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Jonathan Baldwin Turner.
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

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

1867-1895

Outgoing, 1834-1893

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
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)

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 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.