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Creator: Stimpson, William (February 14, 1832-May 26, 1872)

Dates: 1848-1933, undated (inclusive), 1852-1855, 1871-1872(bulk)

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Processor and Date: Amber K. King, August 2011

Processing Note: The collection is divided into main series and an Addendum series due to the provenance of the collection. Correspondence is divided into sub-series by category, except for loose materials from the Addendum Series 5: Scrapbook, which are in order by original found location, i.e. page number.

- Most letters have typewritten transcripts which have been housed with the original letter. However, sometimes the letters and/or transcripts are incomplete. In addition, some original

items do not have the transcript or the transcript does not have the original document. Even if incomplete, these have been organized within the sub-series grouping by date.

- Many of the letters contain small drawings by Stimpson of things that he saw, particularly those letters from the U.S. North Pacific Expedition.
- The diary from U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition is missing pages. Included with the diary is a typewritten typescript of the diary.
- There are loose pages and materials that have come apart from their bound pages from the scrapbook that have been placed in archival folders for permanent storage. See the container list by the scrapbook page number to re-associate the appropriate materials.
- All materials in the Addendum series were taken from the Academy archives, except for those materials in the Shay donation that were found to correspond to pages in the scrapbook. These materials were added to the Addendum Series 5: Scrapbook series for clarity.

Biographical Sketch: William Stimpson was a noted malacologist, naturalist, and zoologist. His scientific studies took him all over the world and as a result he worked for, arguably, the two most important scientific institutions of his day, the Smithsonian Institute and the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

He was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts on February 14, 1832. Although his interest in science developed at an early age, his first employment was in the field of engineering, to please his father who was afraid that his son could not make a living as a natural scientist. He still maintained his connections with the sciences by joining the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Boston Society of Natural History and also began to study shells with W.G. Binney, the noted malacologist. He was finally able to give up engineering in 1850 when he began to work under Louis Agassiz at Harvard University.

It was in 1852 that Stimpson was appointed as naturalist/zoologist with the North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition. During the four years he spent with the expedition, he visited many regions in the North Pacific including Japan, the Bering Strait, and Hong Kong. During that time he collected 5,300 specimens, 1,970 of which were testaceous mollusks, mollusks with hard shells, and 3,000 of which he made special notes and drawings.

When he returned from the expedition, he brought all of the specimens he collected to the Smithsonian Institution, where he began arranging and describing them. Stimpson was in charge of the Department of Invertebrates at the Smithsonian and held this position until 1865. It was then that a good friend, Robert Kennicott, asked Stimpson to take over his duties at the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Stimpson obliged Kennicott and became the curator and secretary of the Academy until November of 1866 when he was elected to fill the position of director upon the death of his friend. Stimpson was a powerful force for obtaining collections and developing the scientific reputation of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. He brought his specimens and his reputation as the “leading American authority on aquatic invertebrates” to the Academy, continuing the scientific work started by Kennicott.

Stimpson continued to develop all the Academy’s collections, in addition to working on his own scientific studies. He led expeditions along the eastern coastline with funding from the Academy, including one to Florida with J.W. Velie, of which the Academy received all of the collected specimens. Tragically, the entire collection, including Stimpson’s ongoing research for twenty years, was destroyed

during the 1871 Great Fire when the Academy building succumbed to the blaze. In an attempt to recuperate, Stimpson set off for another collecting trip in Key West and the Gulf of Mexico in the winter of 1871. Stimpson's health however was not up to the trip or the setbacks that the expedition encountered. He returned to Ilchester, Massachusetts and died on May 26, 1872.

Stimpson left behind a lasting legacy even with the destruction caused by the Great Fire. In addition to the field work he completed, he was also an active member in many scientific societies and regularly presented papers. He was a member of the Megatherium Club in Washington, D.C. and founding member of the Potomac-side Naturalists' Club which would develop into the Washington Academy of Sciences. In 1860 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Medicine from Columbian University and in 1868 he was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Scope and Content: The majority of the materials housed within this collection are about two major occurrences in Stimpson's life, his participation in the U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition between 1853 and 1856 and the losses suffered by Stimpson and the Chicago Academy of Sciences after the 1871 Great Fire. The majority of the materials are in the form of correspondence, but the diary of his experiences during the North Pacific Expedition includes first-person information, not only about what he was collecting, but also living conditions and his impressions of the places that he visited.

Series Description:

Series 1: Biographical Materials (1872-1918, undated)

This series contains materials related to the life and family of William Stimpson. All of these materials were written or published after his death. Of particular note is a notebook with a handwritten memoir of Stimpson written by Franklin B. Sanborn, a journalist and author who was a noted biographer of leaders in the American Transcendentalist Movement. Also included are clippings referring to Stimpson's numerous papers and a photograph of Stimpson. It is divided into four sub-series: Clippings, Photograph, Printed Materials, and Writings.

Series 2: Correspondence (1852-1933, undated)

This series contains correspondence in the form of letters. The majority are letters written to his parents during his time with the U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition. Other letters were written to Stimpson after the total loss suffered by both himself and the Chicago Academy of Sciences due to the Great Fire on October 8-10, 1871. In addition are letters written to his wife and children, Stimpson is the correspondent for some of the letters written to his children. Correspondents of note are Spencer F. Baird, J. Jeffreys, and Phillip Carpenter. The series is divided into four sub-series: General, Chicago Academy of Sciences, Family Members, and U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition.

Series 3: Diaries (1854-1855)

This series contains a diary written by Stimpson during his time on the U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition.

Series 4: Writings (undated)

This series contains handwritten lists and a handwritten story on a single piece of paper. There are two kinds of lists. The first is a listing of all the papers written by Stimpson with citation information. The second consists of three lists, all of lists of malacological taxonomy with what appears to page numbers.

Addendum

Addendum Series 1: Correspondence (1871-1872, undated)

This series contains letters written to and from William Stimpson. Many are letters written to Stimpson after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 commiserating for his losses or offering support in the form of donations. Among the correspondents are Col. J.W. Foster and George C. Walker, president and treasurer of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, respectively. Included also are handwritten copies of letters sent by Stimpson to others during his work at the Academy before the fire. There are also letters sent to Stimpson's wife Annie after the death of her husband. The series is divided into three sub-series: General, Copies (handwritten), and Family Members.

Addendum Series 2: Printed Materials (1871)

This series contains the circular published by the Academy and circulated to contacts throughout the United States and internationally that detailed the losses suffered by the Academy after the Great Fire of 1871. It further thanks all those donors whose collections were lost during the fire and appeals to other institutions for copies of Academy publications and their publications.

Addendum Series 3: Writings (undated)

This series contains three notes. Written on scrap pieces of paper, the notes include a citation for the *Manual of Conchology*, a section of minutes from Academy meeting, and a section from Vol. III of the Biological Society of Washington, D.C.

Addendum Series 4: Ephemera (1848)

This series contains a sterling silver medal inscribed, "Gift of Franklin, AD 1788" and "Awarded to Wm. Stimpson, 1848." This medal, awarded to Stimpson, was the highest prize awarded to graduating students from Cambridge High School. (See Mayer, Alfred Goldsborough, "Biographical Memoir of William Stimpson, 1832-1872," *National Academy of Sciences, Biographical Memoirs*, Vol. 3. Washington D.C.: National Academy of Sciences, March 1918.)

Addendum Series 5: Scrapbook (1863-1888, undated)

This series contains a scrapbook containing cuttings, printed materials, and correspondence. Most of the documents are related to the losses suffered by the Chicago Academy of Sciences after the Great Fire of 1871. Some of the letters were written and sent to Mrs. Stimpson after the death of her husband. There are also handwritten citations documenting the publications of Stimpson, as well as handwritten copies of snippets published in various sources documenting the life and death of Stimpson.

Container List:

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| Box 1 | | |
| Series 1: Biographical Materials (1872-1918, undated) | | |
| <i>Sub-series 1: Clippings</i> | | |
| 1 | Clippings | undated |
| <i>Sub-series 2: Photograph</i> | | |
| 2 | Photograph | undated |
| <i>Sub-series 3: Printed Materials</i> | | |
| 3 | Printed Materials | 1872, 1918 |
| <i>Sub-series 4: Writings</i> | | |
| 4 | General | undated |
| 5 | “Memoirs and Writings of William Stimpson, M.D.” by FB. Sanborn | ca. 1887 |
| Series 2: Correspondence (1852-1933, undated) | | |
| <i>Sub-series 1: General</i> | | |
| 6 | General | 1852, 1856, 1859, 1864, undated |
| <i>Sub-series 2: Chicago Academy of Sciences</i> | | |
| 7 | General | 1871 |
| 8 | Losses due to 1871 Fire | 1871-1872, undated |
| <i>Sub-series 3: Family Members</i> | | |
| 9 | Mrs. A. Stimpson (wife) | 1890, 1900 |
| 10 | Children | 1871-1872, 1886, 1933, undated |
| <i>Sub-series 4: U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition</i> | | |
| 11 | U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition | 1852-1853 |
| 12 | U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition | 1854 |
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| 14 | U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition | 1854-1855 |
| 15 | U.S. North Pacific Exploring and Surveying Expedition – Transcription | 1854-1855 |
| Box 2 | | |
| Series 4: Writings (undated) | | |
| 1 | Writings | undated |
| 2 | Writings | undated |
| Addendum Series 1: Correspondence (1871-1872, undated) | | |
| <i>Sub-series 1: General</i> | | |
| 3 | General | 1871-1872, undated |
| <i>Sub-series 2: Copies (Handwritten)</i> | | |
| 4 | Copies (handwritten) | 1871 |

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| | Sub-series 3: Family Members | | |
| | 5 | Mrs. A. Stimpson (wife) | 1874, 1896, 1902 |
| Addendum Series 2: Printed Materials (1871) | | | |
| | 6 | Circular relating damage to Academy collections | 1871 |
| Addendum Series 3: Writings (undated) | | | |
| | 7 | Writings | undated |
| Addendum Series 4: Ephemera (1848) | | | |
| | 8 | Sterling Silver, medal awarded to William Stimpson | 1848 |
| Addendum Series 5: Scrapbook (1863-1888, undated) | | | |
| | 9 | Loose pages, pp. 1-8 | 1871-1873, undated |
| | 10 | Loose documents, original placement noted | 1863, 1869, 1871-1872, undated |
| | 11 | Loose documents, original placement unknown | 1871-1872 |
| Box 3 | | | |
| Addendum Series 5: Scrapbook (1863-1888, undated) | | | |
| | p. 1 | Letter: California Academy of Sciences to Mrs. William Stimpson [loose] | August 17, 1871 |
| | p. 1 | portion of letter: Smithsonian Institution [loose] | May 26, 1863 |
| | p. 2 | Newspaper clipping: "In Memoriam. The Late Dr. William Stimpson of Chicago", Chicago Tribune | June 12, 1872 |
| | p. 3 | Newspaper clipping: continuation of "In Memoriam. The Late Dr. William Stimpson of Chicago", Chicago Tribune | June 12, 1872 |
| | p. 4 | Newspaper clipping: continuation of "In Memoriam. The Late Dr. William Stimpson of Chicago", <i>Chicago Tribune</i> | June 12, 1872 |
| | p. 4 | Newspaper clipping: William Stimpson Obituary | undated |
| | p. 4 | Writings: handwritten note of losses to Academy due to fire with dollar amounts | undated |
| | p. 5 | Letter: Spencer F. Baird to Mrs. Stimpson | November 6, 1873 |
| | p. 6 | Newspaper clipping: William Stimpson Obituary, <i>Chicago Inter-Ocean</i> | July 4, 1872 |
| | p. 6 | Newspaper clipping: William Stimpson Obituary | undated |
| | p. 6 | Newspaper clipping: "A Great Loss to Science", <i>Appleton's Journal</i> | December 9, 1871 |
| | p. 6 | Newspaper clipping: announcement of William Stimpson's departure to Key West for collection trip after fire | undated |
| | p. 7 | Clipping: example of William Stimpson's signature | Undated |
| | p. 7 | Letter: J. Jeffreys to William Stimpson | October 10, 1871 |
| | p. 7 | Letter: Louis Agassiz to William Stimpson | October 12, 1871 |
| | p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: editorial letter about loss of Stimpson's work, Frank W. Reilly | November 9, 1871 |
| | p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: William Stimpson Obituary | undated |

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| p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: announcement of Kennicotts departure to "North Pole" to return in 1861 | undated |
| p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: regarding monthly meeting of Chicago Academy of Sciences, post fire | undated |
| p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: Colonel J.W. Foster Obituary | undated |
| p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: regarding monthly meeting of Chicago Academy of Sciences, <i>Chicago Journal</i> | November 15, 1871 |
| p. 8 | Newspaper clipping: regarding monthly meeting of Chicago Academy of Sciences | undated |
| p. 9 | Letter: Louis Agassiz to William Stimpson | October 22, 1871 |
| p. 9 | Letter: Alex Agassiz to William Stimpson | November 23, 1871 |
| p. 10 | Letter: B. Silliman to Col. J.W. Foster | December 18, 1871 |
| p. 11 | Printed material: Circular distributed by Chicago Academy of Science after Great Fire | October 30, 1871 |
| p. 11 | Clipping: etching of Dr. Isaac Lea | Undated |
| p. 11 | Letter: A.W. Wright to William Stimpson | February 26, 1872 |
| p. 11 | Newspaper clipping: "A Night With the Savants" | undated |
| p. 11 | Newspaper clipping: "Our Savants" | undated |
| p. 12 | Newspaper clipping; "The Academy of Science," <i>Chicago Times</i> [bottom portion of clipping loose] | January 10, 1872 |
| p. 12 | Newspaper clipping: "Academy of Sciences" | undated |
| p. 12 | Newspaper clipping: "The Sciences" | undated |
| p. 13 | Letter with envelope: R. Rowan (Government House, Barbados) to William Stimpson, [letter loose] | January 15, 1872 |
| p. 13 | Letter with envelope: J.M. Latino Coelho (Academia Real das Sciencias de Lisboa) to William Stimpson; [letter loose] | Feburary 1, 1872 |
| p. 13 | Envelope: Kais Akademie der Wissenschaften (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna) to Chicago Academy of Sciences | undated |
| p. 14 | Letter: Louis Agassiz to William Stimpson | October 14, 1871 |
| p. 14 | Letter: A.E. Verril to William Stimpson | October 19, 1871 |
| p. 15 | Letter: B. Silliman to N. Bridge (recorder, Chicago Academy of Sciences) | January 25, 1872 |
| p. 15 | Letter with attached photograph: A.S. Packard, Jr. to William Stimpson; photograph of B. Silliman, Jr (dated March 1863, photo could have originally been attached to letter from Silliman this page) | October 15, 1871 |
| p. 15 | Envelope: To Will Stimpson from north Germany (postmark) | ca. December 1871 |
| p. 15 | Letter: A.S. Packard, Jr. to William Stimpson | December 12, 1871 |
| p. 16 | Letter: S.F. Baird to William Stimpson [loose] | April 30, 1872 |
| p. 17 | Letter: F.B. Merk (Smithsonian) to William Stimpson | December 13, 1871 |
| p. 17 | Letter: L.F. Pourtales to William Stimpson | November 29, 1871 |

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| p. 18 | Letter: James D. Dane to J.W. Foster | January 18, 1872 |
| p. 18 | Letter: W.S.W. Ruschenberger (Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences) to William Stimpson | November 8, 1871 |
| p. 18 | Letter: Thomas H. Streets (physician consulted when Stimpson became ill on last collecting trip before death) to William Stimpson | June 6, 1872 |
| p. 18 | Envelope: "Dr. Wm. Stimpson" | undated |
| p. 19 | Letter: Capt. Benjamin Pierce to William Stimpson | November 10, 1871 |
| p. 19 | Letter: Alex Agassiz to William Stimpson | October 10, 1871 |
| p. 19 | Letter with envelope: T. Bland to William Stimpson; [envelope loose], "T. Bland N.Y. Oct. 23, 71, answered Nov. 13 th '71" | October 23, 1871 |
| p. 19 | Letter with envelope: J. Jeffreys to Williams Stimpson; [letter loose] | October 6, 1871 |
| p. 20 | Letter: Theo Gill to Mrs. Stimpson | May 28, 1872 |
| p. 20 | Printed material: Flyer announcing papers to be read at meeting of National Academy of Sciences, related to letter this same page | undated |
| p. 21 | Letter: L.F. Pourtales to Mrs. Stimpson | August 13, 1872 |
| p. 21 | Letter: C. Patterson[?] to William Stimpson | December 12, 1871 |
| p. 22 | Letter: Francis C. Sanborn (Boston Society of Natural History) to Chicago Academy of Sciences | November 3, 1871 |
| p. 22 | Letter; L.S. Cotton (Cincinnati Society of Natural History) to Chicago Academy of Sciences | November 16, 1871 |
| p. 23 | Letter: E.K. Kane to William Stimpson [loose] | May 7, [n.d] |
| p. 23 | Letter: S.F. Baird and Mary H.C. Baird to William Stimpson | October 18, 1871 |
| p. 24 | Letter: Spencer F. Baird to J.N. Gordon | May 29, 1872 |
| p. 24 | Letter: Theo Gill to J.N. Gordon | May 28, 1872 |
| p. 25 | Letter: Prof. Henry from William Stimpson | January 20, 1870 |
| p. 25 | Letter: Marcus Benjamin to Mrs. Stimpson; [bottom third of letter loose] | June 17, 1888 |
| p. 25 | Letter: E.W. Blatchford to Williams Stimpson | April 12, 1872 |
| p. 25 | Envelope with three letters: all from "M"[most likely Mary Baird] to "Annie" (Mrs. Stimpson); [all three letters loose] | March 29, 1869, ca. 1872, and undated |
| p. 26 | Letter: J.C. Burroughs to [?] [loose] | December 8, 1871 |
| p. 26 | Letter: S.F. Baird to William Stimpson [loose] | November 17, 1871 |
| p. 26 | Envelope: to Dr. William Stimpson, "answered, Nov. 23, '71" | November 1871 |
| p. 26 | Envelope: to Dr. William Stimpson, 'answered Oct. 25 th '71" | |
| p. 27 | Letter: Caleb G. Forshey and Albert G. Blanchard, New Orleans Academy of Science to President and Secretary of the Chicago Academy of Sciences [loose] | November 28, 1871 |
| p. 27 | Envelope: to Dr. Wm. Stimpson care of George D. Allen. | ca. 1872 |

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| | | “answered, March 29, 72” | |
| p. 27 | Letter with envelope: P. Carpenter to William Stimpson, [letter loose]; envelope: to Dr. Wm Stimpson, “ans’d Oct. 25 th 71” | | December 31, 1871 |
| p. 27 | Letter: Stearns to William Stimpson | | December 8, 1871 |
| p. 27 | Newspaper clipping: announcement of Stimpson traveling to Boston on steamer William Jenkins | | undated |
| p. 28 | Letter: E.W. Blatchford to William Stimpson | | January 1, 1872 |
| p. 28 | Letter: E.W. Blatchford to William Stimpson | | May 6, 1872 |
| p. 28 | Letter: E.W. Blatchford to William Stimpson | | May 22, 1872 |
| p. 29 | Letter: H.H. Lakwood to Admiral [?] | | undated |
| p. 29 | Letter: William Stimpson to E.L. Chesbrough | | May 25, 1871 |
| p. 29 | Clipping: regarding meeting of Chicago Academy of Sciences | | undated |
| p. 29 | Letter with envelope: George C. Walker (treasurer, Chicago Academy of Sciences) to William Stimpson; [letter loose]; envelope: to Dr. Wm. Stimpson, “ans’d about Oct. 16 71 | | November 29, 1871 |
| p. 29 | Envelope: to Dr. William Stimpson, “Rec’d Oct. 18 th 71” | | October 15, 1871 |
| p. 30 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 31 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 32 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 33 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 33 | Newspaper clipping: Death notice of William Stimpson | | undated |
| p. 33 | Newspaper clipping: “Scientific Intelligence” | | undated |
| p. 33 | Envelope: to Dr. Wm. Stimpson from U.S. Commision, Fish and Fisheries, “answered, Nov. 20 th 71” | | November 17, 1871 |
| p. 34 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 34 | Newspaper clipping: “ Auf Wiedersehen”, <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> | | undated |
| p. 34 | Envelope: to Dr. Wm. Stimpson, “ans’d. Oct. 25 th , 1871” | | October 10, 1871 |
| p. 35 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 35 | Envelope: to Dr. Wm. Stimpson, “answered Dec. 12 th 71” | | December 10, 1871 |
| p. 36 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 36 | Envelope: to Prof. Wm. Stimpson from Treasury Department | | undated |
| p. 36 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | | undated |
| p. 37 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to | | undated |

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| | Stimpson, citations of his publications | |
| p. 38 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | undated |
| p. 38 | Envelope: to Mr. William Stimpson, Zoologist to Expedition to North Pacific Ocean | undated |
| p. 39 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | undated |
| p. 39 | Envelope: to Dr. W. Stimpson, 'answered Dec. 1.71" | November 29, 1871 |
| p. 40 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications | undated |
| p. 40 | Newspaper clipping: "Annual Commencement of the National Medical College", refers to awarding of honorary doctorate | undated |
| p. 40 | Envelope: to Dr. W. Stimpson, "ans'd. Oct. 20 th 71" | October 10, 1871 |
| p. 43 | Writings: Handwritten notes on death notices related to Stimpson, citations of his publications; [loose] | undated |
| p. 44 | Clipping: "Of the Stimpson period...", <i>Biological Society of Washington</i> | undated |
| p. 44 | Clipping: "William Stimpson" | undated |
| p. 45 | Writings: note of memoranda copied from old envelope of Wm. Stimpson | undated |
| p. 46 | Ephemera: blue ribbin entwined around specimen tags from North Pacific Exploratory Expedition | undated |
| p. 47 | Newspaper clipping: article on Stimpson by Marcus Benjamin | undated |
| p. 47 | Newspaper clipping: advertisement requesting donation of Academy publications from exchange institutions after Great Fire | undated |
| p. 50 | Letter with envelope: Thomas Cary to William Stimpson; envelope: to Professor Wm. Stimpson, "answered Dec. 9 th 71" | December 6, 1871 |
| p. 50 | Envelope: to Wm. Stimpson, Esq., "answered Dec. 21 st 71" | December 19, 1871 |
| p. 51 | Clipping; "Members National Academy of Science" | 1872 |
| p. 51 | Photograph: mounted on card stock, sepia-tone, Louis Agassiz, J.E. Tilton & Co. Publishers, Black, Photographer | undated |
| p. 51 | Photograph: mounted on card stock, sepia-tone, unidentified | undated |
| p. 51 | Photograph: in paper window envelope, black and white, William Stimpson | undated |
| p. 51 | Photograph: mounted on card stock, black and white, Alex Agassiz | undated |
| p. 79 | Envelope with five handwritten scraps with "Wm. Stimpson" written on them; envelope: "Specimen writing card" | undated |