

## Finding Aid to the Frederick E. Stratton Family Photograph Collection

### Stratton, Frederick E., 1847-1928

Frederick E. Stratton Family Photograph Collection

Ca. 1900 - 1930

23 photographic prints

Collection number: Photo 2116

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### OVERVIEW

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### BIOGRAPHY

Frederick E. Stratton was born at Athol, Massachusetts on July 5, 1847, the son of Joseph and Alice W. (Mann) Stratton. He attended Williams College, graduating in 1871. While a student at Williams College he was a member of an expedition to Central America. He received his Ph.D. from Wesleyan University in 1891. He married Mary Tryphena Goddard on March 14, 1874. They had one daughter named Alice Belle.

Stratton held the position of principal of the Orange, Massachusetts High School in 1871. He was the principal of the New Salem Academy from 1873 to 1876. He was in charge of the Powers' Institute from 1876 to 1879. From 1879 to 1883 he taught in various positions in the Boston area. In 1883 he accepted the position of principal at the high school in Davenport, Iowa. He remained at the Davenport High School as principal until 1892, when he became the principal of the Academy connected with Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He was the acting professor of Greek at Carleton College from 1904 to 1906. In 1906 Dr. Stratton was appointed professor of Greek at Fargo College. He served as the dean of Fargo College from 1906 to 1911, and librarian of the college. He continued his work at the Fargo College until 1922 when the college closed.

For twelve summers, Dr. Stratton was an instructor and director of teachers' training schools in Iowa and Minnesota. He was an organizer, director, and secretary for many years in the Iowa State Reading Circle, and a member of the Iowa State Educational Council. He was also the author of *The Game of the Greek Verb*.

Dr. Stratton died after a long illness in New York on June 4, 1928. He and his wife had been visiting their daughter and her husband. He was buried at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Frederick E. Stratton Family Photograph Collection** documents the Stratton family while they lived in Northfield, Minn. and Fargo, N.D. The portraits of Frederick E. Stratton span from being taken in Northfield to Fargo and one taken later in life circa 1926. There is also a snapshot of him working at his desk in the family library. There is a series of five snapshots of Frederick and Mary Stratton with their grandchildren in Fargo. All are outdoor scenes taken on sidewalk or in front of a building, likely on the Fargo College campus. In most of them is their grandson Arthur Frederick Stocker when a very young boy.

The Alice Stratton Stocker file contains nine images, most of which are formal studio portraits, taken before her marriage. The portraits were taken in Fargo and Northfield, Minn. Several are taken with other young women, including one taken at Flandreau, S.D. There is one photograph taken outside a house, likely in Fargo of two men and three women. The people are identified on the back as Will Kneebone, Frank Carr, Pauline Smith, Evelyn Bravold and Alice Stratton.

The final two photographs are a portrait of Frederick's father Joseph W. Stratton, labeled 'Spartansburg, Pennsylvania., 1915', and a nice image of the Stratton family on the front porch of their home in Northfield, Minn. It was taken by Fowler View Co. of Minneapolis.

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