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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Source - dnr:	Bregger, Myra Potter
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Biographical Note

Louis Albert Bregger, Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) class of 1888, was born in Quincy, Illinois. He entered M.A.C. in 1884 as a student of Horticulture. He was a member of the Natural History Society, and served as president of the Students' Organization and as vice president and historian of the Union Literary Society. He also worked on campus, mainly in the M.A.C. greenhouse.

After graduation, Bregger worked as a landscape gardener at the Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. In 1892 he married Anna Henjes, the foster sister of William A. Taylor. Taylor was Bregger's roommate at M.A.C. and also graduated in 1888. In 1900 Bregger moved his family to Bangor, Michigan, where he began to produce fruit in his orchards on Outlook Farm. He lived and worked at Outlook until his death in 1928. According to the April 1928 issue of "Ye U Lit Speculum," Bregger died as the result of an accident involving a falling tree, which occurred near his home farm.

Bregger had two sons, John Taylor and Louis B., who graduated from M.A.C. in 1917 and 1926, respectively.

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Scope and Content

This collection includes notes of lectures delivered by Professors L. H. Bailey, R. C. Kedzie and A. J. Cook; speeches and a manuscript prepared by Bregger while he was a student at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University); commencement programs and programs of meetings he attended; and programs for the M.A.C. Semi Centennial celebration in 1907.

The correspondence is arranged into five folders. The first two contain mostly letters written by Bregger to his older brother, John, and provide information concerning the controversy surrounding the career of Samuel Johnson, Professor of Practical Agriculture, 1879-1889; the construction of the Armory; and daily life at M.A.C. during the years 1884-1889. The next two folders contain letters written mainly by his wife, Anna, to her foster parents, and include some information about her alma mater, the University of Michigan. The last folder contains undated letter fragments, and an additional folder contains two letters written by Bregger to newspapers.

The collection also includes an 1888 class ring which is maintained separately from the manuscript materials.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

See also John Taylor Bregger papers (UA 10.3.74) which are quite extensive and contain a number of letters from his parents (his father was Louis A. Bregger), as well as much information concerning Michigan Agricultural College in the early 1900's.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Postcards
- Letters (correspondence)
- Programs (Publications)
- Speeches
- Photographs
- Horticulture -- Study and teaching
- Agriculture -- Study and teaching
- United States
- Bregger, Anna Henjes
- Kedzie, R. C. (Robert Clark), 1823-1902
- State Agricultural College (Mich.)
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Cook, Albert John
- Bregger, Myra Potter
- Johnson, Samuel, 1839-1916

- Michigan State University -- General subdivision--Student Life; Chronological subdivision--1884-1889;
- Michigan State University. Class of 1888
- Finn, Doris
- University of Michigan -- General subdivision--Student Life; Chronological subdivision--1885-1890c.;
- Bailey, L. H. (Liberty Hyde), 1858-1954
- Michigan State University. Anniversaries, etc.

Collection Inventory

Papers		
Title/Description	Instances	
"Are Sprayed Fruits Poisonous?" , 1888	box 1018H	folder 1
Correspondence		
1884-1886	box 1018H	folder 2
1887-1890	box 1018H	folder 3
1892-1895	box 1018H	folder 4
1897-1900	box 1018H	folder 5
1907, Undated	box 1018H	folder 6
Envelopes, 1888-1895	box 1018H	folder 14
M.A.C. Commencement Programs , 1888	box 1018H	folder 7
M.A.C. Semi Centennial Celebration , 1907	box 1018H	folder 8
Meeting Programs , 1903, 1907, 1909	box 1018H	folder 9
Newspaper Letters , 1894, Undated	box 1018H	folder 10
Notes on Landscape Gardening and Horticulture , 1886	box 1018H	folder 11
Notes on Meteorology and Geology , 1888	box 1018H	folder 12
Speeches , 1886-1888	box 1018H	folder 13

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Object	
Title/Description	Instances
Class ring, 1888	box 1018H

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Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois	box UA Photo 33
Michigan State University. Student Activities. Literary Skit	box UA Photo 33
People. Bregger, Louis A.	box UA Photo 33

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Postcards

Title/Description	Instances
Arizona	drawer Postcards
California	
China	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
France	
Germany	
Groups	
Indiana	
Illinois	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Michigan. Bay City. Armory	
Michigan. Battle Creek. Sanitarium	
Michigan State University. Buildings. Engineering Building	
Michigan State University. Buildings. Wells Hall	
Minnesota	
Missouri	
Navajo Squaw	

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