



Edward Ross Collection UA.28.32

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Ross, Edward
Source - dnr:	Ross, Edward
Title:	Edward Ross collection
ID:	UA.28.32
Date [inclusive]:	1895-2013
Date [bulk]:	1895-1904
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: "Item title, Collection title, Collection Identifier, Michigan State University Archives & Historical Collections, East Lansing, Michigan."

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Biographical Note

The postcards were collected by Edward Ross who grew up on a dairy farm in Washtenaw County, Michigan. His parents were both raised on farms outside of Ypsilanti, Michigan. According to Ross, his father, Max, took short courses in agriculture at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University).

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 131 postcards received at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) from 1895 to 1904. The postcards are addressed to professors and other people such as H. W. Mumford, L. R. Taft, Clinton D. Smith, R. H. Petit, J. D. Towar, Arthur Bird, D. W. Trine, as well as to the Agricultural Experiment Station. The postcards contain requests for information about crops or fruit, subscriptions for the Farm Home Reading Circle, inspections for certification and other topics.

Also included in the folder is a summary of the collection written by the donor, Edward Ross, which includes the locations from where the postcards were sent and some arranged by topic and year. Ross also made transcripts of some of the postcards. In the letter, Edward mentions that his grandfather, Charles K. Ross, would have benefited from the "Home Farm Readings" that were distributed by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Conditions Governing Access

Legal Status: Donor(s) have transferred any applicable copyright to Michigan State University but the collection may contain third-party materials for which copyright was not transferred. Copyright restrictions may apply. Property Rights: Michigan State University.

Processing Information

Record group changed from c.00659 to UA 28.32 to reflect the collection's connection to Michigan State University.

-M. Badgley-Malone, June 2022.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Agriculture
- Crops
- Fruit-culture
- Sugar beet industry
- Postcards
- Mumford, F. B. (Frederick Blackmar), 1868-1947
- Smith, Clinton D. (Clinton DeWitt), 1854-1916
- Taft, L. R. (Levi Rawson), 1859-
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Ross, Edward

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Michigan Agricultural College Postcards, 1895-1903	box LFD 7	folder 1
Letter to Portia Vescio at the Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections, April 13, 2013	box LFD 7	folder 1