

Guide to the William M. Stewart Correspondence

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Stewart, William M. (William Morris), 1827-1909
Title:	William M. Stewart Correspondence
ID:	MS-00071
Date [inclusive]:	1854-1872
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet (1 folder, (shared box))
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	William M. Stewart Correspondence is primarily comprised of handwritten letters addressed to U.S. Senator William Morris Stewart, between 1854 and 1872. Many of the letters were written during his first term in office. Also included is one document about the reappointment of a postmaster of Sutro, Nevada, and a manuscript telegram from Frances P. Hayes about the territorial organization and judicate district in Indian Territory.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

William Morris Stewart (1827-1909) was one of the first U.S. Senators from Nevada (1864-1874 and 1886-1904). He was born in Galen, Wayne County, New York on August 9, 1827. During the 1850s, he moved to California and became involved with mining and studying law, eventually becoming Attorney General of California in 1854. In 1860, Stewart moved to Virginia City, Nevada and was involved with mining litigation and the Comstock Lode. Upon Nevada's admission into the Union, Stewart was elected to the U.S. Senate (1864) as a member of the Republican Party, and helped drafted the 15th Amendment. He retired in 1875 to private practice, but returned to the Senate in 1887 with the Silver Party. He ran again as a Republican, and was re-elected in 1899. William M. Stewart died in Washington D.C. on April 23, 1909.

"William Morris Stewart: A Featured Biography." United States Senate. Accessed June 3, 2015.

"Stewart, William Morris - Biographical Information." Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. Accessed June 3, 2015.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were purchased in 1995; accession number 1995-053, MSSx51.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Kayla McDuffie revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Kayla McDuffie to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. June 2015

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Related Materials

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The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Located at the Nevada State Historical Society in Reno, Nevada:

Stewart, William M., and Charles Joseph Kappler. 1866. *Papers of William M. Stewart*.

For other resources and collections:

"Stewart, William Morris (1827-1909) Guide to Research Papers." Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. Accessed June 16, 2015. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/guidedisplay.pl?index=S000922>.

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Names and Subjects

- Legislators -- Nevada -- Correspondence
- Nevada--Politics and government

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
W. P. Gould, Galveston, Texas: autographed letter signed asking Stewart for relief, 1872 February 28	box SH-005
Reappointing postmaster at Sutro, Nevada, document signed, 1872 October 10	box SH-005
Admission to citizenship, Storey City, Nevada, document signed, 1870 October 12	box SH-005
Autograph letter signed by T. Ellwood Zell (of Zell's Encyclopedia), asking Stewart for information on Nevada's Seal, 1871 February 18	box SH-005

Autograph letter signed by Wilson Butler, about the President's appointment of Dexter as receiver of public funds in Nevada, 1870 December 14	box SH-005
4 page autograph letter signed by Chauncey Noteware, asking for help in adjusting his accounts, 1870 January 24	box SH-005
2 page autograph letter signed by J. W. Douglas, about the value of mines in the White Pines Silver Range, 1870 June 24	box SH-005
2 page autograph letter signed by E. B. Chaffee, wanting J. Wood to be confirmed as postmaster, 1870 January 18	box SH-005
Autograph letter signed by M. Romero of Mexico, thanking Stewart for introducing him to someone, 1869 November 28	box SH-005
Autograph letter signed by L. E. Inge, about getting to see Stewart, undated	box SH-005
Autograph letter signed written to James Stewart, 1854 December 23	box SH-005
1 page manuscript telegram by Frances P. Hayes, of Parsons, Kansas, about territorial organization and Judiciate district in Indian Territory, 1872 April 21	box SH-005