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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: Day, Almon C., 1838- (Almon Curtis)
Creator: Day, Clara
Title: Almon C. Day Papers
ID: SpC MS 0920.sc
Date [inclusive]: 1871-1918
Date [bulk]: 1871-1896 (bulk)
Physical Description: 2 folders (160 items)
Physical Location:
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The papers of a farmer and legislator from Turner, Maine. Included are correspondence, invoices, and other documents relating to Day's farm and his political career. The correspondence includes letters between Almon and his wife Clara during the years 1871 to 1884, a few letters to and from their children, and letters from Almon's and Clara's cousins. Included also is correspondence sent to Almon asking for his support and congratulating him on becoming a state legislator. Included also are correspondence and invoices relating to his farm and correspondence relating to genealogies of the Day, Gilbert, Comstock, and Rollins families.

Preferred Citation

Almon C. Day Papers, SpC MS 0920 sc, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

Almon C. Day was born in 1838 in Leeds, Maine, the son of Abiah and Gratia Day. The family later moved to Turner, Maine, where Abiah was a farmer. Almon Day married Clara A. Bradford in Turner, and they had four children: Elsie, Nellie, Wallace, and Clara Addie. Day was a farmer in Turner and was elected a selectman in 1889. He was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1896, serving in the 1897/1898 session.

Scope and Contents Note

This small collection contains primarily correspondence of Almon C. Day and his wife, Clara.

The first folder contains a group of letters from Day to his wife, written between 1871 and 1884 when Day was apparently away from home on business. Letters were written from St. John, New Brunswick; Gilmanton and Hanover, New Hampshire; and East Abington, East Bridgewater, and North Easton, Massachusetts; as well as from places in Connecticut and New York. Although it is unclear from the letters what Day’s business was, he often mentions canvassing a town, taking orders of various sizes, and meeting with book agents. The letters are also filled with instructions and advice to his wife concerning various matters on the farm in Turner. A few of Clara’s letters to Almon, most undated, as well as letters from other family members, are also found in this folder. A group of letters to Almon in 1913 contains genealogical information on the Day, Gilbert, Comstock and Rollins families.

The second folder contains incoming correspondence, 1896, to Day as a legislator. Many letters are from candidates for various state offices such as Attorney General asking for his support for their candidacies. There is also correspondence and invoices, 1873-1909, to Day concerning farm matters, including selling apples and fruit trees.

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- Legislators -- Maine
- Farmers -- Maine -- Turner
- Correspondence
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Invoices
- Genealogies (Histories)
- Day, Almon C., 1838- (Almon Curtis)
- Day, Clara
- Comstock family
- Day family
- Gilbert family
- Rollins family

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