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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Source - dnr:	Kuhn, Madison, 1910-1985
Creator:	Holden, P. G. (Perry Greeley), 1865-1959
Title:	Perry Greeley Holden collection
ID:	UA.17.26
Date [inclusive]:	1891-1959
Physical Description:	1 Cubic Feet , 9 folders, 2 volumes
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical Note

Perry Greeley Holden (1865-1959) was an educator, farmer and scholar in the field of agriculture. He grew up in Almira, Benzie County, Michigan. Holden graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1889 and received his M.S. in 1895. He received his Bachelor of Pedagogy degree in 1894 from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and a Master of Pedagogy from the same institution in 1904. From August 1889 to May 1893, Holden was the Assistant Agriculturist to the Experiment Station at M.A.C. He was also a Commissioner of Schools for Benzie County from 1894-1895; Professor of Science at Benzonia College from 1894-1895; Assistant Professor of Agricultural Physics at the University of Illinois from September of 1896-1900; and Superintendent in the Agricultural Department of Illinois Sugar Refining Co. As of 1911 he was the Superintendent of the Extension Department of Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) in Ames, Iowa. By 1930 he was Field Director of the Agricultural Extension Department for International Harvester Company.

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Scope and Contents

The Holden Memoirs, which were printed in a scrapbook format, includes photographs, genealogies, and reproductions of correspondence, certificates and news clippings. The collection also includes a glass portrait of a woman in a wooden box.

There are also materials donated by a niece of Perry G. Holden including a photo album of car trips that Perry Holden and his wife, Carrie, took with Perry's brother, Ellsworth. They drove from Chicago to Wisconsin, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, and Oregon. Included are photographs of Wisconsin, South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park, Shoshone Dam, animals at Columbia Gardens in Butte, Montana, redwood trees, Mount Rainer, Canyon Beach, Oregon, a dinosaur quarry in Utah, Garden of the Gods, as well as images of them car camping. There are also images from another trip in 1935 which include the Badlands and Wisconsin Dells. Also donated by Holden's niece is a larger image of Ellsworth Holden with grizzly bears that was taken on the car trip.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

See also Kohn family collection (c.00578) for a photo of Perry G. Holden.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Agronomy -- Study and teaching
- Photograph albums
- Autobiographies
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Family histories
- Kuhn, Madison, 1910-1985
- Michigan State University. Libraries. Special Collections Division
- Baker, Roger D.
- Michigan Agricultural College

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1891-1950	box 872	folder 1
Farm Department, MAC, Circa 1890	box 872	folder 2
Corn Breeding at the University of Illinois (preliminary report), 1895-1900	box 872	folder 3

Corn Breeding at the University of Illinois (2 final copies), 1895-1900	box 872	folder 4
News clippings, biography, 1947	box 872	folder 5
In Memoriam, 1959	box 872	folder 6
<i>My Grandfather</i> , Perry G. Holden by Carroll Besemer, 1947	box 872	folder 7
The "Johnsonian Committee", Undated	box 872	folder 8
Draft Manuscript for Holden memoirs	box 872	folder 9
Volumes		
vol. 1: Memoirs	box 872	volume 1

Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
People. Evans, Elaine. (?)	box UA Photo 64
People. Groups.	box UA Photo 64
Charles Merrylees and Cleves Moore (husband of Mary Abbot Moore, son-in-law of T.C. Abbot) aboard the S.S. St. Ninian (Aberdeen, Scotland), June 1899	
People riding donkeys on Mt. Wilson trail, including Alice Hager, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Fortune and brother, and [?] R. Abbot (rest of the names are cut off), undated	
People. Merrylees Family.	box UA Photo 64
People. Unidentified.	box UA Photo 64
Oscar Clute's daughter (labeled as his sister)	

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Glass Portrait in Wooden Box	box 872
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Perry G. Holden Materials Donated by Family Member

Title/Description	Instances
Photograph- Ellsworth A. Holden (Perry's brother) with grizzly bears, circa 1920	box UA Photo 64
Car Trip photo album, 1920, 1935	box 872

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