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Papers, 1823-1924**

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Box 1

**Biographical Materials**

Biographical Sketches

- Page from *Third Record of the Class of 1833 in Yale College* (1870)
- Paul Selby, "Summary of the Land Grant Movement" (1894)
- Eugene Davenport, "Jonathan Baldwin Turner: An Appreciation" (1919)
- Illinois Merchants Trust Company, *Our State*, Volume 16 (1924)
- Program for the unveiling of a tablet dedicated to Turner, Governor Joseph Duncan, and Newton Bateman at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois (1919)

Newspapers and newspaper clippings on Turner's life and work (also see oversize flat-storage cabinet, full size), circa 1842-1880s

**Photographs and Prints**

- Photographs and prints of Jonathan Baldwin Turner, undated
- Photographs of Rhodolphia Turner, 1868 and undated
- Book plates, Turner family residence, used in Mary Turner Carriel's *The Life of Jonathan Baldwin Turner* (1911), undated

## Correspondence

Incoming, 1832-1895

1832-1849

Correspondents include Jonathan Blackford, J. N. Coleman, D. L. Dix, N. J. Downing, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, J. W. Osgood, Absalom Peters, David Prince, W. N. Starr, Dorson E. Sykes, Henry P. Tappan, and Asa Turner (Turner's father).

1850-1853

Correspondents include W. F. M. Arny, Newton Bateman, William Carter, Charles Downing, John Ericsson, Simeon Francis, Augustus C. French, David S. Gregg, Edson Harkness, Joseph Morton, Jon Shastid, Asa and Susan Turner (Turner's parents), Ralph Ware, John Wilkinson, Samuel Willard, and Richard Yates.

1854-1866

Correspondents include C. C. Ahiosman, W. F. M. Arny, Henry Barnard, Jonathan Blanchard, M. S. Carr, J. A. Chestnut, Ezra Cornell, Charles Downing, Stephen A. Douglas, D. Greene, Charles H. Howland, Owen Lovejoy, Justin S. Morrill, W. A. Pennel, Wendell Phillips, J. M. Sturtevant, Charles Sumner Henry P. Tappan, Lyman Trumbull, Rhodolphia S. Turner (Turner's wife), and Richard Yates.

1867-1895

Correspondents include Newton Bateman, Shelby M. Cullom, Frederick Douglass, Frank L. Everett, Washington Gladden, John Milton Gregory, John A. Logan, G. W. Minier, D. L. Moody, John M. Palmer, R. W. Patterson Selim H. Peabody, E. S. Ricker, Leonard F. Ross, Theodore F. Seward, Julie E. Smith, W. M. Springer, Albion W. Tourgee, and Samuel Willard.

Outgoing, 1834-1893

Correspondents include Augustus C. French, Bronson Murray, A. T. Norton, John P. Reynolds, E. R. Roe, and Rhodolphia (Kibbe) Turner. Also contains a published exchange between Turner and I. N. Haynie.

Addressed to others but pertaining to Turner

Augustus C. French to Mr. [Joseph?] Morton, January 29, 1852

G. S. [Lunsden?] to Bronson Murray, February 16, 1853

G. S. [Lunsden?] to unknown, March 11, 1853

L. L. Bullock to "Mr. Editor" of *Prairie Farmer*, December 10, 1853

L. L. Bullock to Bronson Murray, January 9, 1854

J. A. Chestnut to Dr. David Prince, March 4, 1854

Thomas H. Payne to Bronson Murray, January 5, 1855

Allen C. Fuller to Joseph P. Reynolds, November 30, 1864

R. C. Rutherford to "Editor of the Jacksonville Daily  
Journal," July 14, 1892  
Transcripts of selected letters

Box 2

**Yale Papers**

Bill for tuition and other expenses, 1833  
Compositions and notes, 1829-1831  
Lesson book, 1828-1831

Oversized

Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree, 1833

Box 2 (cont.)

**Religious Papers**

Sermons and lectures

1823-1842: Topics include divinity, elocution, the meaning  
of Christianity, "Necessity of Revelation," punctuality,  
temperance, and "Unity of the Deity" (7 items)

1823-1842

1842

1843-1859: Topics include "Geology and Scripture," "Geology  
versus Scripture," "Gospel Power of God," "Order and  
Light," Millard Fillmore, and "The Jack-Democrats" (7  
items)

1843

1844-1845

1853-1859

1860-1890: Includes "The great crisis, or the true issue  
between freemen and tyrants," "Woman's Rights," *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," and "The Three Races"* (5  
items)

1892-1894: Includes *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," "Conversation and  
Ecclesiastical Machinery," creeds, and free will (8  
items)

Undated, L-Z: Topics include "Lines of Idiocy and Lines of  
Genius," "Oration on the Progress and Triumph of Moral  
Truth and Freedom," "Puritan Protestant Papal & Pagan  
Idea," "Putting away Sin," "Salvation by Symbolism," and  
"The Two Thermopylaes" (11 items)

Transcripts

Bible class roster

**Slavery and Abolition Movement Papers**

Broadsides, society rosters, and other writings, circa 1840s-1860s

**Illinois Industrial University and Industrial Education**

Legislative bills and committee reports, 1865-1867

Lecture notes on industrial education, petitions, subscription lists, and transcriptions of public records, 1845-1867

Box 3

Illinois Industrial League membership documents, circa 1850s  
Turner, *A Plan for an Industrial University for the State of Illinois, submitted to the Farmer's Convention of Granville, Held November 18, 1851*

Oversized

Reports and speeches regarding Illinois Industrial University, 1865-1869

Box 3 (cont.)

Newspaper clippings, editorials, and articles regarding Illinois Industrial University, 1854-1892

Newspaper clippings and letters to the Editor regarding Illinois Industrial University, 1853, 1865-1870, 1892

**Agricultural Papers**

Turner, Circulars Number 6 and Number 7, regarding the sale of Osage-orange plants and proper hedge care, circa 1850s

Buel Institute Form Letter, 1854

Flyer, Sheppard's Forwarding and Commission Horticultural, Nursery & Seed Agency, New York City, December 20, 1859 (includes photocopy) [Gift in 2009 of Brent Wielt, Macon County Conservation District historian]

**Legal Documents**

Illinois Senate, 24th General Assembly, *A Bill for an Act to Establish a Bureau of Immigration and Statistics for the State of Illinois*, 1865

s and deeds, 1886-1905

Oversized

Land Grant to Jonathan B. Turner and Marcus Woodward, March 3, 1843

U. S. Patent Number 28,217: Improvement in Seeding Machines, May 8, 1860

U. S. Patent Number 93,253: Improvement in Clod Breaker and Pulverizer, July 6, 1869

Governor's Appointment as Trustee of Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane, Jacksonville, Illinois, April 24, 1871

U. S. Copyright Number 25,528: Turner, J. B. *The Christ-Word Versus the Church-Word* (1895)

Box 4**Calendar**

This calendar is an index card guide detailing the documents in the collection, similar in format to a card catalog. The calendar is arranged topically, with a chronological arrangement within each topic. It encompasses a majority of the collection listed above. The calendar also notes several items not found in this collection, such as additional correspondence.