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Title

Joseph Fish collection

Dates

1897-1915

Extent

1 scrapbook

Biographical History

Storekeeper, newspaper editor, school teacher, attorney, justice of the peace, sawyer, surveyor, territorial legislator, and historian, Joseph Fish was born June 27, 1840 at Twelve Mile Grove, Illinois and spent his early childhood with the Mormon settlers at Nauvoo. The Fish family then settled at Parowan (in Iron County), Utah about 1850. Fish began teaching school in 1857 and was married in 1859; in 1869 he married what would be the second of four wives. He was associated with farming and business activities at Parowan at that time. Although accounts of his arrival in Arizona conflict, it is known he established the cooperative store known as Charles Jarvis and Joseph Fish Co. at Holbrook, Arizona in 1881. He eventually moved to Layton and was elected Representative to the 18th Territorial Legislature from Graham County. In 1896 he returned to Holbrook and began collecting materials and writing about the history of Arizona. He is the author of *The Pioneers of the Southwest, Rocky Mountain Regions*, and *The Life and Times of Joseph Fish, Mormon Pioneer*. He died in 1926.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of newspaper clippings glued onto the pages of the *Report of the Director of the Mint, 1896*. Clippings are dated from 1897-1915.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

Materials entirely in English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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MS-24-1	Scrapbook by Fish	1897-1915	1 scrapbook	Box 1.1

LCSH Access Points

Arizona -- History

Fish, Joseph, 1840-1926

Mormon cities and towns

Mormon pioneers