

## Mississippi State University Libraries Presidential Papers

Accession #	PP-001	Date	2016
Collection	Stephen Dill Lee Papers	Donor	
Size	27 files and 7 letter books	Restrictions	The Lee letter books (A2008-8) are available on a case by case basis as the material is fragile.

**Location: Presidential Papers, Drawer 1A**

**Stephen Dill Lee, 1880-1899**



**Dates:** 1880-1899; **Bulk dates:** 1883-1899

### **Bio/History Note**

Stephen Dill Lee was born in Charleston, South Carolina on September 22, 1833. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1854 and served in the United States Army until the outbreak of the Civil War. As a Confederate officer, Lee commenced the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, SC and served throughout the war at the battles of Second Bull Run, Antietam, the siege of Vicksburg, and many others. After the war, Lee lived in Mississippi where he worked as a farmer, state legislator, and became the first president of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College (later Mississippi State University) in 1880. He also served as a commissioner of the Vicksburg Battlefield Commission, charged with preserving the land

where the siege was held. One of the more prominent members of the United Confederate Veterans, Lee died in Vicksburg, Mississippi on May 28, 1908.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of twenty-seven folders and seven letter books (see A2008-8) containing correspondence and subject files relating to his time as President of Mississippi A. & M. College. Also included are diplomas, awards, and other ephemera. The collection covers material from 1880-1899, with the bulk from 1883-1899.

### **Copyright/Citation**

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## **INVENTORY**

### **Drawer 1A**

Folders:

1. Agricultural Experiment Station (3 items)
2. Appropriations (2 items)
3. Committee On Courses Of Instruction (7 items)
4. Connell, J.H. - Pt. 1 (7 items)
5. Connell, J.H. - Pt. 2 (9 items)
6. Correspondence, 1883-1884 (12 items)
7. Correspondence, 1889-1890 – Pt. 1 (7 items)
8. Correspondence, 1889-1890 – Pt. 2 (6 items)
9. Correspondence, 1891-1894 (8 items)
10. Correspondence, 1895-1896 (5 items)
11. Correspondence, 1897 – Pt. 1 (6 items)
12. Correspondence, 1897 – Pt. 2 (7 items)
13. Correspondence, 1898-1899 (7 items)
14. Diplomas, Decrees, and Theses - Pt. 1 (20 items)
15. Diplomas, Decrees, and Theses - Pt. 2 (19 items)
16. Faculty Promotions and Resignations and Leave Of Absences (3 items)
17. Faculty Requests (7 items)
18. Faculty - Salary Claims (5 items)
19. Honorary Degrees (2 items)
20. President's Office: Job Applications – Pt. 1 (20 items)
21. President's Office: Job Applications – Pt. 2 (19 items)
22. Morrill Bust (2 items)
23. Orations (Rhetoricals) (8 items)
24. Physical Plant (2 items)
25. Secret Fraternity - S.A.E. Affair, 1892-1893 (14 items)
26. Student Petitions and Requests, 1892-1899 (12 items)
27. Student Awards, Medals (2 items)

**See also A2008-8** for Letter Books of Presidents Stephen D. Lee (1880-1899) and John C. Hardy (1900-1912) (3 cu ft).

### **Subject Headings**

Lee, Stephen D. (Stephen Dill), 1833-1908

Mississippi State University

College administrators

Starkville (Miss.)

### **Genre**

Correspondence