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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Kedzie, A. S. (Adam Stewart), 1814-1899
Creator:	Kedzie, D. H. (Donald Hixson)
Creator:	Kedzie, R. C. (Robert Clark), 1823-1902
Creator:	Kedzie, Robert Mark
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Biographical Note

Adam Stewart (A. S.) Kedzie was born August 23, 1814 in Stamford, New York, to William (1781-1828) and Margaret (1792-1874) Kedzie. He married Elizabeth Dewey in 1844, and Henrietta G. Hixson on November 15, 1855. He received degrees from Western Reserve College (1839) and Western Reserve Theological Seminary (1842). In addition to being a clergyman, A. S. Kedzie authored religious texts and family genealogies. With his son, Donald, he served as editor of the *Grand Haven Herald*. He fathered four children with Elizabeth (Mary Bel, James

Dewey, Charles Stewart, and Anna Woodward), and four children with Henrietta (Donald Hixson, Mary Alice, Katherine Janet, and Robert Mark).

Donald Hixson Kedzie was born October 28, 1857 in Clinton, Michigan to A. S. and Henrietta Kedzie. Donald graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in 1876. He served as editor of the *Grand Haven Herald* and the *Lake Shore News*.

Robert Mark Kedzie was born February 17, 1871 in Dexter, Michigan to A. S. and Henrietta Kedzie. He married Ester Hawley (1874-1957). He died in October 1941 in Los Angeles, California.

Robert Clark Kedzie was born to William and Margaret Kedzie on January 28, 1823, in Delhi, New York, and moved to Michigan in 1826 with his family. Graduating from Oberlin College in 1846, he was in charge of the Rochester Academy, Michigan, for the next two years. After the death of his first wife, Mary J. Knowlton, in 1848, he entered the University of Michigan Medical College, receiving his M.D. in 1851. Now married to Harriet Eliza Fairchild, he practiced medicine in Kalamazoo and Vermontville for eleven years. Following the outbreak of the Civil War, Kedzie, an abolitionist, joined the 12th Michigan Infantry as a surgeon. He was captured by the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in 1862 and was released in poor health a few months later.

This illness led him to abandon his medical practice and to accept the position of Professor of Chemistry at Michigan Agricultural College in February 1863, where he taught until his death on November 7, 1902. During his forty years at M.A.C., Kedzie also served as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives (1867), as president of the Michigan Medical Society (1874), the Michigan State Board of Health (1877-1881), the American Public Health Association (1882), and the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science (1887-1889), and in other positions as well. In 1898, M.A.C. conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science while the University of Michigan awarded him a Doctorate of Law in 1901.

Kedzie did much for Michigan through his study of medicine and chemistry. He assisted in securing the passage of an act which established a state food and dairy commission, and he was appointed its first state analyst. He secured the passage of a law providing for the inspection of commercial fertilizers. Upon discovering the hazards of arsenic-laced pigments used in wallpaper and other items, he fought to make such pigments illegal. Kedzie also ascertained that southern Michigan was well adapted for growing sugar beets and thus has been called "the father of the beet sugar industry in Michigan."

Kedzie's wife and two of his sons, William K. and Robert F., died before him. His third son, Frank S., survived him to eventually become president of M.A.C.

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Scope and Contents

The Kedzie family papers consists of genealogies, correspondence, and books published by members of the family. Also included are photographs of Robert Mark Kedzie, Ester Hawley Kedzie, A. S. Kedzie, and unidentified men. Additionally, there are items relating to Michigan Agricultural College/Michigan State College (now Michigan State University), such as a 1907 Alumni luncheon program, a commencement program, and a brochure which seeks donations for various buildings titled "For the Veterans of World War II."

Also included in the collection are letters to and from Robert Clark Kedzie, dating from 1860 to 1898. Many of these letters date from his time serving as a surgeon in the Civil War.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

See also: Robert Clark Kedzie papers (UA 17.109), Frank Stewart Kedzie papers (UA 2.1.8), Faith Kedzie Dutton publication (UA 28.12), Jean Hebert Brown collection (UA 28.5)

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1939-1945
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Family histories
- Invitations
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Programs (Publications)
- Kedzie, Frank Stewart
- Kedzie, R. C. (Robert Clark), 1823-1902
- Michigan Agricultural College

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
"The Book of Life in Memory of Robert Mark Kedzie", 1941	box 6330	folder 1
Correspondence. A. S. Kedzie to D. H. Kedzie, 1898	box 6330	folder 1
Genealogy - Generations of Hawleys, undated	box 6330	folder 2
Genealogy - Kedzie Family	box 6330	folder 3
Michigan Agricultural College Alumni Luncheon 15th Reunion and Semi-Centennial, 1907	box 6330	folder 4
M.A.C. Commencement program, 1893	box 6330	folder 4
Newspaper clippings, undated	box 6330	folder 5
Oscoda High School Commencement Invitation, 1892	box 6330	folder 1

Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
A. S. Kedzie (?) , undated	box 6330	folder 7
MSC buildings and aerial photos, undated	box 6330	folder 6
Robert Mark Kedzie , undated	box 6330	folder 7
Robert Mark Kedzie and Ester Hawley Kedzie , undated	box 6330	folder 7
Sem Bot, University of Nebraska, 1896	box 6330	folder 6
Unidentified man, undated	box 6330	folder 7
Assorted portraits, 1891, undated	box 6330	folder 13
Louis C. Plant, undated	box 6330	folder 14
William Kedzie, undated	box 6330	folder 15
Robert Fairchild Kedzie, undated	box 6330	folder 16
Faculty Row houses, undated	box 6330	folder 17
Quintet - Mrs. Kedzie, Florence Birdsall, Irene Cooper, Mabel Ferry and Ella Birdsall, circa 1917	box 6330	folder 18
Kate Marvin Kedzie, undated	box 6330	folder 19
Frank Stewart Kedize (framed), undated	box 6505	

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"Professor Kedzie and the Poisonous Wall Paper" by James Stokley (A Bicentennial Project, Sigma Xi, Michigan State University), April 1976	box 6330	folder 8
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Books and other Published Materials

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"A Century and a Year: Supplemental to the Kedzie Genealogy Published Fourteen Years Ago", 1896	box 6330	folder 9
"For the Veterans of World War II at Michigan State College East Lansing", January 1946	box 6330	folder 10
<i>How to Reason Infallibly: a Practical and Exact System of Logical Reasoning by Means of the Reasoning Frame</i> by Thomas D. Hawley, 1900	box 6330	folder 11
<i>The Human Condition and Outlook</i> by Rev. A. S. Kedzie (two copies), 1898	box 6330	folder 12
<i>Infallible Logic: a Visible and Automatic System of Reasoning</i> by Thomas D. Hawley, 1896	box 6331	folder 1
<i>Kedzies and their Relatives</i> by A. S. and F. S. Kedzie (three copies), 1882	box 6331	folder 2
<i>Manual Containing the Rules of the Convention to Revise the Constitution of the State of Michigan</i> , 1850	box 6331	folder 3
<i>Solar Heat, Gravitation, and Sun Spots</i> by J. H. Kedzie, 1886	box 6331	folder 4
"Souvenirs of My Deceased Father, William Kedzie" by Robert Clark Kedzie, 1899	box 6330	folder 9

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Correspondence

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1860	box 6332	folder 1
1861	box 6332	folder 2
January - February 1862	box 6332	folder 3
March 1862	box 6332	folder 4
April - May 1862	box 6332	folder 5
June - July 1862	box 6332	folder 6
August 1862	box 6332	folder 7
September - December 1862	box 6332	folder 8
1863	box 6332	folder 9

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January - May 1864	box 6332	folder 10
June - December 1864	box 6332	folder 11
1865	box 6332	folder 12
1866	box 6332	folder 13
January - February 1867	box 6332	folder 14
March - December 1867	box 6332	folder 15
1868	box 6332	folder 16
1869	box 6332	folder 17
1870	box 6332	folder 18
1871-1872	box 6332	folder 19
1873	box 6332	folder 20
1874	box 6332	folder 21
1875	box 6332	folder 22
1877	box 6332	folder 23
1878	box 6332	folder 24
1879	box 6332	folder 25
1880	box 6332	folder 26
1882	box 6332	folder 27
1883	box 6332	folder 28
1884-1885	box 6332	folder 29
1887	box 6332	folder 30
1898-1899	box 6333	folder 1
1902	box 6333	folder 2
Undated	box 6333	folder 3

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Miscellaneous (including receipts, bulletins/circulars, reports, program), 1862-1879, 1882, 1888, undated	box 6333	folder 4
Business license (physician), 1863	box 6333	folder 5
Appointment as a State Visitor to the Michigan Female College, 1864	box 6333	folder 5
Printing Plates on Blocks - Group of Women Musicians (2 sizes); Group of Women; unidentified group portrait; Beaumont Tower; Constantine Milling Company building -	box 6506	

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President William's Flour Mill; A. J. Cook; T. C. Abbot; W. J. Beal; Horticulture Department Work Force 1884; Governor John J. Bagley; Letter to President Abbot 1875 from Governor Bagley; Horticulture Laboratory; Henry Haigh (sophomore) 1872; R.C. Kedzie; Professor Williams; Franklin Wells; Kedzie Hall; portrait of man next to group portrait, undated

War Department Weather Maps, March 27 and 29, 1873 drawer 14

R.C. Kedzie's Epaulets possibly from the Civil War and Civil War Bullets? , undated box 6505