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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Kirkland family (George Kirkland, 1816-1906)
Title:	Kirkland family papers
ID:	c.00127
Date [inclusive]:	1850-1914, Undated
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet (6 folders, 1 volume)
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical Note

George Kirkland (1816-1906) was born in Tuxford, Nottinghamshire, England. He married Jane Cobb (1816-1904) in 1841. In 1850, the couple immigrated to the United States. They settled in Livingston County, Michigan and are both buried in the Munsell cemetery in Iosco Township.

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Scope and Contents

The majority of the Kirkland family papers consist of letters between family members who migrated to the United States and relatives who remained in England. The American branch eventually settled in Livingston County, Michigan. Letters discuss family matters, prices, and English farming.

One letter (December 1, 1880) describes in detail a trip from Chicago to California by train. A letter dated November 4, 1898 discusses the outcome of the Spanish-American War, the acquisition of the Philippines, and the possibility of American blacks relocating there. A brochure for "Dr. Pierce's World Famed Family Medicines" is included in a letter dated December 7, 1893. A poem describing an ocean voyage (1901) and a postcard photograph (1908) are also included.

In addition, the collection contains a volume entitled "Genealogy of the George Kirkland Family of Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan," compiled by George Kirkland. This volume contains excerpts from letters in the collection as well as extensive family records and biographies.

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- Spanish-American War, 1898
- Frontier and pioneer life -- Michigan
- Patents -- Medicine -- United States
- California -- Description and travel
- Agriculture -- Great Britain
- Railroads -- United States
- Family histories
- Letters (correspondence)
- Livingston County (Mich.)
- Kirkland, George, 1816-1906

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence	
1850,1869	folder 1
1870-1879	folder 2
1880-1889	folder 3
1890-1899	folder 4
1900-1914	folder 5
undated	folder 6
Volume 1: "Genealogy of the George Kirkland Family of Iosco Township Livingston County Michigan"	folder 7