Edwin Willits reference collection
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Summary Information

Repository
Eastern Michigan University Archives

Creator
Willits, Edwin

Title
Edwin Willits reference collection

Date [inclusive]
1882-2007

Extent
0.2 Linear feet 1 halfsize archive box

Language
English

Abstract
The Edwin Willits papers document the seventh president at Michigan State Normal College, who served from 1883 to 1885. His papers include such materials as biographies, clippings, and a copy of his Baccalaureate address.

Preferred Citation note
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Biographical Note

Edwin Willits was born on April 24, 1830 in Otto, Cattaragus County, New York; his family relocated to Michigan in 1836. Willits attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, graduating in 1855. Willits settled in Monroe, Michigan, where he served as the editor of the Monroe Commercial from 1856 to 1861; he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1857, serving as Monroe County prosecuting attorney from 1860 through 1872. President Lincoln appointed Willits as Postmaster of Monroe in 1863, a position he held through the administration of President Andrew Johnson, in 1866. Willits was a member of the Republican party and was elected to the forty-fifth, forty-sixth, and forty-seventh Congresses (1877 through 1883). Willits was appointed as the President of Michigan State Normal College in 1883, a position he held through 1885, when he became the President of the Michigan Agricultural College (later Michigan State University), where he remained through 1889. Willits died in Washington D.C. on October 22, 1896.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2013 February 14

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

For more information on Edward Willits, please see the Biographical and Photograph files in the University Archives file collection; see also the Presidential Correspondence records.
Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- College presidents
- Michigan State Normal College
## Collection Inventory

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