



## Bamber Family Papers UA.10.3.447

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Bamber family (Joseph S. Bamber, 1835-1907)                   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Bamber family papers  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | UA.10.3.447   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1861-1883   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 0.1 Cubic Feet , 5 folders                                    |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .   |

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## Biographical Note

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Joseph S. Bamber was born in Lincolnshire, England on February 4, 1835, and was four years old when he accompanied his parents across the Atlantic Ocean to the United States.

On November 4, 1857, Joseph Bamber married Sarah A., daughter of Noah P. and Elizabeth W. (Hyde) Morse. They had four children, who were named respectively, Herbert, Albert M., Mary E. and Sherman L.

For most of his life, Bamber lived in Highland, Oakland County, Michigan.

Sons Herbert and Albert Morse both attended the Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). Herbert graduated with a B.S. in 1881. Herbert was a civil engineer in Highland, Michigan. Albert died of typhoid fever on June 1, 1883 while attending M.A.C.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Bamber family papers consist primarily of correspondence written or received by members of the family of Joseph S. Bamber, a farmer residing in Oakland County, Michigan. The collection includes letters (1862-1865) to Bamber from members of the Hayes family, related to the Bambers by marriage. These letters describe civilian experiences during the Civil War and contain information on food prices, the draft, and "Copperhead" activity in 1864.

Also included are letters (1879-1883) from Bamber's son Albert, a student at Michigan Agricultural College, and letters from various family members to Albert and his brother Herbert, also a student at M.A.C. The letters are concerned with family matters, especially the elder Bamber's sheep.

Miscellaneous papers include a letter expressing sympathy with the Bamber family over Albert's death in 1883, a memorial poem written by one of his classmates, and a humorous account, apparently written by Albert, of the freshman year (1879-1880) experiences of the M.A.C. Class of 1883.

The collection also contains Civil War letters (1861-1864) received by Edward H. Dickerman (3rd Michigan Infantry) from members of his family in Michigan and New England, and from his brothers Samuel (6th New Hampshire Volunteers) and James (8th Michigan Infantry). In addition, there is one letter from Miles Predmore to his brother (1864), describing army life at Fort Creighton in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Predmore and Dickerman's relationship to the Bamber family is unclear.

The Civil War related materials (folders 1 and 4) have been transcribed, scanned and put online at <http://civilwar.archives.msu.edu/collection/7-1C-49/bamber/>.

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## Processing Information

Record group changed from c.00046 to UA 10.3.447 to reflect Herbert and Albert Bamber's connections to MSU. -M. Badgley-Malone, August 2021

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Agriculture -- Michigan
- Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861
- Draft
- Student activities -- Michigan
- Oakland County (Mich.)
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Letters (correspondence)
- Bamber, Albert M., 1860-1883
- Bamber, Herbert, 1858-1937
- Dickerman, James
- Bamber, Joseph S., 1835-1907
- Dickerman, Samuel

- Predmore, Miles C.
- Hayes family (Joseph S. Bamber, 1835-1907)
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Michigan State University. Class of 1881
- Michigan State University. Class of 1883
- United States. Army. Michigan Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865)
- United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 6th (1861-1865)

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## General Note

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A biographical sketch of Joseph S. Bamber can be found in Portrait and Biographical Album of Oakland County, Michigan.

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## Collection Inventory

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| Title/Description                       | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Letters, 1862-1865                      | box LFD 5 | folder 1 |
| Letters, 1879-1883                      | box LFD 5 | folder 2 |
| History of MAC Class of 1883, 1879-1880 | box LFD 5 | folder 3 |
| 1861-1864                               | box LFD 5 | folder 4 |
| Envelopes, 1859-1883                    | box LFD 5 | folder 5 |