

Guide to the Key Pittman Correspondence

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Pittman, Key, 1872-1940
Title:	Key Pittman Correspondence
ID:	MS-00074
Date [inclusive]:	1933-1940
Physical Description:	0.10 Cubic Feet (1 folder (1 shared box))
Physical Description:	0.10 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Key Pittman Correspondence, dated 1933 to 1940, consists of correspondence between U.S. Senator Key Pittman via his clerk James A. White and various constituents who sent him books on a variety of subjects.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Key Pittman (1872-1940) was a United States Senator for Nevada from 1916 to 1940. He was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on September 12, 1872. Key Pittman was privately tutored and attended Southwestern Presbyterian University in Clarksville, Tennessee. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He practiced law in Seattle, Washington, but in 1897 Pittman stopped his law practice and worked as a miner in Klondike, Alaska. In 1901, he returned to practicing law in Alaska and then in 1902 he moved to Tonopah, Nevada. Once in Nevada, Key Pittman was appointed to represent the State of Nevada at the St. Louis 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 re-elected 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, the Committee on Industrial Expositions, and the Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Pittman passed away in Reno, Nevada on November 10, 1940.

Source:

"Biographical Directory of the United States Congress," United States Congress, accessed August 4, 2015.
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=P000372>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are in rough chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1969; accession number 1003.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff in 1969. In 2015, John Grygo entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Nevada -- Politics and government -- 20th century
 - United States Senate
 - Records and correspondence -- Nevada -- 20th century
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Letter from Secretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico about sending the book "The Crisis of The Gold Standard", 1933 October 18	box SH-006
Damaged Item: Letter is torn at fold of middle of paper. Bottom half is missing.	
Letter from James D. Phelan about sending an advance copy of an unnamed book and where it can be purchased, undated	box SH-006
Letter from Key Pittman to Dr. James T. Shotwell thanking the doctor for the book "Turkey at the Straits", 1940 May 18	box SH-006
Letter from James A. White, Senator Pittman's assistant, to Senator Harry B. Hawes thanking him for sending the book "Japan's Case Examined", 1940 October 30	box SH-006
Handwritten letter from Tom Ireland about sending Senator Pittman the book "War Clouds", 1935 October 07	box SH-006
Letter from Henry C. Wolf about sending Senator Pittman the book "The German Octopus: Hitler's Bid for World Power", 1939 February	box SH-006
Letter from Camilo Osaias and Mauro Barandi about sending Senator Pittman the book "The Philippine Charter", 1933 March 24	box SH-006
Letter from Joseph C. Candy to Senator Pittman about sending the book "Why the Treaty of Trianon is Void", 1939 April 03	box SH-006
Letter from James A. White, Senator Pittman's assistant, to Joseph C. Candy thanking him for sending the book "Why the Treaty of Trianon is Void", 1939 April 06	box SH-006
Letter from Don Parsons to Senator Pittman about sending the Senator the book "The New Western Front", 1939 September 13	box SH-006

Letter from James A. White, Senator Pittman's assistant, to Don Parsons thanking him for sending the book "The New Western Front", 1939 November 15	box SH-006
Handwritten thank you note on business card to Senator Pittman from Margaret Biddle, undated	box SH-006
Photo of Benjamin Stoddert, undated	box SH-006
