Guide to the Key Pittman Correspondence
MS-00074

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Summary Information

Creator: Pittman, Key
Title: Key Pittman Correspondence
ID: MS-00074
Date [inclusive]: 1933-1940
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet 1 Folder (shared box)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Key Pittman Correspondence spans 1933 to 1940 and consists of correspondence between U.S. Senator Key Pittman (via his clerk James A. White) and constituents who sent him books on a variety of subjects. The possibility of conflict in Europe is mentioned in some of the letters.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Key Pittman (1872-1940) was a United States Senator from Nevada. He was born in Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi on September 12, 1872. Key Pittman was privately tutored and attended Southwestern Presbyterian University in Clarksville, Tennessee. There he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He began practicing law in Seattle, Washington. In 1897, Key Pittman took a hiatus from his law practice and worked as a miner in Klondike, Alaska until 1901 when he returned to practicing law in Alaska. In 1902, he moved to Tonopah, Nevada. Once in Nevada, Key Pittman was appointed to represent the State of Nevada at the St. Lewis Exposition, the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and the Irrigation Congress. Pittman ran unsuccessfully for the United States Senate in 1910. In 1913 however, Pittman was elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George S. Nixon. Pittman was reelected in 1916, 1922, 1928, 1934, and 1940. He served as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate in the Seventy-third through the Seventy-sixth Congresses. Senator
Pittman was chairman of the Committee on Territories (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses); Committee on Industrial Expositions (Sixty-sixth Congress); and the Committee on Foreign Relations (Seventy-third through Seventy-sixth Congresses). Senator Key Pitman passed away before he could serve his final senate term in 1940. He died in Reno, Nevada on November 10, 1940.

Source:

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Arrangement
Materials are in rough chronological order.

Administrative Information
Access
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Revision Description

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Controlled Access Headings

- Nevada -- Politics and government -- 20th century
- Records and correspondence -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Pittman, Key

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<td>Letter from James D. Phelan about sending an advance copy of an unnamed book and where it can be purchased, undated</td>
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<td>Letter from Key Pittman to Dr. James T. Shotwell thanking the doctor for the book &quot;Turkey at the Straits&quot;, 1940 May 18</td>
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<td>Letter from James A. White, Senator Pittman's assistant, to Senator Harry B Hawes thanking him for sending the book &quot;Japan's Case Examined&quot;, 1940 October 30</td>
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