Finding Aid to the Joseph Fish Manuscript and Letters MS.616

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Abstract: Joseph Fish (1840-1926) lived in northern Arizona at Snowflake and was an official of the Mormon Church. He was among the early settlers of Iron County, Utah, Snowflake Arizona, and the Mormon Colonies in Mexico. The collection contains manuscript material created by Fish and correspondence from 1897 to 1905. Fish's manuscript covers topics such as the Indian wars; the Capital questions; colonization and land grants; Indian raids; military posts; the founding of Phoenix; the Camp Grant massacre; General George H. Crook campaigns; Mormon colonization on the Little Colorado River; and the development of early industries, agricultural, mining, and railroads. The collection also includes correspondence from Marion Clark, W.W. Damron and Chas Trumbull Hayden.
creator: Clark, Marion
creator: Damron, W. W.
creator: Fish, Joseph, 1840-1926
creator: Hayden, Charles Trumbull, 1825-1900
Access
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Scope and contents
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Letters from Marion Clark, dated 1897 April 1, are concerning a trip taken by William Milligan with a bull train of corn and the settling of farms in Round Valley and a second letter concerning William Milligan and Round Valley. Another letter from W.W. Damron concerns the organization in 1881 of Graham County by John Charles Frémont.
The letter from Chas Trumbull Hayden briefly describes Hayden's life including two trips as a merchant to Santa Fe and Tucson. It also mentions his first overland mail coach to Tucson, his position as first probate judge of Tucson, and a meeting with Henry Clay. The letter from Trumbell is undated.
Biographical/Historical note
Joseph Fish (1840-1926) lived in northern Arizona at Snowflake and was an official of the Mormon Church. He was among the early settlers of Iron County, Utah, Snowflake Arizona, and the Mormon Colonies in Mexico. He was mostly self-educated. He was a storekeeper, newspaper editor, school teacher, attorney, justice of the peace, sawyer, surveyor, territorial legislator, and historian. His writings have long been valuable resources for later historians and genealogists in researching life in the early days of white settlement of the American West. Fish's manuscript was never published due to financial constraints.
Acquisition
Donation for the Munk Library of Arizoniana, between 1910-1931.
Processing history
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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Cochise, Apache Chief, d. 1874  
Crook, George, General, 1829-1890  
Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890  
Geronimo, Apache Chief, 1829-1909  
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Arizona -- History  
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