

# **Bent-McKinley Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Mercantile
<b>Title</b>	M261: Bent-McKinley Collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1800-1961
<b>Extent</b>	4.5 Linear feet
<b>Location note</b>	Archives
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The collection focuses on three individuals: Silas Bent [Junior] (1768-1827), Silas Bent [III] (1820-1887), and Crittenden McKinley. The collection of Silas Bent [Junior] includes correspondence and ephemera. The topics covered are mainly concerning Bent's various appointments throughout his career. The collection of Silas Bent [III] includes correspondence, books, a scrapbook, ephemera, a sword, and bonds. The topics covered are mainly concerning his military and insurance career. The Crittenden McKinley collection includes a scrapbook and some photographs. McKinley was married to Bent's [III] daughter, Lucy.</p>

### Preferred Citation note

The preferred citation for this collection is "From the collections of the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri - St. Louis."

## Scope and Contents note

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The Bent-McKinley Collection consists of the papers of Silas Bent (1768-1827) [ *hereafter referred to as "Silas Bent [Junior]" to distinguish him from his father, Silas Bent (1744-1818), and a son Silas Bent (1820-1887)*], Silas Bent (1820-1887) [ *hereafter referred to as "Silas Bent [III]" to distinguish him from his grandfather, Silas Bent (1768-1827), father, Silas Bent [Junior], and his son, Silas Bent (1882-1945)*], and Crittenden McKinley (1854-).

Silas Bent's [Junior] papers mainly consist of professional correspondences concerning his first employment position and continue until his death. Included are many warrants for his various appointments.

Silas Bent's [III] collection consists mainly of his professional correspondences, clippings related to ship travel, a scrapbook, a large collection of bonds, and books either created by or received during his lifetime. Also included in the collection is Bent's personal military service sword. Both his military career and his insurance career are well represented.

The Crittenden McKinley papers consist of some photographs and a scrapbook.

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## Arrangement note

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This collection has been arranged into four series: 1) Silas Bent [Junior] papers; 2) Silas Bent [III] collection; 3) Crittenden McKinley papers; and 4) Miscellaneous.

Most of the correspondences are bound within books. Any loose correspondences are arranged according to the original order rather than chronologically. Some of the correspondences have been described to the item level. All other items have been arranged according to the original order.

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### Conditions Governing Access note

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials note

Two volumes of *Three years of arctic service* by A. W. Greely (1886) were added to the Thomas Jefferson Library collection and placed in the rare book vault. [Note: catalog information was not available at the time this finding aid was created.]

*Two years before the mast: a personal narrative of life at sea* by Richard Dana (1864) was added to the Thomas Jefferson Library collection and placed in the rare book vault. The catalog number is G540 .D2 1864.

*Narrative of the expedition of an American squadron to the China seas and Japan: performed in the years 1852, 1853, and 1854, under the command of Commodore M.C. Perry.* Compiled from the original notes and journals of Commodore Perry and his officers (1856), and inscribed on the title page "Lieut. Silas Bent, U S Navy, With the kind regards, of, M. C. Perry," was added to the Thomas Jefferson Library collection and placed in the rare book vault. The catalog number is DS809 .P45 1856.

Silas Bent's [III] military sword, with him when he visited Japan with Commodore Perry in 1852, is located in the office of the Director of the Mercantile Library's office.

## Collection Inventory

### 01 Silas Bent [Junior] papers 1.0 Linear feet

#### Scope and Contents note

The Silas Bent [Junior] papers consist mainly of a letterbook (disbound to protect each letter from further damage) with correspondences relating to his career as a surveyor supervisor for the Louisiana territory, and eventual law career. Bent's law career includes first being assigned to a St. Louis judgeship then eventually becoming a Missouri Supreme Court judge.

#### Silas Bent [Junior] biography

Silas Bent was born on May 16, 1768, in Rutland, Massachusetts. He was the son of Silas Bent (1744-1818) and Mary Carter (1747-1831). Bent studied law with Philip Dodridge in Wheeling, West Virginia, before securing a job in 1800 as a census taker. His next job was postmaster for the Brooke Courthouse, Virginia, and occurred in 1802. From there, Bent went to Ohio where he earned a patent for an improved water wheel.(1) Under Rufus Putnam, Bent became a deputy surveyor in 1803. In 1804 he was appointed an Associate Judge of Washington County, Ohio. A year later, Bent was appointed to become the "Principle Deputy Surveyor of Louisiana" as he lacked the corrupt, inside political connections of the other candidates already in the region.(2) After arriving in Saint Louis in 1807, Bent was appointed the "first judge of court of common pleas."(3) While signing the charter for Saint Louis in 1809, Bent also became the "presiding judge of St. Louis Court of Common Pleas."(1) In 1811 Bent became a "Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas, and Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the District of St. Louis." He later became a Supreme Court Judge of the Missouri Territories from 1813 until Missouri's annexation into the union in 1821.(1) Bent died in 1821.

Silas Bent married Martha Kerr (1778-1833) of Virginia, and they had 11 children: Charles (1799-1847), Juliannah (1801-1820), John (1803-1845), Lucy (1805-1871), Dorcas (1807-1888), William W. (1809-1869), Mary (1811-1866), George (1814-1846), Robert (1816-1841), Edward (1818-1824), Silas (1820-1887).

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1. The Bent family in America : being mainly a genealogy of the descendants of John Bent who settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1638, with notes upon the family in England and elsewhere. By Allen H. Bent. Boston, Printed by D. Clapp & Son, 1900.
2. History of Missouri. by David D. March. Lewis Historical Pub. Co., 1967.
3. Encyclopedia of the History of St. Louis : a compendium of history and biography for ready reference. by William Hyde and Howard L. Conrad (eds). The Southern History Co., 1899.

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001 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from George [Stani?]. 1800-07-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Contains a forwarded letter from Edward Smith, Esq., asking if Silas Bent [Junior] will accept the position of census taker. A reply is requested.

002 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Abraham Bradley. 1802-01-18 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A letter of appreciation from the Junior Assistant Postmaster General (Abraham Bradley) to Silas Bent for sending in monies.

003 Patent grant to Silas Bent [Junior] from the United States Patent Office. 1803-03-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Patent granted for an improved water-powered wheel. Includes a foldout of the mechanism.

004 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Rufus Putnam. undated 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

A letter to Silas Bent from the Surveyor General, Rufus Putnam, giving permission to swear in deputy surveyors.

005 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Edward Tiffin and William Creighton. Sworn statement by Silas Bent [Junior] witnessed by D. Loring. 1804-04-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Front: Official letter from Edward Tiffin, Governor of Ohio, and William Creighton, Secretary of State of Ohio, appointing Silas Bent [Junior] as Associate Judge of Washington County in place of Joseph Buell. Back: Swearing in of Silas Bent [Junior] by Daniel Loring, Justice of the Peace.

006 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Edward Tiffin. 1804-02-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Mentions that an official commission is being sent to Silas Bent [Junior] appointing him an "Associate Judge."

007 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Jared Mansfield. 1805-07-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Relates to Naheem(?) Bent (brother?) desiring to form a new district in the Indiana territories.

008 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Martin Baum. 1806-01-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Receipt of 10 shares into the Miami Exporting Company.



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009 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from [J?] Hunters. 1806-02-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A request for Silas Bent [Junior] to purchase subscription books.

010 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Jared Mansfield. 1806-07-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A request for Silas Bent [Junior] to come to Cincinnati.

011 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Jared Mansfield. 1806-08-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A third request from Jared Mansfield for Silas Bent [Junior] to travel to St. Louis.

012 Correspondence to Thomas Oliver from Jesse Hunt. 1806-08-10 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence hand-delivered by Silas Bent [Junior]. A request for Thomas Oliver to help Silas Bent [Junior] get started at his new job, as well as help Silas Bent [Junior] and his family settle in St. Louis.

013 Two conjoined letters: Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior], joined to a correspondence without an addressee, addresser, or date. 1806-09-22 2.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Letter 1: A copy of a letter sent to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior] noting the difficulties in obtaining record books, papers, and plats from the St. Louis commissioners. Letter 2: Appears to be a

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letter to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior] noting the vast size and extra time needed to survey the territory. Silas Bent [Junior] request more personnel to assist in the process. Also notes how his office has executed its duties to that point in time.

014 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1806-09-28 1.0 letter.

**General note**

States "Copy No.2" on verso.

**Abstract**

A general report to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior] noting that nothing significant has occurred since his last correspondence except the arrival of the Lewis and Clark expedition back from their voyage to the Pacific.

015 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1806-10-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A draft letter states that Silas Bent [Junior] has examined "the books" and has found numerous errors and alterations in them. He also notes that some of the transgressors are planning on higher political office.

016 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1806-10-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Draft letter notes that James Rankin had originally done the [territorial] surveys. Also notes that commissioner Donaldson is travelling to Washington with Governor Wilkinson's wife to discuss his own duties as a commissioner or the "impuned" judges, Lucas and Meigs, as commissioners.

017 Correspondence to E. Baihur from Silas Bent [Junior] and to the Surveyor General from Silas Bent [Junior] 1806 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

Two correspondences on one letter. Recto: to E. Baihur from Silas Bent [Junior] on 1806-12-19. The letter supports Baihur's land deed claim. Verso: to Surveyor General [Jared Mansfield] from Silas Bent [Junior] on 1806-12-22. A criticism of the Louisiana territory surveyor's work.

018 Correspondence to Surveyor General from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1806-12-09 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Jared Mansfield, the Surveyor General, noting that surveyors are requesting fees for service. Also mentions the health of "Mis Bent Juliana."

019 Correspondence to Surveyor General from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1807-01-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Jared Mansfield, the Surveyor General, asking for payment of services to survey remote lands, and W. Gallatin assisting Clark and Lewis with assisting with hostilities toward the United States government over property services.

020 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Leonard Jewitt. 1807-01-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Inquiring about Silas Bent [Junior]'s arrival in St. Louis. Also mentions Jewitt's political activities.

021 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1807-02 1.0 letter.

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Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Jared Mansfield, the Surveyor General, asking that Colonel Rufus Easton be given a position to survey the Indiana Territory so that immigrating friends and family, may find land to establish themselves.

022 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from E. Barkus. 1807-02-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from E. Barkus to Silas Bent [Junior] granting a stipend of \$500.00 per year for Bent's services.

023 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1807-06-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Letter states the appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "1st Justice of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and first Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the District of Saint Louis."

024 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1807-08-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Letter notes the appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "first judge of the Court of Common Pleas and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the District of Saint Louis."

025 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from M. S. 1808-05-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A request for the Missouri Bottom grant originally given to James Hart by Zenon Trudeau and surveyed by Antoine Soulard in 1798.

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026 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Jared Mansfield. 1808-09-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Jared Mansfield, the Surveyor General, to Silas Bent [Junior] mentioning Bent's illness. Despite the illness, Mansfield request that Bent and his assistant survey "the whole of Range 2 East."

027 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Meriwether Lewis. 1808-11-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Letter notes the appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "Auditor of Public Accounts for the District of Saint Louis."

028 Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to [?]. 1808-02-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Recommendations for W. H. Elliot and W. Sarm. Perry for deputy surveyor positions.

029 Page from "The revised ordinances of the city of Saint Louis." 1871 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Page 60. Mentions Silas Bent [Junior]'s role in incorporating Saint Louis.

030 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1810-02-04 1.0 letter.

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Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Jared Mansfield, the Surveyor General, noting enclosed completed surveys, and the narratives of various agents.

031 Draft correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior]? to [?]. 1810-02-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Appears to be to Jared Mansfield. References the correspondence from 1810-02-04.

032 Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1810-05-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a letter recording financial transactions for surveying.

033 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from M. P. Leduc. 1810-10-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Marie P. Leduc.

034 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from M. P. Leduc. 1810-10-15 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A partial correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Marie P. Leduc about land parcels.

035 Correspondence to the Surveyor General from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1810-11-12 1.0 letter.

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A copy of a correspondence to Jared Mansfield, Surveyor General, from Silas Bent [Junior].

036 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1811-01-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Frederick Bates to Silas Bent [Junior] commissioning Bent to become an "Auditor of territorial [?]."

037 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1811-01-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

An appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "Auditor of territorial Accounts."

038 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Benjamin Howard. 1811-09-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

An appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas, and Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the District of St. Louis." Also signed by Frederick Bates.

039 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1812-01-30 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A draft correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Jared Mansfield, Surveyor General, noting that various documents were sent to Mansfield, and that Bent received many vague request from a "Board of commissioners" to survey land. Bent assigned a deputy surveyor, Mr. Russell, to complete the task. He also mentions a dispute between Mr. Soulard and Judge Lucas over a plat.

040 Correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1812-01-30 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

A draft correspondence to Jared Mansfield from Silas Bent [Junior] outlining the dispute with the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Soulard, and Judge Lucas. He notes that Mr. Russell has been assisting Bent on trying to fulfill the request of the Board.

041 Correspondence to ? from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1812-08-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] with recommendations for appointments of surveyors.

042 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1813-02-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting is too difficult to read.

043 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from James Monroe. 1813-02-27 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Appointment of Silas Bent [Junior] as "Judge of the Missouri Territory."

044 Written oath. 1813-06-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A written oath by Silas Bent [Junior] for judge of the Missouri Territory. Also contains a written witness statement by Frederick Bates.



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045 Draft correspondence to J. Meigs from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1813-06-22 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Draft correspondence to Josiah Meigs, Surveyor General, from Silas Bent [Junior].

046 Draft (2nd) correspondence to Josiah Meigs from Silas Bent [Junior]. 1813-06-22 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Silas Bent [Junior] to Josiah Meigs, the Surveyor General, discussing a backlog of lands claims in need of surveying. Meigs also notes that a change of the Secretary of the Treasury will impact surveying payment.

047 Testimonial by James Russell. 1827-11-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Testimonial by James Russell that Martha and John Bent are to administer two tracts of land for the educational benefit of George, Robert, and Silas [III].

048 Sworn statement by Silas Bent [Junior]. 1827-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Transfer of ownership of Julie, a slave, to Silas Bent [Junior].

049 "Courses and distances of the lines of S Bent survey." 1.0 letter.

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A hand written note titled "Courses and distances of the lines of S Bent survey" details the coordinates of Silas Bent's tract.

050 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from James Barry. 1807-12-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Transfer of property ownership from James Barry to Silas Bent [Junior]

051 Correspondence to John Scott from Josiah Meigs. 1817-02-07 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence to John Scott, Missouri Rector Surveyor General, from Josiah Meigs about a granted patent application. Letter was then likely forwarded to Silas Bent [Junior] by John Scott.

052 Scrap piece of paper. undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Writing is incomplete. Notes that the author's name might be associated with [illegible].

053 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from E. Hempstead. 1814-02-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The letter discusses various recommendations of personnel. Many of the names are illegible.

054 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Frederick Bates. 1814-05-28 1.0 letter.

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Correspondence from Frederick Bates to Silas Bent [Junior] that Governor Clark reported the murder of "one or more of the white inhabitants" of the Missouri territory by the Osage Indians and notes that Bent will have accommodations ready for him.

055 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] P. Bucher. 1814-12-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from P. Bucher to Silas Bent [Junior] apologizing for missing an appointment and noting that his health is much better.

056 Two conjoined correspondences to Silas Bent [Junior]. 1817-1819 2.0 letter.

56A Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from John Bent. 1817-05-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from John Bent to Silas Bent [Junior] noting that he might come home [from school?], whether he should quit Latin, but considers science important, and details his latest expenses.

56B Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Lilburn W. Boggs. 1819-08-04 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Lilburn W. Boggs to Silas Bent [Junior] about a desire for Mary to return to Saint Louis and their potential travel in September.

057 Invitation from The University Club. 1959-04-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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An announcement of upcoming dance dates.

058 Correspondence from William Clark. 1817-03-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

An affirmation that Silas Bent [Junior] took an oath to become a "Superior Judge" of the Missouri territory. No specific addressee noted.

059 2 pages out of a ledger. undated 2.0 letter.

060 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from James Madison. 1817-01-21 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A proclamation by James Madison declaring Silas Bent [Junior] a judge over Missouri. Also signed by James Monroe.

061 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Wm H. Crawford. 1819-04-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from William H. Crawford.

062 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from Lilburn W. Boggs. 1820-06-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Lilburn W. Boggs to Silas Bent [Junior] noting that Julia and the child have recovered. Boggs also mentions a conversation with Gene Smith about the state Governor's office and noting that Bent was offered an appointment as Treasurer.

**Silas Bent [III] papers**

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063 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from David Barton. 1825-02-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from David Barton to Silas Bent [Junior] that McRee has been appointment Surveyor General. Barton also discusses the upcoming Presidential election.

064 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from David Putnam. 1825-12-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from David Putnam to Silas Bent [Junior] relating to [?] [Hirans Chamberlin]'s passage to Saint Louis and his qualifications.

065 Correspondence to Silas Bent [Junior] from [?]. 1826-01-04 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Receipt for tuition payment.

071 Binder for Silas Bent [Junior] correspondences (items 1-70). 1.0 Binder

**Silas Bent [III] papers 1842-1975 (Bulk, 1842-1884) 2.0 Linear feet****Separated Materials note**

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**Silas Bent [III] biography**

Silas Bent was born in 1820 in St. Louis and died in Shelter Island, Long Island, in 1887. The son of Silas Bent (1768-1827) and Martha Kerr (1778-1833), he went into the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1836. Bent rose up through the ranks from midshipman (1836) to master (1849), to become a lieutenant in 1849.<sup>(1)</sup> He journeyed to Japan with Commodore Matthew C. Perry in 1852. He left the military in 1861, due to the Civil War, and went back to Saint Louis where he took a position with the Saint Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company.<sup>(1)</sup> In 1872, Bent published "Gateways to the Pole." Because of an error, Bent's resignation was never processed and he rejoined the Navy in 1881. Bent was also a member of the Board of Freeholders of Saint Louis.

Silas Bent married Ann Eliza Taylor and had 2 children: Mary Lawrence, Lucy (1860-).

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066 "Notice to mariners of icebergs in the south Atlantic Ocean." undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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Pages 3 and 4 from an unknown source.

067 "Notice to mariners of ice in the south Atlantic, 1869-70." undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Pages 1 and 2 from an unknown source.

068 "Notice to mariners of icebergs in south Atlantic Ocean." undated 1.0 letter.

069 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Craik. 1869-10-29 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from James Craik to Silas Bent [III] noting a survey, under the command of Colonel Kellogg, travelling to the "Northern limits" and presenting a chance to test Silas Bent's [III] theories.

070 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Henry Overstolz. 187? 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A duplicate note from Henry Overstolz, mayor of Saint Louis (1876-1881), to Silas Bent [III] titled "special order II" notes that John W. Noble has resigned from the Committee of Safety and asking Bent to fill the vacancy.

072 Letterbook of Silas Bent [III]. 1820-1975 (Bulk, 1820-1887) 1.0 letterbook

**Abstract**

A scrapbook of correspondences collected by Silas Bent [III].

## Box 1

072-001 Appointment as "Passed midshipman." 1842-07-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A vellum warrant appointing Silas Bent [III] a "Passed midshipman" in the Navy of the United States. Signed by President John Tyler and Secretary of the Navy, Abel P. Upshur.

072-002 Correspondence to Mrs. C. Carr, Esq., from L. F. Linn. 1836-07-04 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence contains a promise to aid Silas Bent [III] and mentions the delivery of papers.

072-003 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Mahlon Dickerson. 1836-07-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A letter from the Navy Department and signed by Dickerson. Handwriting difficult to read.

072-004 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. Dickerson. 1836-09-03 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A letter from Mahlon Dickerson asking Silas Bent [III] to travel to Florida and join with Commodore A. [Alexander] J. Dallas of the West India Squadron.

072-005 Correspondence to M. Dickerson from M. P. Mit (Commander). 1837-05-12 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**



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A copy of a recommendation from M. P. Mit to Mahlon Dickerson that Silas Bent [III] has performed well while serving aboard the U. S. frigate, Constellation, and should be promoted to midshipman.

072-006 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. J. Dallas. 1837-07-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A letter from Alexander J. Dallas praising Silas Bent [III] for his performance as acting midshipman.

072-007 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. Dickerson. 1837-09-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A warrant promoting Silas Bent [III] to midshipman signed by Mahlon Dickerson.

072-008 Warrant of promotion to midshipman. 1837-09-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A vellum warrant promoting Silas Bent [III] to midshipman.

072-009 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. McIntosh. 1838-03-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from M. McIntosh (flag lieutenant) requesting Silas Bent [III] report to the U. S. ship, St. Louis.

072-010 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. J. Dallas. 1838-03-15 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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A correspondence from Alexander J. Dallas praising Silas Bent's [III] performance. He also wishes Bent well on his upcoming exam.

072-011 Correspondence to the Board of Examiners from Tho. Paine. 1838-05-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence from Commander Thomas Paine praising Silas Bent's [III] performance aboard the U.S. St. Louis.

072-012 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. McIntosh. 1838-09-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from M. McIntosh, flag captain, asking Silas Bent [III] to report to the U. S. frigate, Constellation.

072-013 Dates of events from 1836-1846. 1838 1.0 letter.

072-014 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Benjamin Page. 1838-09-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence praising Silas Bent's [III] performance aboard the U.S. Natches.

072-015 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. McIntosh. 1838-10-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence praising Silas Bent's [III] performance aboard the U. S. Constellation.

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072-016 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from [?]. 1838-11-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence permitting Silas Bent [III] one week for a leave of absence.

072-017 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. K. Paulding. 1838-11-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from James K. Paulding permitting Silas Bent [III] to attend the naval school in New York.

072-018 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from [Chief Niaqly?]. 1838-11-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence requesting Silas Bent [III] to report to Commander Stringham for performing well at the naval school.

072-019 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. K. Paulding. 1839-01-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence from James K. Paulding asking Silas Bent [III] to report to Commander Warrington for duty aboard the U. S. frigate, Constitution.

072-020 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Dan Turner. 1844-10-30 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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A correspondence from Captain Dan Turner praising Silas Bent [III] for his performance aboard the U. S. Constitution.

072-021 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1841-11-04 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur permitting Silas Bent [III] to report to Commander James Biddle at the naval school of Philadelphia.

072-022 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-05-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur acknowledging the receipt of two copies of a letter sent to Silas Bent [III].

072-023 Correspondence to the U. S. Naval School from J. Meiere. 1842-06-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence praising Silas Bent [III] for his completion of a Spanish language class.

072-024 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-06-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur requesting Silas Bent [III] to attend an exam on the 13th.

072-025 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Barron. 1842-06-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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A correspondence acknowledging that Silas Bent [III] passed his classes and no longer needs to attend school.

072-026 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-07-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence sent from Abel P. Upshur with a warrant promoting Silas Bent [III] to "Passed midshipman."

072-027 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-07-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur granting Silas Bent [III] a leave of absence for three months.

072-028 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-09-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur denying Silas Bent [III] his request for a further leave of absence.

072-029 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1842-10-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur acknowledging a request to travel to New Orleans.

072-030 A scrap piece of paper with writing. undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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Written on paper, "detached from Stove Ship Erie & ordered to Receiving Ship Experiment at Phila Jany 1843".

072-031 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.P. Upshur. 1843-01-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Abel P. Upshur asking Silas Bent [III] to proceed to Philadelphia and report to Commodore Read onboard the receiving vessel.

072-032 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. Tho. Smith. 1843-05-09 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence requesting Silas Bent [III] to report to Commodore Read for coastal survey duty under Lieutenant George S. Blake.

072-033 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from David Crenshaw. 1843-08-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from David Crenshaw appointing Silas Bent [III] as acting Master of the U. S. schooner Gallatin and reporting to Lieutenant Commander George S. Blake.

072-034 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Geo. S. Blake. undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from George S. Blake. Handwriting too difficult to read.

072-035 Paper describing Silas Bent's [III] naval service between 1836 and 1846. undated 1.0 letter.

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072-036 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Geo. S. Blake. 1844-02-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from George S. Blake approving Silas Bent [III] his one-week leave of absence.

072-037 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from G. Bancroft. 1845-06-18 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from G. Bancroft approving Silas Bent [III] his three months' leave of absence.

072-038 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.O. Dayton. 1844-07-31 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence denying Silas Bent [III] a pay increase for work done at a higher grade level. Letter was loose in book.

072-039 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from John Nelson. 1844-07-31 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from John Nelson, United States Attorney General, to Silas Bent [III]. Handwriting is too difficult to read. Letter was loose in book.

072-040 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.D. [Bauer?]. 1860-06-12 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting too difficult to read. Loose in letterbook.

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072-041 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from G.S. Blake. 1845-12-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from George S. Blake to Silas Bent [III]. Handwriting difficult to read. May be discussing both military service and oceanic observations. Loose in book.

072-042 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Geo. S. Blake. 1845-06-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from George S. Blake granting Silas Bent [III] permission to leave the Gallatin.

072-043 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Geo. S. Blake. 1846-01-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting partly illegible. Mentions George S. Blake's traveling to survey the Texas coast. Also, there are many references to Mr. [G.] Bancroft.

072-044 Two letters adhered to each other. 2.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Two letters, loose in the book, and adhered to each other.

072-044A Correspondence to A. M. McBlair from the Treasury Department. 1885-09-24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**



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A correspondence from the Fourth Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department to A. M. McBlair notifying that [?] is getting three months back pay due to a claim that he is deceased.

072-044B Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. M. McBlair. 1885-10-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence asking Silas Bent [III] to find out if Mrs. William Smith ever received her deceased husband's three months of pay.

072-045 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from G. Bancroft. 1846-07-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence asking Silas Bent [III] to proceed to New York and report to Captain Stringham on board Preble. Letter loose in book.

072-046 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.R. Barny. 1846-09-19 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Judge Advocate General A. R. Barny requesting that Silas Bent [III] proceed to the U.S. ship North Carolina to testify in Lieutenant Hinry S. Chipman's court martial. Signed by John Y. Mason.

072-047 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.O. Dayton. 1846-08-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence relates to a lack of extra pay for Silas Bent [III] for having been Master of the Gallatin.

072-048 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.O. Dayton. 1846-07-11 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

A correspondence from A. Dayton noting that a requested account transfer for Silas Bent [III] has been completed. Letter loose in book.

072-049 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.O. Dayton. 1851-01-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from A. O. Dayton making sure that Silas Bent's [III] accounts are accurate. Letter loose in book.

072-050 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.O. Dayton. 1851-04-04 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence noting a payment for Silas Bent's [III] leave, and also noting that pay for a court martial has not been paid out.

072-051 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from David Geisinger. 1848-10-07 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from David Geisinger, commanding the United States East Indies squadron, appointing Silas Bent [III] an acting Lieutenant on the Preble. Geisinger also notes that Bent, as Acting Master, is to continue those duties as well.

072-052 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from John Y. Mason. 1849-02-27 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence appointing Silas Bent [III] to Master in the Navy.

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072-053 Envelope: "Resignation papers." 1861-1881 1.0 envelope

**Abstract**

Contains 11 correspondences.

072-053A Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. [D.?] Baum. 1861-05-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting too difficult to read.

072-053B Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. [D.] Baum. 1860-01-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting too difficult to read.

072-053C Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Gideon Welles. 1861-05-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence from Gideon Welles noting the resignation of Silas Bent [III].

072-053D Correspondence to Abraham Lincoln from Silas Bent [III]. 1861-04-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A submission by Silas Bent [III] to Abraham Lincoln of Bent's resignation from the Navy.

072-053E Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Frank Chaford. 1879-04-07 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

A correspondence from Frank Chaford seeking an appointment about a claim. Letterhead states, "Office of Receivers of the Saint Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company, Granite Block, 404 Market St." Also, printed in the upper-left corner, "Silas Bent, Chair'n. Wm. Spear, Fred. von Phul. }receivers, W. C. Bean, Secy."

072-053F Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J.M. Bradshaw. 18??-03-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting too difficult to read.

072-053G Correspondence to Rutherford B. Hayes from Silas Bent [III]. 1881-01-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence noting Silas Bent's [III] resignation of 1861-04-25, and that it "was never acted upon" so Silas Bent [III] is withdrawing the resignation.

072-053H Correspondence to A.D. Bache from Silas Bent [III] 1861-04-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Silas Bent [III] informing A. D. Bache of Bent's resignation and asking him to forward the letter to the President.

072-053I Correspondence to Abraham Lincoln from Silas Bent [III]. 1861-04-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Abraham Lincoln from Silas Bent [III] stating his resignation from the Navy.

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072-053J Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Gideon Welles. 1861-05-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence noting Silas Bent's [III] resignation and stating that he's no longer on the "rolls."

072-053K Correspondence to Nathan Goff, Jr. from Silas Bent [III]. 1881-01-15 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence notes the resignation of Silas Bent [III], and that a change in the law withdrew that resignation and now awaits orders.

072-054 Warrant promotion to Lieutenant. 1849-04-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A warrant appointing Silas Bent [III] as a Lieutenant in the Navy. Signed by Zachary Taylor, William Ballard Preston (Secretary of the Navy), and L. B. Hardin.

072-055 Warrant promotion to Master. 1849-02-22 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A warrant from James K. Polk appointing Silas Bent [III] as a Master of the Navy. Also signed by John Y. Mason, Secretary of the Navy.

072-056 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Wm. Ballard Preston. 1849-08-06 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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A correspondence from William Ballard Preston noting the enclosure of Silas Bent's [III] commission as Lieutenant from 1849-08-04.

072-057 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Wm. Ballard Preston. 1850-03-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from William Ballard Preston notes the enclosure of Silas Bent's [III] commission as Lieutenant from 1850-02-28.

072-058 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Tho. ap C. Jones. 1850-05-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Thomas ap Catsby Jones, commander of the United States Naval Pacific squadron, requesting Silas Bent [III] to report to Commander James Glynn as a member of the Naval [?] Court Martial aboard the U. S. sloop, Falmouth, on 1850-05-23.

072-059 Correspondence to Tho. ap C. Jones from Silas Bent [III]. 1850-06-29 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A request from Silas Bent [III] to Thomas ap Catsby Jones to return home aboard the Preble. Letter forwarded by James [Glynn?]. A response by Jones says the request cannot be granted.

072-060 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from C.S. McCauley. 1850-07-09 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence from Charles S. McCauley to Silas Bent [III] denying a request to return home aboard the U. S. Savannah via the Isthmus.

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072-061 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from W.P. McArthur. 1850-10-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting somewhat illegible. Correspondence from William P. McArthur seems to be a request for an item from Silas Bent [III].

072-062 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1851-01-15 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn, commander of the Preble, praising Bent and expressing pleasure at their friendship.

072-063 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Will. A. Graham. 1851-01-03 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from William A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy, to Silas Bent [III] granting permission for a three-month leave of absence. A note at the bottom displays that Silas Bent [III] served aboard the Preble for 4.5 years under Commander W. Phillas, then under Commander James Glynn.

072-064 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Will. A. Graham. 1851-03-03 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from William A. Graham to Silas Bent [III] granting permission for a one-year leave of absence. A note at the bottom of the letter states that Bent went abroad with Thomas ap Catsby Jones and [?].

072-065 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Will. A. Graham. 1851-03-05 1.0 letter.

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**Abstract**

A triplicate copy of a correspondence from William A. Graham to Silas Bent [III], also sent to [Barring?] Brothers & co., requesting that Bent receive an allowance of \$100 per month for one year.

072-066 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Will. A. Graham. 1852-02-10 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from William A. Graham to Silas Bent [III] granting a request for a three-month extension to Bent's leave of absence beginning April first. Note on the correspondence states that Thomas ap Catsby Jones was shot as a spectator and Bent's leave request is to care for Jones.

072-067 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from John P. Kennedy. 1852-09-21 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from John P. Kennedy (Secretary of the Navy) to Silas Bent [III] ordering Bent to travel to Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry on the U. S. steam frigate, Mississippi.

072-068 Correspondence to Commodore M. C. Perry from Silas Bent [III]. 1853-06-27 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry requesting Bent to survey the Japanese harbor.

072-069 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M. C. Perry. 1854-03-18 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**



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Correspondence from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry to Silas Bent [III] requesting Bent report to Commander John Pope, to commence with the survey of the Japanese harbor.

072-070 Correspondence to [?] from Tho. U. Seymour. 18??-10-27 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Thomas U. Seymour to Silas Bent [III] relates to a proposal to build railroads in Russia.

072-071 Correspondence to Colonel Galt from Tho. U. Seymour. 1855-10-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Three letters written on one page: 1) Main correspondence from Thomas U. Seymour to Colonel Galt that a Mr. Shaffner will be visiting Galt to talk business. 2) Note from Silas Bent [III] to Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry reporting on his trip to Russia. 3) Note from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry to Silas Bent [III] asking Bent to act as proxy for Perry in meeting with Seymour in St. Petersburg.

072-072 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M.C. Perry. 1854-01-03 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry to Silas Bent [III] appointing Bent to Flag Lieutenant to the East India squadron. Bent must report to Captain McClunney aboard the Powhatan.

072-073 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J.C. Dobbin. 1855-01-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from James C. Dobbin acknowledging Silas Bent's [III] presence in New York for new orders. Note at bottom: Bent recounts his route from Japan to New York.

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072-074 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M.C. Perry. 1855-03-13 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence notes that Matthew Calbraith Perry has communicated with the department to have Silas Bent [III] report to him. Perry notes that he has also been sick for three weeks.

072-075 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J.C. Dobbin. 1855-03-19 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from James C. Dobbin requesting Silas Bent [III] report to Matthew Calbraith Perry in New York to help with the report about the mission to Japan.

072-076 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.W. Barke. 1856-01-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting too difficult to read.

072-077 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from G.A. [Danib?]. 1856-01-30 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from G. A. [Danib?] to Silas Bent [III] congratulating and encouraging Bent on his scientific investigations.

072-078 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.W. Barke. 18??-12-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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072-079 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A.W. Barke. 1856-01-07 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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072-080 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Cha. N. Welsh. 1856-09-22 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Charles N. Welsh to Silas Bent [III] granting a leave of absence for two weeks.

072-081 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M.C. Perry. 1857-02-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Matthew Calbraith Perry to Silas Bent [III] relates to various Navy happenings.

072-082 Correspondence to J. C. Dobbin from M.C. Perry. 1857-01-14 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Copy of a correspondence from Matthew Calbraith Perry to James C. Dobbin (Secretary of the Navy) praising Silas Bent's [III] service and making the case to Dobbin that Bent is "well deserving of any favor the department may be pleased to confer upon him."

072-083 Correspondence To Silas Bent [III] from J.C. Dobbin. 1857-01-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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Correspondence from James C. Dobbin to Silas Bent [III] detaching Bent from Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry and granting a 12 month furlough.

072-084 Correspondence to James Glynn and John DeCamp from Silas Bent [III]. 1857-14-05 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Copy of a correspondence from Silas Bent [III] to James Glynn and John DeCamp written to explain the reconciliation of a misunderstanding between Glynn and DeCamp.

072-085 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from W. [?]. 1857-12-11 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from W. [?] to Silas Bent [III] noting Bent's appointment to a position of [?].

072-086 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from [?]. 1857-11-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence is a request for Silas Bent [III] to attend a "Naval Court of Inquiry" concerning James Glynn. Notes at the top of the letter the stated cost of travel and is signed by Fred K. Koones, clerk for Albert Greenleaf. Also signed by Isaac Toucey.

072-087 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. Greanleaf. 1857-12-18 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence from Albert Greanleaf to Silas Bent [III] about sending a check to cover Bent's travel expenses for the Glynn inquiry.

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072-088 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from M.C. Perry. 1857-11-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Handwriting is mostly illegible. The correspondence from Matthew Calbraith Perry seems to appear to be apologizing for not communicating with Silas Bent [III] more often.

072-089 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from [?]. 1857-11-27 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A request for Silas Bent [III] to attend the "Naval Court of Inquiry" concerning "George A. Stevens late." Also signed by Isaac Toucey.

072-090 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-01-22 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn describing various personal and political events.

072-091 Correspondence to Stephen A. Douglas from Silas Bent [III]. 1858-01-12 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Copy of a correspondence to Stephen A. Douglas from Silas Bent [III] requesting an extension of a furlough because of marriage.

072-092 Correspondence to I. Toucey from Silas Bent [III]. 1858-01-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

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A request from Silas Bent [III] to Isaac Toucey, Secretary of the Navy, for a one-year extension to a furlough begun on 1857-01-16.

072-093 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from S.A. Douglas. 1858-01-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence from Stephan A. Douglas to Silas Bent [III] relates to a meeting between Douglas and Isaac Toucey discussing Silas Bent's [III] request for a furlough extension. Toucey orally grants the extension.

072-094 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from I. Toucey. 1858-04-30 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Isaac Toucey, Secretary of the Navy, officially granting Bent a furlough extension through 1859-05-30.

072-095 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-07-02 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mainly relates to Glynn's desire to command a ship again.

072-096 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-07-15 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mentioning Bent's sailing from Key West, and a discussion of British versus American ships.

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072-097 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-09-28 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn generally notes possible assistance to Bent.

072-098 Newsletter: "Balson's Reports: Investment and barometer letter." 1975-06-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

Volume 66, number 25 of "Balson's Reports: Investment and barometer letter."

072-099 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-09-09 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn containing a general discussion of various happenings in the Navy.

072-100 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1858-09-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn congratulating Bent on the birth of his daughter.

072-101 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1858-09-25 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn discussing the help Glynn can give in reuniting Bent and his wife.

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072-102 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1859-05-09 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn reporting that Levy is ill.

072-103 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1858-09-23 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mostly relates to the assistance Glynn gave Mrs. Bent to travel to Europe.

072-104 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-10-19 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mostly relates to Mrs. Bent travelling. Glynn also mentions some Navy happenings.

072-105 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mostly relates to Glynn's disappointment that Bent had not received many of his previous letters. The letter also contains some updates regarding Mrs. Bent.

072-106 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-11-19 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**



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072-107 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1859-02-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A partly illegible correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn discussing the reuniting of Bent with his family, and missions to Syria, Constantinople, and Bermuda. Also contains quite a bit of information about Jinny Matson.

072-108 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1859-04-03 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mostly relates to Glynn's uncertainty about the future.

072-109 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from I. Toucey. 1858-04-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Isaac Toucey relating to Bent's request to proceed to New York and report to Commodore Kearny aboard the U. S. steam frigate, Wabash.

072-110 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from I. Toucey. 1858-04-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence is a duplicate request, with minor variations, to the item in M-261-1-72-109; relates to Bent's request to proceed to New York and report to Commodore Kearny aboard the U. S. steam frigate, Wabash. A note at the bottom by Bent stating that he had left 1858-05-20. Another note on the verso from John Hardy noting a payment of travel expenses.

## Box 1

072-111 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Cha. W. Welsh. 1858-04-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Charles W. Welsh relates to a request for Bent to not resign.

072-112 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from [?]. 1857-10-01 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence relates to a summoning to the Naval Court of Inquiry to testify in case of J. H. March. A note from Fred Koones that Bent paid for travel expenses. Correspondence also signed by Isaac Toucey.

072-113 Correspondence to J.N. Moffitt from Silas Bent [III]. 1837-07-08 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Lieutenant J. N. Moffitt from Silas Bent [III] relates to a series of questions from the Naval Court of Inquiry about the relationship between Bent and Moffitt.

072-114 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-07-16 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn inquiring about Bent's Mediterranean cruise. Also contains a discussion about public newspapers questioning Naval cruises to the Mediterranean.

072-115 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn. 1858-06-20 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

## Box 1

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn mentions strife with the British, public discontent of Mediterranean squadron, and Glynn's participation in the court to try Boutwell.

072-116 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from J. Glynn. 1859-10-10 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from James Glynn relates to a talk of politics, the Missouri Ozarks, Glynn getting command of the Pensacola, the lack of qualified first lieutenants for his command. Glynn recommends that now is not a good time to resign. He also notes the state of Navy pay and expenses.

072-117 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Isaac Toucey. 1859-12-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Isaac Toucey granting a three-month leave of absence from the Wabash.

072-118 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from I. Toucey. 1861-02-21 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from Isaac Toucey is a request for Bent to participate on the Naval board to determine which surveys, if any, are worth granting. Contains a note that the board was dissolved 1861-03-15. Letter also signed by C. H. Davis.

072-119A Correspondence to the President of the United States from Will C. Cam. 18?0-08-17 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

## Box 1

A copy of a correspondence to the President of the United States from Will C. Cam relating to a request to allow Silas Bent [III] to return home after the death of two brothers to settle their estates.

072-119B Correspondence to H. Benton from Silas Bent [III]. 1850-06-26 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A copy of a correspondence from Silas Bent [III] to Senator H. Benton seems to be relating to a report of the Preble. The handwriting is somewhat illegible.

072-120 Correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. O. Dayton. 1845-07-21 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

The correspondence to Silas Bent [III] from A. Dayton, from the Treasury Department, grants a request for leave pay.

073 Letterbook of Silas Bent [III]. 1869-1881 1.0 letterbook.

**Abstract**

A letterbook containing copies of correspondences to and from Silas Bent [III] from 1869-1881.

074 Letterbook of Silas Bent [III]. 1880-1884 1.0 letterbook.

**Abstract**

A letterbook containing copies of correspondences to and from Silas Bent [III] from 1880-1884.

075 Scrapbook of Silas Bent [III]. 1856-1884 1.0 scrapbook.

**Abstract**

**Box 1**

A scrapbook containing mostly publications. The majority were written by Silas Bent [III].

**Box 2**

076 *The Holy Bible, containing the old and new testaments: translated out of the original tongues; and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by his majesty's special commands* 1856 1.0 book. A bible, inscribed by Silas Bent [III] on May 31, 1858. Also inscribed "consecrated on the Holy Sepuchri, Jerusalem 10/30/1858." Also contained a clipping "Jeremiah, chapter 48."

**Abstract**

*The Holy Bible, containing the old and new testaments: translated out of the original tongues; and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by his majesty's special commands.* London; G. E. Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1856.

077 Scrapbook of Silas Bent [III] 1851-1858 1.0 scrapbook.

**Abstract**

Likely Silas Bent [III]'s scrapbook. Contains pictures and illustrations of various places and people.

078 *Two years before the mast.* 1864 1.0 book.

**Separated Materials note**

*Two years before the mast : a personal narrative of life at sea.* by Richard Dana (1864) was added to the Thomas Jefferson Library collection and placed in the rare book vault. The catalog number is G540 .D2 1864.

**Abstract**

## Box 1

*Two years before the mast.* [Dana Jr., Richard Henry]. New York, Harper & Brothers, 1864.

079 *Bible forget-me-nots: a daily text-book of divine promises.* 1886 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*Bible forget-me-nots: a daily text-book of divine promises.* By the author of morning and night watches. New York: E. P. Dutton, 1886? Inscribed by Nannie S. Bent.

080 *Gateways to the pole.* 1872 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*Gateways to the pole.* Silas Bent. St. Louis: R. P. Studley, 1872. Copy with green cover and marked "Special." Hand-drawn map with distances written on rear. Contains clippings attached to rear flyleaf.

081 *Gateways to the pole.* 1872 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*Gateways to the pole.* Silas Bent. St. Louis: R. P. Studley, 1872. Copy with purple cover.

082 *Gateways to the pole.* 1872 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*Gateways to the pole.* Silas Bent. St. Louis: R. P. Studley, 1872. Copy with red cover. Copy lacks front map insert.

083 *Gateways to the pole.* 1872 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

## Box 1

*Gateways to the pole.* Silas Bent. St. Louis: R. P. Studley, 1872. Copy with red cover. Contains an extra front map insert attached to the first free flyleaf. Contains several newspaper clippings attached to the front of the book.

084 Receivers Record 2: St. Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company 1872-1883 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

Details many court cases. Contains several newspaper clippings.

085 *The Dutch in the artic seas* 1876 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*The Dutch in the artic seas.* Samuel Richard van Campen. London: Trubner & Co., 1876. Vol. 1. Inscribed "Captain Silas Bent, with the compliments of, the author., London 30th June, 1876."

086 *The holy bible, containing the old and new testaments: translated out of the original tongues: and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by his majesty's special command.* undated 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*The holy bible, containing the old and new testaments: translated out of the original tongues: and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by his majesty's special command.* Inscription on first free endpaper and title page. Ephemera contained throughout the book. Placed in folders 12-30.

087 Bookmark. undated 1.0 bookmark.

**Abstract**

**Box 1**

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Satin bookmark title "Living, not dead." Originally located between Numbers 29 and 30 of the bible in folder 11.

088 Clipping from a magazine. undated 1.0 clipping.

**Abstract**

A magazine clipping depicting a fort. Originally located between Numbers 31 and 32 of the bible in folder 11.

089 Greeting card: "Peace be with thee." undated 1.0 greeting card.

**Abstract**

A greeting card with "Peace be with thee" printed on the front. Originally located between Numbers 31 and 32 of the bible in folder 11.

090 Death announcement card for "Miss Tyler." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Death announcement card with "Miss Tyler" printed on one side. Inscription on the reverse side to Silas Bent. Originally located between I. Samuel 17 and 18 in the bible in folder 11.

091 Paper crucifix. undated 1.0 ephemera.

**Abstract**

Originally located between I. Samuel 19 and 20 of the bible in folder 11.

092 Card: "Blessing our little king." undated 1.0 card.



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**Abstract**

Originally located between II Samuel 4 and 5 of the bible located in folder 11.

093 Card: "Best wishes." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Originally located between II Samuel 12 and 13 of the bible in folder 11.

094 Card: "The kingship of Christ." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Originally located between II Samuel 12 and 13 of the bible located in folder 11.

095 Card: "Happy may thy Christmas be!" 1893 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Christmas card with "Happy may thy Christmas be!" Copyrighted 1893. Inscribed "My dear Mama."  
Originally located between II Samuel 13 and 14 of the bible located in folder 11.

096 Card: "My Christmas greeting." 1868 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Originally located between I Chronicles 23 and 24 of the bible in folder 11.

097 *The cathedral: bible readings and prayers, I.* undated 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

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*The cathedral: bible readings and prayers, I.* Christ Church Cathedral: St. Louis, undated. Originally located between Proverbs 24 and 26 of the bible located in folder 11.

098 Card: "God so loved the world." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Item originally located between Solomon's Song 1 and 3 of the bible in folder 11.

099 Small painting. undated 1.0 ephemera.

**Abstract**

A small painting inscribed "Silas McKinley." Originally located between Isaiah 31 and 33 of the bible in folder 11.

100 Baptism certificate for Silas Bent McKinley. 1893 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Baptism certificate for Silas Bent McKinley dated 05-13-1893. Originally located between Isaiah 37 and 38 for bible in folder 11.

101 Clipping: "They lie in France where lilies bloom." undated 1.0 clipping.

**Abstract**

Item originally located between Isaiah 59 and 61 of the bible in folder 11.

102 Card: "Yet will I not forget thee." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

**Box 1**

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The card states "Yet will I not forget" on the front. Inscribed "am sorry Mr. Bent must leave you-" Item originally between Ezekiel 41 and 42 of the bible in folder 11.

103 Card: "Christmas." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Item originally located between Habakkuk 2 and Zephaniah 1 of the bible located in folder 11.

104 Clippings: "Trees." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Clipping titled "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Item originally located between St. Luke 12 and 12 of the bible in folder 11.

105 Card: "Prayer is the gate." undated 1.0 card.

**Abstract**

Item originally located between I Corinthians 5 and 7 of the bible of the folder 11.

106 2 photos. undated 1.0 photographs.

**Abstract**

Two photographs, possibly from the scrapbook (M261-2-077).

107 Copy print of Silas Bent [III]. undated 1.0 photograph.

**Abstract**

**Box 3**

An undated copy print of Silas Bent [III]. Printed by Kandler Brothers, Rembrandt Studio, St. Louis.

108 Photograph of Silas Bent [III]. 1.0 photograph.

**Abstract**

An undated, oval photographic print of Silas Bent [III]. Inscribed "Silas Bent - whom the navy ship was named after in 1965."

109 Article on Silas Bent [III] 1870 June 24 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

An article from the June 4, 1870 edition of *Appleton's Journal of popular literature, science and art* with a biography of Silas Bent [III].

110 *Gateways to the pole*. 1872 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*Gateways to the pole*. Silas Bent. St. Louis: R. P. Studley, 1872. Copy with brown cover and marked "Private." Various writings on the front endpaper. Contains clippings throughout the book.

**3 Box 3**

38 Bonds from the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine and Beattyville Railroad Company." 1890 1.0 bonds.

**Abstract**

The bonds number from 0 to 1177. 18 of them have inscriptions. All are loosely stacked.

## Box 3

Bonds 180-184, 195, 196, 198, 199 1899

**Abstract**

Inscribed "Circuit Court of the United States, Western district of Kentucky, Fidelity Trust & Safety Vault Company, Trustee for [Grauman?], L. N. A. & Chicago Railway Co., A judgement has been rendered on, the [illegible] of guaranty on this, bond against the Louisville New, Albany & Chicago Railway Co., as of the 6th day of November, 1899, Attest, The Special Clerk, By Henry Fleassiu Aile."

Bonds 61-63. 1899

**Abstract**

Inscribed "Circuit Court of the United States, Western district of Kentucky, Fidelity Trust & Safety Vault Company, Trustee for J. B. McFergan, L. N. A. & Chicago Railway Co., A judgement has been rendered on, the [illegible] of guaranty on this, bond against the Louisville New, Albany & Chicago Railway Co., as of the 6th day of November, 1899, Attest, The Special Clerk, By Henry Fleassiu Aile."

Bond 197. 1902

**Abstract**

Inscribed "Circuit Court of the United States, Western district of Kentucky, Fidelity Trust & Safety Vault Company, Trustee for [Grauman?], L. N. A. & Chicago Railway Co., A judgement has been rendered on, the [illegible] of guaranty on this, bond against the Louisville New, Albany & Chicago Railway Co., as of the 6th day of November, 1902, Attest, The Special Clerk, By Henry Fleassiu Aile."

Bonds 536, 537. 1899

**Abstract**

Inscribed "Circuit Court of the United States, Western district of Kentucky, Samuel C. [?], vs., L. N. A. & Chicago Railway Co., 'A judgement has been rendered on, the covenant of guaranty, on this bond

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against the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railway Co., as of date November 13th 1899', Attest,  
The Special Clerk, By Henry Fleassiu Aile."

Bonds 21, 22, 37. 1899

**Abstract**

Inscribed "Circuit Court of the United States, Western district of Kentucky, W. H. Adauys, vs., L. N. A. & Chicago Railway Co., 'A judgement has been rendered on, the covenant of guaranty, on this bond against the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railway Co., as of date November 13th 1899', Attest, The Special Clerk, By Henry Fleassiu Aile."

**Crittenden McKinley papers 1869 0.4 Linear feet****Crittenden McKinley biography**

Crittenden McKinley was born in 1854 in Kentucky. He was the son of Andrew McKinley and Mary Moss Wilcox (1825-1893). He married Lucy Bent (1860-)(1) in 1892 and had one child with her, Silas Bent McKinley (1893-). He graduated from Princeton University in 1877. In 1907, McKinley was Vice-President of the Tyler Estate in Saint Louis.(2)

1. 1910 United States Census. and a 1914 passport.
2. After thirty years: 1877-1907. Princeton university. Class of 1877. 1909. p. 42.

**Scope and Contents note**

The series mostly is based on a scrapbook and photographs from Crittenden McKinley and Lucy Bent.

**2 Box 2**

111 *The book of common prayer, and administration of the sacraments.* 1869 1.0 book.

**Miscellaneous.**

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**Abstract**

*The book of common prayer, and administration of the sacraments; and other rites and ceremonies of the church, according to the use of Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America: together with the psalter, or psalms of David.* 1869. Inscribed "Crittenden McKinley from his Martia, Sept 15th 1874."

112 Photograph of a bedroom. undated 1.0 photograph.

**Abstract**

Photographic print of a bedroom. Inscribed "Bedroom 3748 Washington Ave., Lived in 1893-1903, Silas McKinley."

03 Box 3 1.5 Linear feet

113 Scrapbook of Crittenden McKinley. undated 1.0 scrapbook.

**Abstract**

Scrapbook. Inscribed "Crittenden McKinley, St. Louis 1873." Contains many clippings of the McKinley and Bent families as well as some receipts, prints, letters, plants, invitations, and poetry. The date of the items range from 17?? to 1898.

**Miscellaneous. 1911-1969****Abstract**

Contained herein are items donated with the collection but that may or may not be related to any of the three main individuals the bulk of this collection belong to. Included are correspondence, ephemera, patents, and a book.

## Miscellaneous.

114 Envelope: "Middlesex camping trip & Newfoundland, 1911?" undated 1.0 envelope.

**Abstract**

An envelope inscribed on the front "Dad- Middlesex camping trip & Newfoundland, 1911?" The contents include clippings and a 24-page manuscript.

115 Admission ticket. 1967-06-18 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

"Board of Directors" admission ticket. Reads, "Dedication, Herbert Hoover Boys' Club of St. Louis, Grand and Dodier, June 18, 1967, 2 p.m."

116 1969 inaugural invitation. 1969 2.0 letter.

**Abstract**

2 invitations to a reception for the inauguration of the President and Vice-president of the United States in honor of the "Distinguished Ladies."

117 Dispensing device patent. 1930-09-26 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

Patent number 1773723 granted to George S. Cox and Harry J. Almstedt of the Argyle Production Company for "dispensing devices."

118 Liquid dispensing device patent. 1932-03-29 1.0 book.

**Abstract**



Miscellaneous.

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Patent number 1851350 granted to George S. Cox and Harry J. Almstedt of the Argyle Production Company for "liquid dispensing devices."

119 Flyer for Chaucer's *Canterbury tales*. undated 1.0 letter.

**Abstract**

A flyer for a copy of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. Very likely the 1934 de luxe edition published by Garden City Publishing Company.

120 *The psalms of David; from the book of common prayer*. undated 1.0 book.

**Abstract**

*The psalms of David; from the book of common prayer*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, undated. Contains three pencil drawings inside first free endpaper.