# **Guide to the Roger Sherman Papers**

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#### Collection Overview

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 34 linear feet (79 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, business papers, and scrapbooks that

document the professional career of Roger Sherman. The papers focus on Sherman's work on behalf of independent petroleum producers, especially his role in the struggle of the General Council of the Independent Producers of Petroleum against Standard Oil and in the legal battle over construction of the United States Pipe Line. The papers also highlight Sherman's political and editorial endeavors and his participation in numerous civic organizations in the Pennsylvania oil region. The collection includes correspondence,

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f. folder

### **Administrative Information**

# **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of T. W. Phillips, Jr. in 1946.

# **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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# **Separated Materials**

Maps transferred to the Map Collection (SML) from the Roger Sherman Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Department, 1/6/89: 1) Venango County, Pennsylvania; 2) Matthews-Northrup Up-to-Date Road Map of Eire and Niagara Counties, New York, 1895; 3) Indianapolis, New Wards & Boundaries—C. A. Hubbard & Co., Publishers; 4) Forest Heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota—Nutter and Plummer, Civil & Landscape Engineers; 5) Railroad map of Pennsylvania—published by the Bureau of Railways of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, 1897; 6) Road map of Pennsylvania—issued by the State Highway Department, 1919 November 1; 7) A New Map of the Western Rivers or Travellers Guide…by Samuel B. Munson, 1846.

# Biographical / Historical

Roger Sherman was born in Randolph, Tennessee on July 28, 1839. He was admitted to the Arkansas bar and served in the Confederate Army prior to moving to the Pennsylvania oil fields in 1865. Roger Sherman was for years the outstanding lawyer of the old Pennsylvania oil region, a leading Democratic politician, and the inspirer of two successive movements of independent petroleum producers and refiners in their attempt to restore free enterprise to their industry. His father was Dr. Isaac De Blois Sherman of Pompey, New York, who moved to Syracuse to practice and for a few years edit the Jacksonian Democratic organ, the *Argus*, in 1831-1833. Roger Sherman's mother was Phoebe Conkling, aunt of Roscoe Conkling, a Republican congressman and senator from New York. Roger Sherman was born in Randolph, Tennessee, on the banks of the Mississippi River, on July 28, 1839, where his father had gone to practice and engage in business four years earlier, after succumbing to the western "fever."

A few years later Dr. Sherman moved to Arkansas. (He was killed on his plantation by unknown hands during the Civil War.) Roger had only two years of preparatory school and began supporting himself at the age of fifteen. After several years of outdoor work as chainman for civil engineers he read law and was admitted to the Arkansas bar. He joined the cavalry of General Nathan B. Forrest after the outbreak of the

Civil War. At the end of the war, finding his Arkansas home in ruins and the outlook there hopeless, Roger Sherman visited relatives in Michigan and then moved to the newly developed oil region of Pennsylvania. With it he identified his fortunes for the remainder of his life.

From 1865 to 1868, Roger Sherman practiced law in Pithole City, the spectacular center of a short-lived boom. When the great fire of January, 1868, destroyed Pithole and left Sherman again penniless, he moved first to Pleasantville and then to Titusville, where he established a legal practice. In 1871 Sherman married Alma Seymour. They had two children, Alma Janet and Roger Seymour Sherman.

From 1868 to the mid-seventies, Titusville was the center of the petroleum-producing industry and the site of an increasing number of refineries. Because of his position as the town's outstanding lawyer, Roger Sherman was drawn into the struggles between the independents and the attempts of the Erie Ring and then Standard Oil to monopolize the industry. When the lines of conflict were drawn in 1872, he aligned himself with the independents and for some years was a central figure in the fight of the General Council of the Independent Producers of Petroleum against Standard Oil. As part of this conflict he became a manager of the *Petroleum World* (1879-1881) to which he contributed. Similarly, he became active in state Democratic politics in an attempt to curb the power of corporations.

In 1882, after the independent producers' movement had disintegrated, Roger Sherman entered the service of Standard Oil as an attorney under a five-year contract. He tendered his resignation after only a year of this service, only to have it rejected. It was not until 1887, therefore, that he resumed independent practice. Before this he founded and edited the weekly Titusville *Citizen* (1885-1889), as the Democratic Party organ. In 1884 he ran for mayor of Titusville and was beaten by a small majority.

From 1887 until his death ten years later, he was associated with the revived movement of the independent refiners and producers who sought to give effective competition to the Standard Oil Trust. The struggle terminated after Roger Sherman's death, in the organization of the Pure Oil Company, the basis for which he had laid in persuading the independents of the imperative need to combine forces if they were to survive. During this period it was he who planned the strategy and fought the legal battles that were incident to the construction of the United States Pipe Line from Butler to the Atlantic Ocean. As part of this struggle, Roger Sherman undertook the preparation of a comprehensive criminal suit under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against the leading officials of Standard Oil. Owing to his death in September 1897, it was never initiated. In this last abortive effort, as in his Democratic politics and leadership of the independents, Roger Sherman was impelled by the ideals of the Jacksonian era, with its love of individual liberty and hostility to monopoly and special privilege.

Sherman died in New York City on September 19, 1897.

Extracted from Chester McArthur Destler's "The Roger Sherman (Titusville, Pennsylvania) Collection," *The Yale University Library Gazette*, 1947 January.

# **Scope and Contents**

The Roger Sherman Papers consist of correspondence, business papers, and scrapbooks which document the legal career of Roger Sherman. The papers focus on Sherman's work on behalf of independent petroleum producers of the Pennsylvania oil fields to fight monopolisitic practices which affected their ability to transport and sell oil. Sherman's roles in the struggle of the General Council of Independent Producers of Petroleum against Standard Oil and the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the legal battles of the United States Pipe Line Company, and in the movement to consolidate enterprises of independent oil producers to form the Pure Oil Company are reflected in the files. The papers also highlight Sherman's political and editorial endeavors and his participation in numerous civic organizations in Titusville, Pennsylvania. Correspondence, memorabilia, and other papers of several members of the Sherman family are also included in the papers.

The Roger Sherman Papers, which Thomas Wharton Phillips, Jr., Sherman's son-in-law, donated to the Yale University Library in 1946, were the basis of Chester McArthur Destler's, Roger Sherman and the Independent Oil Men. This volume fully describes Sherman's key role in the legal struggles in the

Pennsylvania oil fields from the 1870s until 1897. Destler's footnotes will be helpful to the researcher trying to locate specific documents and topics within the Sherman Papers.

The Roger Sherman Papers, which span three centuries of the Sherman Family, are arranged in four series: I. CORRESPONDENCE, 1865-1897; II. BUSINESS PAPERS, 1842-1907; III. PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS, 1770-1935; IV. SCRAPBOOKS, 1870-1897.

Series I and II relate to Roger Sherman's professional work and must be used together to locate all papers relating to specific legal cases or proposed legislation. Series III contains material relating to Sherman's civic and personal activities in Titusville, as well as papers of other family members including his father, wife, and children. Series IV includes Roger Sherman's scrapbooks, which document all phases of his life in Titusville. The bulk of the papers dates from 1870, soon after Sherman's move to Titusville, until his death in 1897.

CORRESPONDENCE, Series I, includes letterpress copybooks of Sherman's outgoing letters and approximately twenty boxes of incoming letters. The correspondence relates to all phases of Sherman's legal and political work. The files document routine legal work such as mortgages, estates, and land transfers as well as the significant anti-trust and anti-monopoly suits against railroads and oil cartels. Major corresponents include leaders of the Council of Petroleum Producers Union, such as Benjamin B. Campbell, Elisha Patterson, and Lewis E. Emery, Jr. and the organizers and officials of the Producers Oil Company, Ltd.; the Producers oil Company, Ltd.; the Petroleum Producers' Protective Association; and the United States Pipe Line Company. Emery, J. W. Lee, and A. D. Wood are frequent correspondents on topics relating to the organization of independent oil producers in the 1890s. Other correspondents include fellow lawyers such as George Shiras and individual clients such as Samuel Van Syckel, William H. Kemble, and Henry C. Ohlen. (A small quantity of Roger Sherman's personal correspondence is filed in Series III. This correspondence relates to family matters and some beneficent and social endeavors in Titusville.)

Letters in the letterpress copybooks are arranged chronologically but the volumes include alphabetical indexes to the names of correspondents. The incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically within many chronological segments. These segments reflect the letter boxes in which Sherman originally filed incoming letters. Indexes in the letterpress copybooks can be used in attempting to locate the existence of incoming correspondence from a particular individual. No indexes to the incoming correspondence exist within the papers.

While the letterpress copybooks are labelled as either "Personal" or "Office," all volumes include letters which relate to Sherman's professional work. In the volumes marked "Personal" Sherman often copied letters concerning political matters and his work on behalf of independent petroleum producers. One, therefore, would need to review both the "Personal" and "Office" volumes to locate letters to any particular individual. For instance, letters to the journalist and reformer, Henry Demarest Lloyd, which relate to the oil producers efforts to fight monopolistic practices, can be found in the "Office" volumes, even though Lloyd had no business association with Sherman.

Many of the volumes marked "Office" reveal the names of Sherman's legal partners, such as those for 1883 April - 1884 December, which include the letters of Samuel Minor and Roger Sherman. While Sherman was a member of the Standard Oil legal staff led by Samuel Calvin Dodd, Sherman delegated much of his routine Standard Oil legal business to Minor. Later "Office" volumes are from the office of Sherman and Grumbine. Two miscellaneous volumes contain outgoing letters relating to two specific endeavors, Sherman's active roll in the management of the Orion Oil Company, Ltd. and his work as legal advisor to the United States Pipe Line Company.

The letterpress copybooks date from 1875. The files of incoming letters date from 1865, though this early material is very small in quantity. Some of this early material dates from Sherman's partnership with M. C. Beebe. The incoming correspondence is not labelled as "Personal" or "Office" but rather is filed altogether, the exception being some special files at the end of the series for Orion Oil Company, the Producers' Protective Association, the Producers' Oil Company, and the United States Pipe Line Company. One should not asume, however, that all incoming correspondence relating to these organizations is arranged in these files.

Series II, BUSINESS PAPERS, is composed of legal briefs, depositions, abstracts of titles, legal notes, account books, dockets, printed copies of legislation, and other papers that relate to Sherman's legal practice and financial interests. In the beginning of the series there are thirteen boxes of loose papers which are arranged chronologically by date of creation. These papers were probably originally filed as case or client files with all items pertaining to a case filed together regardless of date. This original filing scheme could not be reconstructed since individual documents were not always marked to indicate the case to which they pertained. The chronological arrangement means that documents for any particular case may be scattered throughout several boxes of material.

Account books from Sherman's practice follow the chronologically arranged loose papers. These include ledgers and journals from the offices of Sherman and Beebe and Minor and Sherman as well as Sherman's own account books. There are also accounts for the Funk Farm Oil Company. Docket books, trial lists, registers of rights of way, and a minute book of the Orion Oil Company are filed under the heading "Other books" at the end of the series.

Series III, PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS, includes papers of Roger Sherman's parents, wife, and children, as well as his own personal papers. Papers in the series are arranged alphabetically by the name of the family member who created or saved them and are then further arranged by topic or record type. The series begins with papers of the Conkling family, Sherman's mother's family. These include letters of Phoebe Conkling Sherman written to her family from Randolph, Tennessee, as well as financial and legal papers and other memorabilia of various family members. This is followed by correspondence of Sherman's son-in-law, Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., and financial records of Claudius B. Seymour, Roger Sherman's father-in-law and occasional financial partner.

The papers of Sherman's wife, Alma Seymour Sherman, include correspondence, financial records, and organizational papers, which document her interest in cultural and civic affairs in Titusville and her assumption of responsibility for her husband's investments following his death in 1897. Several files relate to her work with the Daughters of the American Revolution in preserving local historic landmarks and to her efforts in behalf of victims of the Titusville flood of 1892.

Following Alma Seymour Sherman's papers are correspondence, financial records, and memorabilia of Isaac D. Sherman, Nancy C. Sherman, and Phoebe Sherman. The papers of these Sherman family members are the oldest materials in the papers.

Roger Sherman's personal papers include account books, correspondence, diaries and reminiscences, bound volumes of pamphlets and paper books, and files relating to civic organizations in Titusville. The account books record household expenses while the correspondence is primarily that of family members. There are also letters relating to the health and education of Sherman's immediate family and letters concerning some local Titusville civic and cultural organizations.

Folders 464-474, which are labelled "Library," include indexes of Sherman's personal library. Boxes 59 through 61 include volumes of pamphlets and paper books which are also listed under the heading "Library." The volumes contain printed documents from legal cases in which Sherman was involved. A few loose pamphlets filed under this heading relate to legal affairs of the oil industry. There is also a souvenir pictorial volume on Titusville.

Other files of Roger Sherman's personal papers relate to local organizations in which Sherman took an active interest. There are extensive records for the Main Street Shakespearean Club. There are also files for the Titusville Relief Association. Photographs of the flood devastation are included in folder 485. The series also includes manuscripts of writings by Roger Sherman in folders 492-493 and a listing of articles by Sherman for the American Citizen in folder 439.

The papers of Roger Seymour Sherman are arranged at the end of the series. The bulk of this material dates from Sherman's school years and includes notebooks from high school and law school. The last several folders of printed material represent newspapers, pamphlets, programs, and periodicals which are not attributable to any individual family member. The oldest item in the papers is in folder 525, a printed sermon delivered by Samuel Buell on the death of Charles-Jeffery Smith.

Series IV, SCRAPBOOKS, contains twenty-three volumes which chronicle Roger Sherman's career and personal life in Titusville. The volumes are arranged as they are numbered. The volumes are not in strict chronological order since initially Sherman designated some volumes as "Political" or "Local" but gave others specific titles such as "Oil and Standard." The volumes contain invitations, newspaper clippings, handbills, programs, occasional letters, and the like. One can find general information Sherman compiled on oil, pipe line projects, railroad transportation, and petroleum pricing, as well as material directly related to Sherman or to other family members. Sherman's activities in legal suits and local politics are well-documented as are cultural events and the Titusville flood. At the end of the series there are an additional two boxes of invitations, programs, calling cards, and the like which are similar to materials found in the preceding scrapbooks. Much of the material in box 78 appears to have been collected by Alma Seymour Sherman.

### Arrangement

The papers are arranged in four series: I. CORRESPONDENCE, 1865-1897. II. BUSINESS PAPERS, 1842-1907. III. PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS, 1770-1935. IV. SCRAPBOOKS, 1870-1897.

# **Collection Contents**

# Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1865-1897

13' (31 boxes)

This series includes copies of outgoing letters in letterpress copybooks, which are arranged at the beginning of the series. These are followed by a few unbound copies of outgoing letters and then by unbound incoming letters, which are arranged alphabetically within many chronological segments.

#### Letterpress copybooks

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b. 1, f. 1-5	1878 April-1882 Jun, 1884 January-1893 August	1878 April– 1882 Jun, 1884 January–1893 August
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b. 2, f. 6-8	1875 March-1877 July	1875 March-1877 July
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b. 3, f. 10-11	1878 July-1880 December	1878 July-1880 December
b. 4, f. 12-14	1881 January–1883 December, 1883 April–December	1881 January– 1883 December, 1883 April– December
b. 5, f. 15-17	1883 December-1887 April	1883 December-1887 April
b. 6, f. 18-21	1887 April-1887 October, 1888 October-1889 August	1887 April-1887 October, 1888 October-1889 August
b. 7, f. 22-24	1889 August-1892 January	1889 August-1892 January
b. 8, f. 25-27	1892 February-1894 May	1892 February-1894 May
b. 9, f. 28-29	1894 June-1896 June	1894 June-1896 June

Miscellaneous

#### Letterpress copybooks > Miscellaneous (continued)

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b. 17, f. 94-102       A-Z       1887 November-May         b. 18, f. 103-112       A-Z       1888 May-1889 January-September         b. 19, f. 113-121       A-Z       1889 September-1890 January-May         b. 20, f. 122-128       A-Z       1890 May-December         b. 20, f. 129-130       A-L       1891 January-	b. 15, f. 76-83	A-Z	
b. 18, f. 103-112       A-Z       1888 May-1889 January-September         b. 19, f. 113-121       A-Z       1889 September-1890 January-May         b. 20, f. 122-128       A-Z       1890 May-December         b. 20, f. 129-130       A-L       1891 January-	b. 16, f. 84-93	A-Z	
b. 19, f. 113-121       A-Z       1889 January-September         b. 19, f. 113-121       A-Z       1889 September-1890 January-May         b. 20, f. 122-128       A-Z       1890 May-December         b. 20, f. 129-130       A-L       1891 January-	b. 17, f. 94-102	A-Z	
September-1890 January-Nay         b. 20, f. 122-128       A-Z       1890 May-December         b. 20, f. 129-130       A-L       1891 January-	b. 18, f. 103-112	A-Z	1889 January-
b. 20, f. 129-130 A-L 1891 January-	b. 19, f. 113-121	A-Z	September- 1890 January-
	b. 20, f. 122-128	A-Z	
	b. 20, f. 129-130	A-L	

#### Letterpress copybooks (continued)

b. 21, f. 131-133	M-Z	1891 January- May
b. 21, f. 134-139	A-Z	1891 May- October
b. 22, f. 140-144	A-Z	1891 October-1892 February
b. 23, f. 145-148	A-R	1892 February- May
b. 23, f. 149-150	S-Z	1892 February- May
b. 23, f. 151-154	A-Z	1892 May- September
b. 23, f. 155	A-F	1892 September-1893 January
b. 24, f. 156-159	G-Z	1892 September-1893 January
b. 24, f. 160-163	A-Z	1893 January- April
b. 28, f. 164	A-D	1893 April- September
b. 25, f. 165-167	E-Z	1893 April- September
b. 25, f. 168-171	A-Z	1893 September- December
b. 25, f. 172-173	А-Н	1894 January- May
b. 26, f. 174-175	I-Z	1894 January- May
b. 26, f. 176-179	A-Z	1894 June-1895 January
b. 26, f. 180-181	А-Н	1895 January- May
b. 27, f. 182-183	I-Z	1895 January- May
b. 27, f. 184-188	A-Z	1895 May- December
b. 27, f. 189-191	A-N	1896 January- July

#### Letterpress copybooks (continued)

b. 28, f. 192	O-Z	1896 January- July
b. 28, f. 193-205	A-Z	1896 July- September
b. 29, f. 203-210	Orion Oil Co.	1890-1892 August
b. 29, f. 211-212	Producers' Protective Association	1890-1892
b. 29, f. 213	Producer's Oil Company	1890-1893
	United States Pipe Line Company	
b. 30, f. 214-222	A-Z	1892 January-1896 September
b. 31, f. 223-227	A-Z	1896 October-1897 July

# Series II: BUSINESS PAPERS, 1842-1907

7.75′ (20 boxes)

This series is composed of loose business papers, arranged in chronological order. These are followed by account books and other types of record books.

Chronological
See also: box 79

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b. 32, f. 228-238	1842,1846-1873 August	1842, 1846-1873 August
b. 33, f. 239-249	1873 September-1878 April	1873 September-1878 April
b. 34, f. 250-258	1878 May-1879 December	1878 May-1879 December
b. 35, f. 259-269	1880 January-1884 August	1880 January-1884 August
b. 36, f. 370-380	1884 September-1888 December	1884 September-1888 December
b. 37, f. 281-290	1889 January-1890 August	1889 January-1890 August
b. 38, f. 291-300	1890 September-1892 April	1890 September-1892 April
b. 39, f. 301-309	1892 May-1893 April 15	1892 May-1893 April 15
b. 40, f. 310-320	1893 April 16-1894 March	1893 April 16-1894 March
b. 41, f. 321-333	1894 April-1895 October	1894 April-1895 October
b. 42, f. 334-342	1895 November-1896 June	1895 November-1896 June
b. 43, f. 343-351	1896 July-1897 February 8	1896 July-1897 February 8
b. 44, f. 352-356	1897 February 9-Sep, undated	1897 February 9- Sep, undated
Ac	ccount Books	
b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>357</b>	Journal	1872-1873
b. 45, f. 358	Journal B	1874

#### Account Books (continued)

b. 45, f. 359	Journal C	1875-1876
b. 45, f. 360	Journal D	1876-1877
b. 45, f. 361	Journal E	1878-1879
b. 46, f. 362	Journal G	1884-1897
b. 46, f. 363	Ledger D	1881-1897
b. 46, f. 364	Trial balances	1884-1899
b. 46, f. 365	Minor and Sherman—journal	1883-1907
b. <b>47</b> , f. <b>366</b>	Minor and Sherman—ledger	1883-1907
b. 47, f. 367	Sherman and Beebe—ledger	1885-1895
b. 47, f. 368	Funk Farm Oil Co.—journal	1889-1895
b. 47, f. 369	Funk Farm Oil Co.—ledger	1889-1895
b. 48, f. 370	Roger Sherman—journal	1893-1897
b. 48, f. 371	Roger Sherman—ledger	1893-1898
b. 48, f. 372	Unidentified	1872, 1878-1897
	Other books	
:	See also: box 79	
b. 49, f. 373-374	Docket book	1871-1873, 1872-1883
b. 50, f. 375	Justice docket; claim register	1872-1873
b. 50, f. 376	Execution docket	1873-1880
b. 50, f. 377	Claim docket	1876-1890
b. 50, f. 378	Register—releases for rights of way and liens	1877
b. 50, f. 379	Exchange Bank of Titusville—dividend payment record	1877-1888
b. 51, f. 380	Index to office papers	1886, undated
b. 51, f. 381	Trial lists	1888, undated
b. 51, f. 382	Orion Oil Co.—minute book	1890

# Series III: PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS, 1770-1935

6.25′ (15 boxes)

This series is arranged in alphabetical order by the names of individual family members.

b. 52, f. 384-387	Conkling Family See also: box 79	1828-1884
b. 52, f. 388-389	Phillips, Thomas W.	1920-1935
	Seymour, C. B.	
b. 52, f. 390	Correspondence	1875-1907
b. 52, f. 391-392	re: Helen Barker	1869
b. 52, f. 393	Souvenir booklets from the World's Columbian Exposition	1893
b. 53, f. 394-395	Souvenir booklets from the World's Columbian Exposition	1893
	Sherman, Alma Seymour See also: box 79	
b. 53, f. 396-399	Correspondence	1865-1922, undated
b. 53, f. 400	Children's Aid Society of Crawford County	1898-1906
b. 53, f. 401-403	Daughters of the American Revolution	1909, 1921-1922
b. 53, f. 404	Financial papers	1897-1916
b. 54, f. 405-416	Financial papers	1897-1915
b. 54, f. 417	Main Street Shakepearean Club	1883-1888
b. 55, f. 418	Speeches	1896,1899,1909
b. 55, f. 419-420	Titusville Relief Auxillary	1892-1894
b. 55, f. 421	Titusville Women's Club	1904-1906
b. 55, f. 422	Travelers' Club	1886-1895
b. 55, f. 423	Women's Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church	1894-1896
b. 55, f. 424	XL CLub	1890-1891
	Sherman, Isaac	
b. 55, f. 425	Correspondence	1828-1841
b. 56, f. 426	Correspondence	1842-1862
b. 56, f. 427-428	Financial and legal papers	1820-1842
b. 56, f. 430-433	Sherman, Nancy C. (Owens)	1807-1858
b. 56, f. 434	Sherman, Phoebe	undated

### Sherman, Roger See also: <u>box 79</u>

b. <b>56</b> , f. <b>435-436</b>	Account books	1880-1881
b. 57, f. 437-438	Account books	1894-1896
b. 57, f. 439	American Citizen English	1885-1889, undated
b. <b>57</b> , f. <b>440</b>	Bank book	1893-1896
b. <b>57</b> , f. <b>441-452</b>	Correspondence, personal	1856-1887
b. 58, f. 453-462	Correspondence, personal	1888-1897, undated
b. 58, f. 463	Diaries	1887-1896
b. <b>58</b> , f. <b>464</b>	Library	1892-1894
b. <b>59</b> , f. <b>465-468</b>	Library	1871-1894
b. 60, f. 469-471	Library	1880-1883
b. 61, f. 472-474	Library	1896-1897
b. 61, f. 475-478	Main Street Shakespearean Club	1881-1884
b. 62, f. 479	Main Street Shakespearean Club	1883-1884
b. 62, f. 480	Memorials	undated
b. 62, f. 481-482	Miscellaneous personal papers	undated
b. 62, f. 483-485	Photographs	1892, undated
b. 62, f. 486	Reminiscences	undated
b. 63, f. 487	Scholastic expenses	1896-1897
b. 63, f. 488	Sons of the American Revolution	1892-1897
b. 63, f. 489	Titusville Centennial	1889
b. 63, f. 490	Titusville Library Association	1897
b. 63, f. 491	Titusville Relief Association	undated
b. 63, f. 492-493	Writings	1887-1896, undated
Sher	rman, Roger Seymour	
b. 63, f. 494	Account book	1912-1917
b. 63, f. 495	Correspondence	1898-1908, undated

#### Sherman, Roger Seymour (continued)

b. 63, f. 496-497	Legal notebooks	undated
b. 64, f. 498-507	Legal notebooks	undated
b. 65, f. 508-511	Legal notebooks	undated
b. 65, f. 512	School notebook	1898-1899
b. 65, f. 513	Sons of the American Revolution	1896
b. 65, f. 514	Titusville school notebook	undated
b. 65, f. 514 b. 65, f. 515	Titusville school notebook  Family, miscellaneous	undated 1852-1861, undated
		1852-1861,

### Series IV: SCRAPBOOKS, 1870-1897

5.0′ (12 boxes)

This series contains material arranged in two sections: Volumes and Miscellanea. Volumes contains twenty-three numbered and individually indexed items. They are arranged in numerical order. Miscellanea contains two boxes of memorabilia arranged in chronological order.

\	/olumes	
b. 67, f. 532-534	1-3	1870-1879
b. 68, f. 535-537	4-6	1879-1889
b. 69, f. 538-540	7-9	1880-1895
b. <b>70</b> , f. <b>541-542</b>	10-11	1878-1897
b. <b>71</b> , f. <b>543-544</b>	12-13	1888-1895
b. 72, f. 545-546	14-15	1880-1895
b. 73, f. 547-548	16-17	1866-1896
b. 74, f. 549-550	18-19	1865-1895
b. <b>75</b> , f. <b>551-552</b>	20-21	1886-1897
b. <b>76</b> , f. <b>553-554</b>	22-23	1894, 1896-1897
N	Miscellanea	
b. <b>77</b> , f. <b>555</b>	Invitations, calling cards, etc.	1880s
b. 78, f. 556	Invitations, calling cards, etc.	1890s

### **OVERSIZE**

#### **Business Papers**

b. <b>79</b>	Chronological	1854-1877
b. <b>79</b>	Chronological	1878-1897, undated
b. <b>79</b>	Other books	
	Personal and Family Papers	
b. <b>79</b>	Conkling family	
b. 79	Sherman, Alma Janet	
b. <b>79</b>	Sherman, Alma Seymour	
b. <b>79</b>	Sherman, Roger	

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Competition -- United States
Lawyers
Monopolies
Oil industries
Petroleum industry and trade
Petroleum law and legislation
Petroleum -- Pipelines
Petroleum -- Transportation
Railroads -- History
Restraint of trade
Trusts, Industrial -- United States

### **Geographic Names**

Middle Atlantic States
Pennsylvania -- Politics and government -- 19th
century
Titusville (Pa.)
United States -- Economic conditions -1865-1918

#### **Names**

Abbott, William H. Beebe, M. C. Bennett. A. P. Campbell, Benjamin B. Dodd, S. C. T. (Samuel Calvin Tait), 1836-1907 Emery, Lewis, 1839-1924 Kemble, William H. Lee. J. W. Lloyd, Henry Demarest, 1847-1903 Minor, Samuel Ohlen, Henry C. Patterson, Elisha G. Phillips, Thomas W., Jr., 1874-1956 Sherman, Isaac Deblois Sherman, Roger, 1839-1897 Shiras, George, 1832-1924 Van Syckel, Samuel Wood, A.D.

#### **Families**

Sherman family

### **Corporate Bodies**

General Council of Petroleum Producers Unions Orion Oil Company Pennsylvania Railroad Petroleum Producers Protective Association Petroleum Producers Unions Producers and Refiners Oil Company, Ltd Producers Oil Company, Ltd Pure Oil Company Standard Oil Company United States Pipe Line Company