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Abstract: Letters, financial records, property tax records, and clippings relating mainly to his career as president of the Nevada Lava Stone Company, treasurer of the Nevada Gypsum Company, and to his livestock business, especially his partnership with W.N. McGill.
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Biography
Jewett William Adams was born in Vermont in 1835. He emigrated to California in the early 1850s and moved to Nevada in the 1860s. After serving as lieutenant governor of the state for eight years, he was elected governor in 1882. When his term ended in 1886, he served for several years as super-intendant of the mint at Carson City and then devoted the rest of his career to his livestock and other business. He was president and a director of the Nevada Lava Stone Company which was organized about 1895. In the late 1890s he formed a partnership with William N. McGill which became one of the largest livestock companies in the state. In 1908 he helped organize the Nevada Gypsum Company, a corporation formed to mine the gypsum deposits near Mound House which he had worked as the Empire Plaster Company. He was treasurer of the new company until 1912 when it was sold to the Pacific Portland Cement Company. In 1915 he moved to San Francisco and died there in 1920.

Scope and Content
The Adams papers were purchased from John Howell Books in January, 1963. They relate to his many business interests, primarily those in which he was involved from 1894 to 1912.

Box 1
- Letters written by Adams, 1886-1912; n.d.
  - Mainly to his wife concerning business affairs. A few are addressed to business associates. Arranged chronologically. (1 folder)

Boxes 1-4
- Letters written to Adams
  - Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the key to arrangement. Unlisted letters are in a Miscellany at the beginning of the file.

Box 5
- Personalia
  - Biographical data.

Nevada Lava Stone Company
- Reports on rock analyses, oath of office for officers & directors, etc. 1895-1898.

Financial Records, 1891-1904
- Invoices, receipts, etc., for supplies bought by employees of his livestock &amp; other businesses. Include also a few payroll records.

Property tax assessments & receipts, 1894-1904, for state & county taxes
- Tax lists, 1898-1902
  - Printed lists giving total valuation of property on which taxes were assessed in Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Ormsby, & White Pine counties, Nevada.

Receipts for payment of interest on land purchased in Nevada, 1902-1906
- Issued to J.W. Adams, E.L. Adams & others.

Miscellaneous Papers, 1895-1910
- Include agreements re sale of livestock; reports on analyses of stone, gypsum, etc.; & description of land owned by Adams & McGill.

Clippings
- A few concern Adams.

Adams, Emma (Lee) [Mrs. Jewett W. Adams]
- 2 letters, 1897 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note
- Relate mainly to their business interests.

Boyle, Emmet Derby, 1879-1926
3 letters, 1908
Scope and Content Note
Copies, written to N.L. Bell. Written while superintendent of construction of the mill of Nevada Gypsum Company at Mound House, Nevada. See also Nevada Gypsum Company

Bryan, Mary Elizabeth (Baird), 1861-1930 [Mrs. William Jennings Bryan]
Letter, Apr. 8, 1900
Scope and Content Note
Written to Mrs. Adams.

Cassidy, George Williams, 1836-1892
3 letters, 1883-1884
Scope and Content Note
Written while U.S. Representative from Nevada.

Comins, Henry A, 1836-1917
3 letters, 1895-1897

Fair, James Graham, 1831-1894
Letter, Feb. 20, 1885
Scope and Content Note
Written while U.S. Senator from Nevada. Asking Adams' advice re proper person to recommend for Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City.

Harwood, L. M.
21 letters, 1897-1899
Scope and Content Note
Re Adams' cattle & sheep business.

Hilp, Sol
3 letters, 1894-1895

McGill, William N., 1853-1923
277 letters, 1898-1912 & n.d.
Scope and Content Note
Relate to the Adams-McGill cattle & sheep business. Contain many comments about the live stock business in Nevada and other western states.

Nevada-California Power Company
Letter, Sept. 29, 1909
Scope and Content Note
Re a shipment of Portland cement.

Nevada Gypsum Company
294 letters, 1908-1912
Scope and Content Note
Written mainly by N.L. Bell & M. Greenblatt. Some letters transmit copies of letters written to others. A few letters (copies) written to others. See also Boyle, Emmet Derby

Payne, Ben
152 letters, 1894-1902 & n.d.
Scope and Content Note
Letters, 1894-1898, written mainly to Adams & Keating. Relate mainly to Adams' livestock business.

Service, James A
21 letters, 1894-1904

Scope and Content Note
Letters, 1894, written to Adams & Keating. Letter, 1904, written to W. N. McGill.