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Guide to the

**Jacob Whitman Bailey letters**

1828-1882

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## Summary

**Creator:** Bailey, Jacob Whitman, 1811-1857

**Title:** Jacob Whitman Bailey letters

**Date:** 1828-1882

**Size:** .2 linear feet (1 v.)

**Source:** Gift, Bailey, Alfred G, 01/04/63

**Abstract:** Jacob Whitman Bailey (1811-1857) was an American botanist, chemist and geologist. He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1828-1882, and taught there from 1834-1857. In 1838 he became the first Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology at West Point. Collection consists of typescript copies of Jacob Whitman Bailey's letters, 1829-1853, (compiled by Alfred G. Bailey in 1962) largely to friends and family, and relating to personal and family matters. Also included are comments on some of these subjects by Loring Woart Bailey, his son; obituaries, 1857; letters, 1835-1882, by other members of the Bailey and related families; and essays and bibliographies on the Bailey and related Slaughter family of Culpepper, Va., and other families.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Location of Originals:** Originals located at Bonar Law-Bennett Library, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B., Canada

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Bailey family  
Slaughter family

### **Occupations**

Chemists  
College teachers

### **Names**

Bailey, Jacob Whitman, 1811-1857  
Bailey, Alfred Goldsworthy  
Bailey, L. W. (Loring Woart), 1839-1925  
United States Military Academy