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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator - crp:	Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873
Title:	Louis Agassiz letter
ID:	UA.28.7
Date:	1856
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet , 1 folder
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz (May 28, 1807 – December 14, 1873) was a Swiss biologist and geologist. He received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Erlangen in 1829, and a doctor of medicine degree at Munich in 1830. In 1847, he emigrated to the United States, and became a professor of zoology and geology at Harvard University. Agassiz was head of its Lawrence Scientific School, and founder of its Museum of Comparative Zoology. "In the 20th and 21st centuries, Agassiz's resistance to Darwinian evolution, belief in creationism, and the scientific racism implicit in his writings on human polygenism have tarnished his reputation, and led to controversies over his legacy." (source: Wikipedia).

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a letter (1856) from naturalist Louis Agassiz to zoologist Manly Miles of Flint, Michigan who later taught at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). The letter requests information on turtle species in Michigan.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Turtles -- Michigan
- Letters (correspondence)
- Miles, Manly, 1826-1898

Collection Inventory

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Letter, 1856	box LFD 5	folder 1