal Papers 393704**

Box 1, Folder 2  
**Account Book 393705**

**Scope and Content**

Account book of B.B. Briggs, 186?

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Diary [original] 393706**

**Scope and Content**

Diary kept by Benjamin Bennett Briggs during his travels from Sharon, Ohio to Yuba City, California from March through December of 1849. Briggs was accompanied by two of his brothers, John and George, as well as a neighbor, George Case. They set out with a wagon and a team of oxen, stopping in small towns or unsettled areas to camp. Briggs makes note of the weather and road conditions, food conditions, creek crossings, and health conditions of him and his companions. A major delay in their journey occurred near the end of July when Briggs was accidentally shot through the lung and was laid up for about a month while some of his party went on ahead. Briggs was "put into a wagon" through most of August but continued to travel and to record short notes in his diary. The last entry of the diary is for December 31, 1849, in which Briggs writes, "Arrived at the Yuba pitched my tent there and [words erased]."

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Diary [transcription] 407982**

**Scope and Content**

Facsimile copy of "Transcription of the Personal Diary of Benjamin Bennett Briggs: 1949 [1849] Cross Country Travelling from Sharon, Ohio to Yuba City, California; transcribed by Sally (wife), Katharine & Lynda Ward (daughters) of B.G. Chester L. Ward, M.D., the Great, Great, Grandson of Dr. B.B. Briggs, 1985-86."

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Box 2, Folder 20  
**Land conveyance from Benjamin Bennett Briggs to Joseph Briggs 1859-05-25**

Box 2, Folder 18  
**Legal records sent to Mrs. S. L. Ward from Ristine & Ristine Attorneys 1863-1875**

**Scope and Contents**

Includes indentures, deeds, and correspondence relating to legal issues for various Briggs family members.

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Box 2, Folder 17  
**Passport of Benjamin Bennett Briggs 1865-04-14**

Box 2, Folder 19  
**Warranty Deed from Sarah A. Hurlburt to Edward D. Young 1890-10-08**

Box 2, Folder 21  
**Yuba Lodge, No. 39, F.&A.M. -- Benjamin Bennett Briggs membership certificate and receipt for dues 1864-1865**

**Letters 407871**
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<td>To Carrie from Abby Crane 408006 circa 1850s</td>
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<td>To father from Abby Crane [original] 24 November 1861</td>
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<td>To husband from Abby C. Briggs [facsimile] 1 September 1861</td>
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<td>Letter in poetic form &quot;A sort of Lament while passing some lone hours in Unionville Nevada in Jan 1863,&quot; from B.B. Briggs to &quot;My dearest One&quot;</td>
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<td>11 letters, mostly addressed to &quot;My dear Father.&quot; Other recipients include, &quot;My dear Aunt and cousins&quot; and &quot;My dear Auntie.&quot;</td>
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<td>To Benjamin Bennett Briggs from Daniel Briggs 1879-09-21</td>
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To sister from Abby Crane [original] 407998 16 March 1881
To sister from Abby Crane [facsimile] 407999 16 March 1881
To Artemis B. Johnson from Benjamin Bennett Briggs 1881-10-12
To George Gregg Briggs from Benjamin Bennett Briggs 1882-01-04
To Lizzie Stiles from T. C. Stiles 1882-02-21
Scope and Contents
One postcard

To Irene B. Ward [original] 408000 13 August 1882
To Irene B. Ward [facsimile] 408001 13 August 1882
To Irene B. Ward [original] 408002 17 March 1882
To Irene B. Ward [facsimile] 408003 17 March 1882
To Caroline Briggs from Irene B. Ward 1883-1910
Scope and Contents
Two letters and a wedding invitation. The wedding invitation is addressed to "S. L. Ward & wife" and is accompanied by a clipping from Harper's Weekly announcing the wedding of Sophia Crane (Caroline Briggs's daughter) to H. H. Ristine.

To Irene B. Ward [unsigned, but probably from Louisa M. Crane Johnson] 1887-02-27
Processing Information
A Post-it note--stating: "probably Louisa M. Crane Johnson"--was removed from the letter.

To Irene B. Ward from Loretta [surname illegible] 1887-07-11
To Irene B. Ward from Maria Briggs Haskell 1895-07-11
To Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. from Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr. 1911-10-04
To "Wife Mine" from "Ben" 1927-04-27
To "Ben / Paul" undated

New Year's letters and speech in velvet case from Samuel Lawrence Ward 1892
Language of Material: Persian, English, French
Processing Information
Three copies of New Year's address were donated framed. Frames removed during processing.
Scope and Contents
Includes the transcript of an address on New Year's Day in three languages. Also includes a velvet case with Ward's initials, created to hold these documents.

To Maria Briggs Haskell 1895-07-11
To Julia A. Clark 1901-12-24
"Benj. B. Ward Jr. Born Today" -- torn page from diary circa 1905
To Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. from Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr. 1911-10-04
To "Wife Mine" from "Ben" 1927-04-27
To "your wife Billie" 1931-02-27
Expanding letter filer undated
To "Sally, Chester, Katharine, Lynda, Bob" from "Beth, Mother / Ben, Daddy" 1971-02-28
To Mr. & Mrs. Chester Ward from Eleanor Huskins 408007 15 September 1975
Scope and Content
Letter dated September 15, 1975; to "Family and Friends" concerning the death of Bill Huskins signed by Eleanor, Vickie, David, Doug Huskins. (Bill Huskins gave the book "History of the American Presbyterian Mission to Iran, 1834-1960" to Dr. C.L. Ward in 1972 during his visit to Tehran, Iran.)

Photographs 407872

"Ben / Paul" undated
Box 4, Folder 2

"Briggs" undated
Scope and Contents
Two matching individual portraits of a man and a woman, both labeled "Briggs" on verso. Possibly Benjamin Bennett Briggs and Caroline Briggs.

Box 5

Briggs, Abby Crane [ambrotype in wooden enclosure with identifying note] undated
General
Uncertain identification of person(s) pictured. Stored in St. Francis Club cigar box.

Box 2, Folder 28-29

Briggs, Abby Crane [three portraits with leather case] circa 1860
General
Written on verso of the two individual portraits: "Abby Crane Briggs died 1862 in Santa Paula of T.B. / first wife of B. B. Briggs"
Scope and Contents
Two copies of an individual portrait and one portrait of Abby with her daughter. Accompanied by decorated leather case that previously housed these portraits.

Box 5

Briggs, Benjamin Bennett [ambrotype in wooden enclosure] undated
General
Uncertain identification of person(s) pictured. Stored in St. Francis Club cigar box.

Box 4, Folder 1

Briggs, Benjamin Bennett 1861-10-10
Box 1, Folder 27

Briggs, Benjamin Bennett 408008 1890s
Scope and Content
Man looking at object on ground; transcription on the bottom margin identifies the object: "B?? that Coyote is caught in the trap. B.B.B."

Box 5

Briggs, Benjamin Bennett and Caroline Crane Briggs [individual ambrotype portraits] undated
General
Uncertain identification of person(s) pictured. Stored in painted wooden box with inlaid patterns and floral paper mounted under base.
Scope and Contents
Two portraits

Box 5

Briggs, Caroline Crane with child [ambrotype in wooden enclosure with identifying note and clipped poem] undated
General
Stored in wooden box with initials "A C" painted on lid.

Box 1, Folder 28

Briggs, Daniel 408009 186[?]
Scope and Content
Portrait of Daniel Briggs; L.N. Sackett, Photographer, Medina, Ohio

Box 1, Folder 29

Briggs, Irene [tintype] 408010 1870
Scope and Content
Photograph (tintype)- portrait of Irene Briggs, 1870; identification obtained from leaflet "Sunday Postal Labour" in which photograph was enclosed.

Box 4, Folder 19

Briggs, Irene C. and Samuel Lawrence Ward with their six children 1925
Box 1, Folder 30

Briggs, Rhoda 408011 186[?]
Scope and Content
Portrait of Rhoda Briggs; L.N. Sackett, Photographer, Medina, Ohio
Box 5  
Briggs, Thomas [ambrotype in wooden enclosure with identifying note] undated  
General  
Stored in wooden box with initials "A C" painted on lid.

Box 4, Folder 23  
Briggs, Thomas J. circa 1895  
"Capt. Benj. B. Ward" - photographs of an exhibit of historical materials relating to military service undated  
Scope and Contents  
Six photographic prints.

Box 4, Folder 29  
Cash, N. Elizabeth, Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr., Chester Lawrence Ward, Annie Young Ward, Flora Wade Young, and Annie Irene Ward-Dirks pre-1933  
Scope and Contents  
Five negatives and 16 prints -- all from the same Kodak envelope with label: "Pictures / 1932 and before of N. Eliz. Cash, B. B. Ward, Jr., Chester L. Ward, Annie Young Ward, Flora Wade Young."

Box 4, Folder 33  
Clark, Sarah undated  
Crane, Levi Lee [ambrotype in wooden enclosure with identifying note] undated  
General  
Stored in wooden box with initials "A C" painted on lid.

Box 2, Folder 27  
Dr. Briggs' Sanitarium. La Crescenta circa 1890  
General  
Photograph by J. W. Wortman, Pasadena, California.  
Scope and Contents  
Pictured: Dr. Briggs "Terrace" Home and Dr Briggs large barn.

Box 4, Folder 24  
Farm home in Wickliffe, Ohio 1914  
"Four Generations Attend Baptism of B. B. Ward Son" -- clippings and family portrait 1933-07  
Language of Material: "Four generations were represented at a communion service held at the First Presbyterian Church at San Fernando, where Chester Lawrence Ward, the child in the picture, was baptized. In the center is the child's father, Benjamin B. Ward, at left, Mrs. B. B. Ward, the baby's grandmother, and, right, Edward D. Young, Sr., greatgrandfather."  
Processing Information  
The two clippings and the family portrait were donated framed (all in one frame). The frame was removed during processing, but all of the items are still mounted on the same board.

Box 4, Folder 32  
George 1915-10  
Panama to Valpariso, Chile 408013 circa 1914  
Physical Description: 28 items  
Scope and Content  
28 negatives in an envelope; photographs of Panama Canal on way to Valpariso, Chile 1914(?) taken by Seymour Paul Ward (grandson of Dr. Benjamin B. Briggs).

Box 4, Folder 30  
Paul and "Scout" undated  
Real photo postcards featuring family portraits undated  
Scope and Contents  
Five postcards without written correspondence.
Box 4, Folder 28  **Snapshots featuring unidentified men and women undated**  
Scope and Contents  
Six photographic prints. Only one is labeled: "Preaching the Gospel to Moros."

Box 4, Folder 27  **Snapshots of landscapes and industry 1915-1922, undated**  
Scope and Contents  
51 photographic prints. Most of the photographs are not captioned. For photographs that are labeled, captions include: "Barn. Valley covered in fog"; "Cabin from across the creek / cleared place shows location of mill"; "60a at Tulan"; "Joshua Tree"; "Crater Lake"; "Spring Valley from Piermont"; "Entrance to New Works"; "Wheeler Pk from Spring Valley." None of these images feature people, except for two that feature distant figures working in an industrial setting with a forge.

Box 5  **Unidentified ambrotype portrait of a young man undated**  
General  
Stored in painted wooden box with inlaid patterns and floral paper mounted under base

Box 4, Folder 14  **Unidentified group portraits undated**  
Scope and Contents  
Four photographs.

Box 4, Folder 15  **Unidentified individual portraits undated**  
Scope and Contents  
Four photographs.

Box 4, Folder 26  **Unidentified tintypes undated**  
Scope and Contents  
One individual portrait of a young woman and one group portrait of four young men.

Box 4, Folder 16  **Wabash '00-'01 circa 1901**  
Scope and Contents  
One group portrait.

Box 4, Folder 6  **Wade, Annie M. 1876**  
Box 4, Folder 11  **Wade, Stephen J. and Harriet Ramsay Wade circa 1860s**  
Scope and Contents  
Two individual portraits.

Box 4, Folder 21  **Ward, Annie Irene and Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr. 1909-12**  
Box 2, Folder 35  **Ward, Annie Young 1886-1911**  
Scope and Contents  
Eight photographic prints. Ten individual portraits and one group portrait of Annie with her two children. A few of the prints are labeled with her maiden name, "Annie Wade Young" (the younger of the two Annie Wade Youngs in the family).

Box 4, Folder 32  **Ward, Ben, Chas Chester Cash, Beth Cash Ward, and Nora Vincent Cash undated**  
General  
Taken in Santa Barbara, California.

Box 4, Folder 12  **Ward, Benjamin Briggs, Jr. 1908-12**  
Box 4, Folder 17  **Ward, Benjamin Briggs, Sr. undated**  
Scope and Contents  
Two copies of the same portrait.
Photographs 407872

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Ward, Benjamin Briggs, Sr., Annie Young Ward, Annie Irene Ward, and Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr. circa 1915  
Scope and Contents  
Three copies (photographic prints) of the same group portrait. |
| Box 4, Folder 32 | Ward, Beth Cash, Flora Young, Clara Ward McRostie, Anne Cash Walsh, and Chester Lawrence Ward circa 1935  
General  
Taken in Morro Bay, California with Morro Rock pictured in background. |
| Box 4, Folder 31 | Ward, Chester Lawrence circa 1930s  
Scope and Contents  
Three photographic prints - individual portraits. |
| Box 2, Folder 36 | Ward, Dr. Chester L. and Lynda Ward 1979-11  
Scope and Contents  
One photographic print |
| Box 4, Folder 18 | Ward, Gerlinde undated  
Ward, Lawrence Arthur 1906  
Scope and Contents  
Three portraits. |
| Box 4, Folder 20 | Ward, Paul, Benjamin Briggs Ward, Jr., and Annie Irene Ward circa 1911-1912  
Ward, S. Paul 1908, undated  
Scope and Contents  
One portrait and one snapshot. |
| Box 4, Folder 22 | Ward, Seymour, Mary Isabel Reed, and Samuel Lawrence Ward 1843-12  
Young, Annie Wade and Edward Davis Young, Sr. 1877-1922  
Scope and Contents  
Eight photographic prints. Includes both individual portraits and portraits of the two together. |
| Box 4, Folder 13 | Young, Edward D., Jr., Benjamin B. Ward, Sr., Annie Young Wade, Edward D. Young, Sr., Flora Young, Benjamin B. Ward, Jr., Annie Irene Ward, Mrs. Annie Y. Ward, and others 1911 |
| Box 4, Folder 4 | Young, Edward Davis, Jr. 1890, undated  
Scope and Contents  
Two portraits. |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | Young, Edward Davis, Sr. and family in living room 1902 |
| Box 4, Folder 9 | Young, Flora, Paul Ward, Annie Young Ward, and Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. 1905 |
| Box 4, Folder 10 | Young, Flora, Paul Ward, Bertha Potwin, and Benjamin Briggs Ward, Sr. 1902 |
| Box 4, Folder 10 | Young, Flora Wade [portraits] circa 1890-circa 1940  
Scope and Contents  
11 photographic prints. All individual portraits with labels identifying "Flora Wade Young" except for one, which pictures two young girls, labeled: "[illegible] at 1893 / Flora Edward Young." Includes one individual snapshot with label "Aunt Flora at Lake Erie College." |

Ephemera 407881

Finding aid for the Dr. Benjamin Bennett Briggs family papers 03941511 10
**Admission Ticket 408014 1868-1869**
Scope and Content
Ticket to Bellevue Hospital Medical College, City of New York, Session 1868-69, Lectures "The Principles and Practice of Medicine"

**College Commencement Invitation 408015 1903**
Scope and Content
Physical Description: 3 items
Wabash College, Crawfodsville, Indiana, June 12-17, 1903; in envelope addressed to Rev., & Mrs. S.L. Ward & Family; insert: Mr. Benjamin Briggs Ward

**Promissory Note 408016 1916**
Scope and Content
February 28, 1916, in the amount of $1300, to the Bank of Glendale, signed Irene B. Ward

**Receipt 408017 1866**
Scope and Content
in German, Heidelberg, 31.?? 1866; Briggs

**Register Ticket 408018 1883**
Scope and Content
"Registered on the Great Register," County of Los Angeles, to B.B. Briggs, May 25, 18(?)3

**Testimony of Appreciation [original] 408019 15 February 1875**
Scope and Content
Certificate, form Wabash College, February 15, 1875, acknowledgment of Dr. B.B. Briggs as a "gentleman of great[?] worth and a physician of great[?] ability."

**Testimony of Appreciation [facsimile] 408020 1875**

**Arabic Prayer Book 408022**
Scope and Content
Arabic prayer book of Samuel Lawrence Ward, husband of Irene Briggs (daughter of B.B. Briggs). Acquired during a mission involved with the Glendale Presbyterian Church; Samuel Lawrence Ward founded the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

**History of the American Presbyterian Mission to Iran, 1834-1960 408023**
Scope and Content
Compiled by John Elder, published by the Literature Committee of the Church Council of Iran. Bill Huskins gave the book to Dr. C.L. Ward in 1972 during his visit to Tehran, Iran.

**Leaflet: "Sunday Postal Labour" 408024**
Scope and Content
Sabbath Observance Society, Edinburgh

**Ohio State University 1909 commencement booklet 1909-06**
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<th><strong>Pressed Flowers from the Holy Land</strong> 408025</th>
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<td>The donor of this material identified the contents of this box as belongings of Benjamin Bennett Briggs.</td>
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<td>A small, plain wooden box filled with small precision tools and three specimens cast in resin, including a crab and a cricket. The inner lid of the box is branded: &quot;Bowles' Patent / The George P. Pilling &amp; Son Co. / Philadelphia, U.S.A.&quot;</td>
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<td>Six pairs of spectacles, an Eastman thermometer for general photographic use, and one other small tool found together in an El Roi-Tan cigar box.</td>
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