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Abstract

Dr. George Miller Sternberg was born in New York on June 8, 1838. He was the oldest son of Reverend Levi Sternberg and Margaret Sternberg. He became an Assistant Surgeon in the United States Army on May 28, 1861. He is considered one of the first U.S. bacteriologist. In 1866, he was promoted to Major and assigned to Fort Harker in Kansas. During his time here, he became interested in fossils and started to collect fossil leaves from the Dakota sandstone nearby. Many of his fossils ended up at the Smithsonian. He also acquired land and started to ranch near the fort, and later his brothers Charles H. and Edward, and his father, Levi, would come to Kansas to live on his ranch with him. His younger brother, Charles Hazelius Sternberg started to collect fossils as well.

Charles Hazelius Sternberg is the father of George F., Charles Mortram, and Levi Sternberg. Charles H. Sternberg became a paleontologist and many of the fossils he collected are displayed in museums throughout the world. He collected fossils for E.D. Cope, and got his sons, George, Charles M. and Levi involved in fossil hunting as well.

George F. Sternberg, Charles's son, was born August 26, 1883 in Lawrence, Kansas. Following in his father's footsteps, he became a paleontologist. He did field work in the Midwest, West,

Canada, and South America. He gained recognition for discovering and classifying a new sub-family of mastodons. In 1927, he was hired by Fort Hays State University as field vertebrate paleontologist and a curator of the museum housed in the University. At the museum, he developed public and educational programs to get people, especially kids and educators, involved in paleontology. He is well known for his excavation of the “fish within a fish” fossil. He retired from Fort Hays State University in 1961, and died in 1969. Fort Hays State University’s student geology club and museum are both named in honor of his family.

A link to the Sternberg Family tree can be found here at:

<http://oceansofkansas.com/CHStrnbrg.html>.

Note: Much of my information on the Sternberg family came from the Kansas State Historical Society, which can be found here: <http://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/george-f-sternberg/17251>.

Also the website Oceans of Kansas provided me with good information and the link can be found above with the family tree.

Scope and Content

This collection contains information on the family history and family tree of the Sternberg family. It also has articles written by Levi Sternberg, George F. Sternberg and Myrl Walker, Director of the Sternberg Museum after George F. Sternberg. There are maps of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Also located in this collection are correspondence of George F. Sternberg, George M. Sternberg, and Myrl Walker; George M. Sternberg’s will; field notes from George F. Sternberg and Charles H. Sternberg; and information and blueprints on the building of the Sternberg Museum in its new location on 27th Street in Hays, Kansas. There are also photos and listings of fossils that were sold by George F. Sternberg and information on George B. Pearce, a noted Kansas collector of fossils.

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