Edwin Atson Strong papers
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Summary Information

Repository
Eastern Michigan University Archives

Creator
Strong, Edwin Atson

Title
Edwin Atson Strong papers

Date [inclusive]
1861-1919

Extent
0.8 Linear feet 2 archive boxes

Language
English

Abstract
Dr. Edwin Atson Strong was the head of the Physics Department at Michigan State Normal College from 1885 to 1916. His papers include research materials and notes, course materials, photographs, and materials regarding his legacy on campus. The materials are dated approximately 1885 to 1919.

Preferred Citation note
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Biographical note

Dr. Edwin Aston Strong was born in Ostico, New York on January 3, 1834. After completing an A.B. in 1858 and an A.M. in 1862 at Union College, Dr. Strong relocated to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where in 1861 he was appointed principal of the "Stone High School," on the present site of the Junior High School. From 1862 to 1872 he held the position of superintendent of the Grand Rapids schools. In 1872 he was named head of the department of science in the Oswego Normal School in New York, a post he held for two years. He returned to Grand Rapids in 1873 as the principal of the high school, where he remained until 1885, when he became the head of the Physics Department of the Michigan State Normal College.

In addition to his teaching career, Dr. Strong served as curator of the Kent Museum for 18 years and explored the Indian mounds of the Grand River Valley area; he was a member of the state board of health in 1880. Dr. Strong was a charter member of the Michigan Academy of Science, and served as vice president of the National Educational Association for three terms, and served as president of the Michigan State Teachers Association and the Schoolmasters club of the Michigan Association of High School principals.

In 1916 Dr. Strong tendered his resignation due to poor health and was made Professor Emeritus of Physical Sciences.

Dr. Strong passed away in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 3, 1920.

Scope and Contents

Dr. Edwin Atson Strong was the head of the Physics Department at Michigan State Normal College from 1885 to 1916. His papers include research materials and notes, course materials, photographs, and materials regarding his legacy on campus. The Edwin Atson Strong papers have been divided into two series: Writing and Speeches and Legacy.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2012 September 12
Revision Description
Addition of Class Notes from 1861-1891 2017 December 21

Conditions Governing Access note
Researchers are asked to request materials 24 hours prior to visiting the the University Archives.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Atwater Kent Museum.
- Michigan Academy of Science.
- Michigan Education Association.
- National Educational Association (U.S.).
- Union College (Cranford, N.J.).

Subject(s)

- Astronomy
- Grand Rapids (Mich.)
- Michigan State Normal College
- Physics
- Professor
## Collection Inventory

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