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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains an 1886 letter from Moses M. Strong, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, to C. M. Woodman of Dover, New Hampshire, regarding a book written by Strong and mentioning mutual acquaintances.

Creator

Strong, Moses M.

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Biographical Note

Moses McClure Strong was born in Rutland, Vermont, on May 20, 1810. After attending Middlebury and Dartmouth colleges, he studied law at Litchfield Law School and established a practice in Rutland. In 1836, Strong moved to Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and the following year, he was hired to survey Madison. In 1838, he was appointed the attorney and fiscal agent for Wisconsin Territory and represented Iowa County in the Wisconsin territorial legislative assembly from 1841 to 1846. In the latter year, he represented Iowa County in the first convention to draft a constitution for the proposed state of Wisconsin. Though this draft was ultimately rejected by the voters, Strong was elected to the new state's legislature in 1850. During his service in the legislature, Strong became an active promoter of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad and was implicated in a bribery scandal that effectively ended his political career. During the 1870s, Strong wrote *History of the Territory of Wisconsin from 1836 to 1848*, published by the legislature in 1885.

Moses M. Strong died in Mineral Point, Wisconsin on July 20, 1894.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single 1886 letter written by Moses M. Strong, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin and addressed to C. W. Woodman of Dover, New Hampshire. The letter relates to Woodman's order of a copy of Strong's book (unnamed but almost certainly Strong's *History of the Territory of Wisconsin from 1836 to 1848*). Strong's letter also mentions mutual acquaintances at Dartmouth College.

Related Materials

Strong, M. McCure. (1885). *History of the territory of Wisconsin, from 1836 to 1848*. Madison, Wis.: Democrat printing co., state printers. (Spec Storage F585 .S92) [View on HathiTrust.org](#).

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