Descriptive Summary

Title: Chase-Morley Papers

Dates: 1867-1925

Collection Number: mssChaseMorley papers

Creator: Chase, Manly M. Morley, William R.

Extent: 168 items in 1 box and 11 volumes

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Language of Material: The records are in English.

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Biographical Note

Manly M. Chase (1842-1915) was born in Wisconsin on October 8, 1842. Before founding the Chase Ranch, Chase and his father worked as merchants who sold beef and other goods to miners. Manly Chase and his wife Teresa settled in New Mexico in 1867 and purchased a portion of the Maxwell Land Grant to start a cattle ranch. Chase successfully raised livestock such as cattle and sheep, managing companies such as the Maxwell Cattle Company and the Chase, Eno and Company. Chase was also well-known for his orchards which primarily produced apples.

Manly Chase and Teresa were close friends with William R. Morley Sr. and his wife Ada. After Morley’s accidental death—accidentally shot on his way to Mexico in January 1883—Chase assumed responsibility of the Morley Estate and the welfare of the Morley children, W.R. and Ada L. Morley. Ada M. Morley continued to conduct business with Chase and owned shares in various cattle companies and lands. Their relationship was strained due to the court struggle over the estate of the Morley children and Chase’s guardianship role. Ada M. Morley married Floyd Jarrett in 1884, though he deserted the family around 1889. Manly M. Chase died in 1915, but his sons went on to continue the Chase Ranch business.

Scope and Content

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Manuscripts include memorandums, an affidavit, a bond, and written articles about Morley family members, Ada M. and Agnes Morley. The bulk of the manuscripts consist of legal materials regarding the Morley estate and children, W.R. Morley
and Ada L. Morley. Manuscripts also include official court papers, bank statements, and legal agreement drafts. The bulk of the correspondence consists of letters from Ada M. (Morley) Jarrett to Manly M. Chase about various personal and business matters. Notable items include Ada M. (Morley) Jarrett’s letter to Manly M. Chase in which she expresses her thoughts about the death of her husband, W.R. Morley, and written letters regarding the guardianship of Chase over her children. Her other correspondence covers subjects such as business advice, stocks, land, legal issues, and family matters. Other types of correspondence in the collection include letters written to Manly M. Chase from individuals who include Agnes Morley, Floyd Jarrett, Henry Chase, Lucretia Mitchell, W.M. Eads, and W.J. Stanton. These letters cover a variety of personal and business issues related to Chase’s life. Subject matters include business transactions, legal issues, money matters, and personal matters regarding the lives of the Morley children. Notable items also include several telegrams that recount the death of William R. Morley.

The papers also include some ephemera which include materials such as envelopes and handwritten notes on scratch pieces of paper by Manly M. Chase. The collection also includes a photograph (1879) of the Morley children. The papers also contain 11 letter books that contain the personal and business correspondence of Manly M. Chase. The letter books are arranged chronologically and include correspondence and financial ledgers. These books are housed with the collection. Each letter book deals with the day-to-day business matters and transactions of Manly M. Chase, which include the sale of cattle, sheep, wool, and fruit from the orchards. Also included are the personal itemized grocery lists of Manly M. Chase and information on payments made to business associates. Other correspondence subject matter includes written contractual agreements, livestock advice, personal and legal matters regarding Ada M. (Morley) Jarrett, and issues concerning the Maxwell Land Grant Co., Red River Cattle Co., and Gila Cattle Co. Along with letter book 1 is a Quitclaim Deed for Manly M. Chase which was found inserted near the book’s cover page. Letter book 9 contains a folder with an index of names associated with the ledger contents. Letter book 10 also includes an inserted folder that contains typed and handwritten manuscripts of the minutes of the annual meeting of the stockholders of S.M. Chase Cattle Company which was found inserted near the cover page. Letter book 11 includes an inserted folder that contains an accounts payable ledger and typed letters regarding payments made to the S.M. Chase Cattle Company. Several of the letter books have newspaper clippings in them as well.

**Personal Names**
- Chase, Manley M.
- Jarrett, Ada M.
- Morley, William R.
- S.M. Chase Cattle Company.

**Subjects**
- Business enterprises -- New Mexico.
- Cattle trade -- New Mexico.
- Ranchers -- New Mexico -- Archives.
- Ranches -- New Mexico.
- Real property -- New Mexico.

**Geographic Areas**
- Maxwell Land Grant (N.M. and Colo.)
- New Mexico -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
- New Mexico -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.

**Genre**
- Business records United States 19th century.
- Legal documents United States 19th century.
- Letter books United States 19th century.
- Letter books United States 20th century.
- Letters (correspondence) United States 19th century.

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[Undated]. Cleaveland, Norman. Typed opinion/biographic articles about the Morley family. 3 items.

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[Undated]. Articles written about Ada Morley and Agnes Morley Cleaveland. 2 items.

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1883, May 1. Bond signed and sealed for Ada M. Morley and Frank Springer. 1 item.

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1890-1892. Morley estate papers, bank statements and letters to M.M. Chase. 14 items.

Folder 9  
1891. County of Arapahoe. Court document regarding the estate of W.R. Morley, deceased. 1 item.

Folder 10  
1892-1893. County of Arapahoe. Court documents regarding the estate of Morley minors. 12 items.

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1876, Nov. Morley, Ada M. 2 letters to Manly M. Chase.

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1882, June 8. Nor[th], Edward. 1 letter to W.R. Morley.

Folder 14  
1882-1883. 13 telegrams regarding the death of William R. Morley.

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1885-1889. Stanton, W.J. 4 letters to Manly M. Chase.

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1889. Eads, W.M. 2 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 29  
1890. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 6 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 30  
1890. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 2 letters to Manly M. Chase and Teresa Chase.

Folder 31  
1890-1891. Morley, Agnes. 3 letters to Manly M. Chase and Teresa Chase.

Folder 32  
1890 - 1892. Chase, Manly M. 3 letters to Judge Markham, Mrs. A.M. Jarrett, and Mess. Perry and Bliss.

Folder 33  

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1891. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 2 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 35  
1891. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 2 letters to Teresa Chase.

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Folder 37  
1892. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 5 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 38  
1892-1893. Mitchell, Lucretia. 5 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 39  
1893, Jan. 4. Folsom, S.M. 1 letter to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 40  
1893. Jarrett, Ada M. Morley. 3 letters to Manly M. Chase.

Folder 41  
1893. Springer, Charles. 2 letters to Manly M. Chase.

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Folder 43  
1890, Apr. 14. [Chase, Manly M.] Note on M.M. Chase letterhead. 1 item.

Folder 44  
[Undated]. Chase, Manly M. Handwritten notes to H.M. Pearl. 2 items.

Folder 45  
1884-1900. Ephemera. Letter and telegram envelopes and various handwritten notes. 17 items.

Letter Books

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