Jacob Hamblin Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Jacob Hamblin Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1857-1948
Bulk dates: 1857-1885
Collection Number: mssFAC 1307-1325
Creator: Hamblin, Jacob, 1819-1886.
Extent: 43 pieces in 1 box
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Language: English.
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Biographical Note
Jacob Hamblin was born on April 2, 1819, in Salem, Ohio. In 1850, after his conversion to Mormonism, he travelled west to Salt Lake City, Utah to join fellow members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in establishing the Mormon community. At this time, the Mormons were under the leadership of Brigham Young (1801-1877), who encouraged the settlement of the Intermountain West. Jacob Hamblin was called upon by Young to aid in the colonization of southern Utah and the exploration of the Southwest. Today, Hamblin is best known as a peacemaker and a missionary, especially to the Hopi and Navajo tribes. His years of work not only helped to establish Young's policy of coexistence between the Mormons and Indians, but also earned Hamblin a place in Mormon history as the Apostle to the Lamanites. After a long and productive life, he died in Pleasanton, New Mexico, on August 31, 1886.
Bibliography
Scope and Content
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Notable items include: Two journals of Jacob Hamblin, one dated 1862-1863 (FAC 1312) and the other 1868-1885 (FAC 1313).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Hamblin, Jacob, 1819-1886.
Snow, Erastus Fairbanks, 1818-1888.
Young, Brigham, 1801-1877.
Cotton growing -- Utah.
Hopi Indians -- Missions.
Mormon Church -- Missions -- Arizona.
Mormon Church -- Missions -- Utah.
Mormons -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Navajo Indians -- Missions.
Utah Expedition (1857-1858)
Arizona -- Description and travel.
New Mexico -- Description and travel.
Utah -- History -- Sources.

Forms/Genres
Copy prints -- 20th century.
Diaries -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century.

Alternate Authors
Snow, Erastus Fairbanks, 1818-1888.
Young, Brigham, 1801-1877.