

JAMES MERRILL SAFFORD COLLECTION

1889 – 1985

Collection Number: MSS 380

Size: .42 linear feet, 15 items

Special Collections and University Archives

Jean and Alexander Heard Library

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, Tennessee

JAMES MERRILL SAFFORD COLLECTION

1889 – 1985

Biography/History

James Merrill Safford (1822-1907), an Ohio native attended Ohio University and Yale. He was famous for geological investigations of Tennessee, taught chemistry and biology, as well as geology. During his 52-year career, he was employed by Cumberland University, the University of Nashville, and Vanderbilt University. He also held the position of State Geologist of Tennessee. His professional contributions mainly consisted of survey work in geology throughout Tennessee. Later he mainly applied geology to health, agriculture, and resource development. His classic book and map, *The Geology of Tennessee*, appeared in 1869.

Scope and Contents

This .42 linear feet collection contains 15 items. It includes biographical information, field notes on his geological work within the state of Tennessee, map etchings, financial expenses, and a diary.

Biographical – (3)

Genealogy information – n.d.

Index cards - 1900

Journal Article - 1985

Diary – (1)

11/08/1901 – 02/06/1904

Envelope – (1)

n.d.

Newspaper Clipping – (1)

n.d.

James Merrill Safford Collection
Page 2

Notebooks – (7)

Field notes with geological sketches

1889

1890

1891 – (2)

1892

1893

n.d.

Voucher Books – (2)

Field notes with geological sketches

1891 (2)