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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
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Biographical Note

Charles Jay Monroe was born November 20, 1839, in Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan to Jay Randolph and Fanny (Rawson) Monroe. During his childhood, he attended common school and worked on the family farm. From 1857 to 1860, Monroe attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). He took a law course at the University of Michigan in 1878-79.

In 1866, he moved to South Haven, Michigan, where he would remain until his death. He was employed in several fields, including surveying, teaching, banking, real estate, and farming. From 1860 to 1868, Monroe worked as a county surveyor. He worked in private banking in South Haven, from 1868 until 1871, when it was changed to a national bank. Monroe remained at the bank as a cashier and de facto manager. In 1879, he organized a bank in Bangor, Michigan, and served as its president. Monroe later became a director and president of Kalamazoo Savings Bank. Additionally, Monroe served as a school inspector, trustee of the Michigan Asylum (1890-1893), state Senator (Republican, 1883-1889), and member of the

State Board of Agriculture (1894-1907), the governing body of Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University).

On December 18, 1866, he married Hattie Morehouse (June 15, 1844 – August 22, 1903). Together they had four children, Stephen B., George C., Cora J., and Lucy E. Monroe was preceded in death by Hattie, and their two daughters. On September 16, 1905, he married Clara (Atkinson) Packard. Monroe died October 2, 1919, in South Haven.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of letters, notes, reports and maps from Monroe's survey work. Also included are Monroe's notes about bills he introduced in the Michigan State Senate in the 1880s, and a diary kept during a trip to Europe, Egypt, and England in 1904.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Legislation -- Michigan
- Surveying -- Michigan
- Allegan (Mich.)
- Covert (Mich. : Township)
- Grand Traverse Bay (Mich.)
- Egypt -- Description and travel
- England -- Description and travel
- Europe -- Description and travel
- Muskegon (Mich.)
- Paw Paw (Mich.)
- South Haven (Mich.)
- Diaries
- Field notes
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps
- Notebooks
- Photographs
- Reports

Collection Inventory

Papers

Scope and Contents note

Title/Description	Instances	
Papers, 1832-1914	box LFD 4	folder 1
Papers, 1861-1869	box LFD 4	folder 2
Papers, 1865-1870	box LFD 4	folder 3
Plans, undated	box LFD 4	folder 4
Plans, undated	box LFD 4	folder 5
Plans and Notes, undated	box LFD 4	folder 6

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Volumes

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1: Survey notebook, 1869	box LFD 4	folder 7
Volume 2: History of Bills and Joint Resolutions Introduced by Charles J. Monroe at Legislative Session of 1887, 1887	box LFD 4	folder 7
Volume 3: Survey notebook, 1895-1898	box LFD 4	folder 8
Volume 4: Datebook (world travel), 1904	box LFD 4	folder 8
Volume 5: Field Notes of Towns in Allegan County, undated	box LFD 4	folder 8

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Photographs

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People. Monroe, Charles J.	box People Photo 18

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