Manuscript Collection Inventory

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Turner, Jonathan Baldwin
Papers, 1828-1919.

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Box 1:

1. Biographical Materials

Biographical sketches, including an entry for Turner in the Third Record of the Class of 1833 in Yale College (1870), Paul Selby, "Summary of the Land Grant Movement" (1894?), and Eugene Davenport, "Jonathan Baldwin Turner: An Appreciation" (1919).

Photographs:
Jonathan Baldwin Turner and his son Howard, 1854 (proof)
Turner at an advanced age, two photographs taken at the same time (one print, one proof)
Rhodolphia Kibbe Turner (J. B. Turner’s wife), 2 photos (one dated 1868)
[The proofs are apparently from the reproductions in Mary Turner Carriel, The Life of Jonathan Baldwin Turner (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1911; 1961)]
Turner family residence [12 proofs from an engraving originally used in the 1872 Atlas Map of Morgan County]

Newspaper Clippings on Turner’s Life and Work (Some oversize clippings are stored in the gray flat-storage cabinet.)

2. Correspondence

Incoming


Outgoing, 1834-93:


Includes a published exchange between I. N. Haynie, Illinois Adjutant General, and J. B. Turner (Dec. 13, 19, 1865), concerning the importance of military education. Also includes a circular written by a committee of citizens from Morgan County, Ill., stating its claim to the state legislature that Jacksonville deserves to be the location of the new Illinois Industrial University (Jan. 25, 1866).

Addressed to Others but Pertaining to Turner (all letters originating from Illinois unless noted otherwise), 1852-92:
These letters pertain to Turner’s lectures and teachings on agricultural production methods and industrial education.

Augustus C. French to [Joseph] Morton, Jan. 29, 1852


L. L. Bullock to Editor (?), LaSalle County, Dec. 10, 1853


J. A. Chesnut, Carlinville, to Dr. David Prince, Jacksonville, Mar. 4, 1854

Thomas H. Payne (President of Lake County Agricultural Society), Waukegan, to B. [Bronson] Murry [sic] (written by Payne’s secretary, Nathan C. Geer), Jan. 5, 1855

Allen C. Fuller, Belvidere, to John P. Reynolds, Springfield, Nov. 30, 1864

R. C. Rutherford, New York, to Editor of the Jacksonville (Ill.) Daily Journal, July 14, 1892 (On the back of this typewritten letter there is a handwritten Letter to the Editor from Bronson Murray, New York, July 14, 1892.)

Transcripts of Correspondence (incomplete)

Box 2:

3. Yale Papers

Bill, Tuition and other Expenses, 1833
Compositions and Notes, 1829-31
Lesson Book, 1828-32 [Vol. 5 of collection as first received]

Bachelor’s Degree, 1833 (stored in gray flat-storage cabinet)
Master’s Degree, 1833 (stored in gray flat-storage cabinet)

4. Sermons and Lectures
1823-42: Topics include divinity, elocution, the meaning of Christianity, “Necessity of Revelation,” punctuality, temperance, and “Unity of the Deity” (7 items)

1843-59: Topics include “Geology and Scripture,” “Geology versus Scripture,” “Gospel Power of God,” “Order and Light,” Millard Fillmore, and “The Jack-Democrats” (7 items)

1860-90: “The great crisis, or the true issue between freemen and tyrants” (1860), “Woman’s Rights” (Jan. 1870), Address of Prof. J. B. Turner delivered by invitation of the Farmers’ Legislative Club in the Representatives’ Hall, Springfield, Ill., on February 5th, 1874, in reply to the assaults of the New-York Nation and Illinois Senate (1874), “Competition Defined” (June 1885), and “The Three Races” (ca. 1880s) (5 items)

1892-94: Universal Law and Its Opposites: Extracts from the note-books of J. B. Turner (1892) and The New American Church. For all our United States, schools, churches, and homes. Taken from the note book of J. B. Turner (1894) (2 items)

Undated, A-K: Topics include “The Christianity of Christ versus the Christianity of the Church,” “Conversion and Ecclesiastical Machinery,” Creeds, and Free Will (8 items)


Transcripts of Sermons and Lectures

5. Other Papers Regarding Religion

Bible Class Roster, Congregational Church, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., ca. 1850-51

6. Papers regarding Slavery and the Abolition Movement

Broadsides, Society Rosters, and Other Writings, ca. 1840s-60s

7. Illinois Industrial University and Industrial Education
Legislative Bills and Committee Reports, 24th and 25th Illinois General Assemblies, 1865-67

Lecture Notes on Industrial Education, Petitions, Subscription Lists, and Transcriptions of Public Documents, 1845-67

Box 3:

Illinois Industrial League, ca. 1850s
Design of the Illinois Industrial League
Illinois Industrial League Membership Certificates

Turner, J. B. A Plan for an Industrial University for the State of Illinois, submitted to the Farmers’ Convention at Granville, Held November 18, 1851

Reports and Speeches regarding Illinois Industrial University and Industrial Education, 1865-69 [in gray flat-storage cabinet]

Newspaper Clippings, Editorials and Articles regarding Illinois Industrial University, 1854-92

Newspaper Clippings, Letters to the Editor regarding Illinois Industrial University, 1853, 1865-70, 1892

8. Agricultural Matters

Turner, J. B., Circulars No. 6 and 7, regarding the sale of Osage-orange plants and proper hedge care, ca. 1850s

Buel Institute (Granville, Ill.) Form Letter, ca. 1854


9. Legal Documents

A Bill for an Act to Establish a Bureau of Immigration and Statistics for the State of Illinois, Illinois Senate, 24th General Assembly, 1865
Will and Deeds, 1886-1905

Collection of oversize documents, in the gray flat-storage cabinet:
- U.S. Patent No. 28,217: Improvement in Seeding Machines, May 8, 1860
- U.S. Patent No. 92,253: Improvement in Clod Breaker and Pulverizer, July 6, 1869
- Governor’s Appointment: Trustee, Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane, Jacksonville, Ill., Apr. 24, 1871
- U.S. Copyright No. 25,528: Turner, J. B. The Christ-Word versus the Church-Word (1895)

Box 4:

Jonathan Baldwin Turner Calendar