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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Mayo family (Perry Mayo, 1839-1921)
Creator - aut:	Buell, Jennie
Creator - aut:	Price, Violet Hallett
Title:	Mayo family papers
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Biographical Note

Perry Mayo (son of James and Sarah Price Mayo) was born June 14, 1839 in Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. In 1849 the family moved to Calhoun County, Michigan. On May 10, 1861, Mayo enlisted in Company C of the 2nd Michigan Infantry. He served briefly with the 20th Michigan Infantry in 1864. He was discharged from the 2nd Michigan on July 21, 1864. On April 19, 1865 he married Mary Anne Bryant and they settled in Marshall Township, Michigan. Perry Mayo died on January 5, 1921.

Mary Mayo (born 1845) was very active in the community, particularly with the Patrons of Husbandry (also known as the Grange). She was an outspoken advocate of the education of women, and helped establish the women's course (later called home economics) at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). She died in 1903. Mary Mayo Hall, a women's dormitory, was named in her honor in 1931.

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Scope and Contents

Over fifty Civil War letters of Perry Mayo, written to his family in Calhoun County, Michigan, from June 1861 to May 1864, constitute the bulk of this collection. They include vivid descriptions of battles, marches, military personnel and camp life, together with observations on the conduct of the war.

Also in this collection are numerous and fragmentary attempts at genealogy, with related correspondence which, in addition to Mayo, include such family names as Angell, Bryant, Carpenter, Coryell, Freytag, and Price. A published volume relating to the Price family of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania is also included. There is a folder of transcribed letters dated 1885-1888.

There are also documents relating to the history of Michigan State University and to the Michigan State Grange, in which the Mayos were active participants. Photographs include portraits of Perry Mayo, his wife, Mary, and other family members.

Finally, there are letters of recommendation for Nelson S. Mayo, who was apparently removed from his position at Kansas State Agricultural College for political reasons.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Populism -- Kansas -- History -- 19th century
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Cartes-de-visite (card photographs)
- Family histories
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Publications
- Angell family (Mary Anne Bryant Mayo, 1845-1903)
- Bryant family (Mary Anne Bryant Mayo, 1845-1903)
- Coryell family
- Freytag family
- Price family (Perry Mayo, 1839-1921)
- Mayo, Mary Anne Bryant, 1845-1903
- Mayo, Nelson S. (Nelson Slater), 1866-1958
- Mayo, Perry (1839-1921)
- Michigan State Grange
- Michigan State University. Mary Mayo Hall
- Michigan State University. History
- United States. Army. Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865)
- United States. Army -- Military life -- History -- 19th century
- Michigan State University. Buildings

Collection Inventory

Papers

Scope and Contents note

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters, June 1861-January 1862	box 6203	folder 1
Letters, February 1862-May 1863	box 6203	folder 2
Letters; Discharge Certificate, Pension Certificate, June 1863-May 1864	box 6203	folder 3
Letters (originals and photocopies), March-July 1885	box 6203	folder 4
Letters (originals and photocopies), August-December 1885, undated	box 6203	folder 5
Letters (originals and photocopies), January-February 1886	box 6203	folder 6
Letters (originals and photocopies), March 1886	box 6203	folder 7
Letters and envelopes (originals and photocopies), undated	box 6203	folder 8
Letters edited by Robert S. Mayo	box 6203	folder 9-10
Letters (Transcribed), 1885-1888, undated	box 6204	folder 26
Genealogical notes with related correspondence	box 6203	folder 11-12
Documents relating to Michigan State Grange and to the dedication of Mary Mayo Hall, Michigan State College, 1930-1931	box 6203	folder 13
Letters of recommendation for Nelson S. Mayo, 1897-1901	box 6203	folder 14
Miscellaneous papers and cuttings, chiefly relating to Michigan State College	box 6203	folder 15
Citizens'/Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance, 1884-1885	box 6203	folder 16
Correspondence with the donor, 1956, 1965	box 6203	folder 17

Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
1883	box 6204	folder 1
July 1884	box 6204	folder 2
August - September 1884	box 6204	folder 3
October 1884	box 6204	folder 4
December 1884		

	box 6204	folder 5
Mr. Perry Mayo, January 1885	box 6204	folder 6
Mr. Perry Mayo, February 1885	box 6204	folder 7
Mr. Perry Mayo, March 1885	box 6204	folder 8
Mr. Perry Mayo, April 1885	box 6204	folder 9
Mr. Perry Mayo, September - October 1885	box 6204	folder 10
Mr. Perry Mayo, November 1885	box 6204	folder 11
Mrs. Perry Mayo, January 1885	box 6204	folder 12
Mrs. Perry Mayo, February 1885	box 6204	folder 13
Mrs. Perry Mayo, March and June 1885	box 6204	folder 14
Mrs. Perry Mayo, July and September 1885	box 6204	folder 15
Mrs. Perry Mayo, November 8th - 20th, 1885	box 6204	folder 16
Mrs. Perry Mayo, November 23rd - 28th, 1885	box 6204	folder 17
Mrs. Perry Mayo, December 1885	box 6204	folder 18
February 1886	box 6204	folder 19
April 1886	box 6204	folder 20
1888	box 6204	folder 21
Empty envelopes, circa 1880s	box 6204	folder 22
Undated, part 1, circa 1880s	box 6204	folder 23
Undated, part 2, circa 1880s	box 6204	folder 24
Miscellaneous damaged letters, circa 1880s	box 6204	folder 25

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Volumes

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Wartime letters of Perry Mayo, edited by Robert S. Mayo	box 6203	volume 1
Genealogies of the Carpenter and Coryell families of Lake Orion	box 6203	volume 2
<i>The Price Family of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania</i> by Violet Hallett Price [Price family genealogy], 1948	box 6203	volume 3
<i>One Woman's Work for Farm Women</i> by Jennie Buell [Mary Mayo's part in rural social movements], 1908	box 6203	volume 4

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Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs - Collection		
People (Copy of Civil War CDVs)	box 6204	folder 1
People. Bryant, Ann Atmore (Mrs. James A. Bryant)	box 6204	folder 28
People. Bryant, James A.	box 6204	folder 29
People. Mayo Family, 1875, 1890	box 6204	folder 30
People. Mayo, Perry, 1914, 1918	box 6204	folder 31
Schools. Cobble Stone School House, Convis Township, Calhoun County, Michigan., circa 1849	box 6204	folder 34
United States Civil War. Troops	box 6204	folder 32
Photographs - People		
People. Mayo, Mary	box People Photo Box 17	
People - CDVs	drawer CDVs	
People. Mayo, Mary Bryant		
People. Mayo, Perry		

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