Overview of the Collection
Title: Hurlbert Family Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1869-1902
Collection Number: mssHM 65102-65241
Creator: Hurlbert family.
Extent: 164 items in 3 boxes
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Abstract: This collection chiefly contains correspondence written by members of the Hurlbert and Chenowith families of New England and the American Southwest, between 1869-1902, discussing family matters and day-to-day life. The letters from the Southwest also discuss farming, Native Americans, local crime, and mining.
Language: English.
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Provenance
Purchased from Michael Vinson Western Americana, June 14, 2002.
Scope and Content
The collection is chiefly made up of correspondence written by various members of the Hurlbert and Chenowith families to Andrew J. Hurlbert, his wife Mary Chenowith Hurlbert, and their daughter Ida May Hurlbert; there is one letter by Mary Hurlbert and five by Andrew J. Hurlbert. The Hurlbert family lived in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire; their letters deal with family matters and their day-to-day activities. The Chenowith family lived throughout the American southwest including Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado and Texas; their letters deal with farm life, descriptions of the Southwest, financial problems, family matters, fears of Indian attacks, the movements of Victorio and the Mimbreno Indians, murders in town, mining in New Mexico, and a shoot-out over a ranch property where a bullet grazed the head of Rachel Chenowith (Mary Hurlbert’s mother). There are also 24 pieces of ephemera including receipts, miscellaneous envelopes, invitations, and miscellaneous notes.
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.
Indexing: Subjects
Arizona – Description and travel.
  • Subject in Mary Hurlbert letter (1879, Apr. 18) to Anna Wellington. HM 65195.
Indians of North America – New Mexico.
  • Subject in Margaret Brahm letter (1879, July 12) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65115.
  • Subject in John W. Chenowith letter (1879, July 11) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65157.
  • Subject in Rachel Chenowith letter (1879, June 16) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65164.
Mines and Mineral Resources – New Mexico.
  • Subject in Andrew J. Hurlbert letters (1883-1884) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65190-65192.
Victorio, Apache Chief, -1881.
• Subject in John W. Chenowith letter (1879, July 11) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65157.
• Subject in Rachel Chenowith letter (1879, June 16) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65164.

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

Subjects
Hurlbert family.
Victorio, Apache chief, -1881.
Indians of North America -- Arizona.
Indians of North America -- New Mexico.
Mimbreno Indians.
Mines and mineral resources -- New Mexico.
Arizona -- Description and travel.
Arizona -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
New Mexico -- Description and travel.
New Mexico -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Southwest, New -- Description and travel.

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence).

Correspondence, Ephemera

Box 1

A-Chenowith, George
A----, Henry M. 1 letter (1874, May 22) to “My Dear Uncle.” HM 65102
Armstrong, Josephine. 1 letter (1873, Nov. 3) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65103
Bellis, Sam C. 2 letters (1874-1875) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65104-65105
Bellis, Sam C. and Mrs. Sam C. Bellis. 1 letter (1876, Mar. 12) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65106
Bellis, Sam C., Mrs. 2 letters (1875-1876) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65107-65108
Brahm, Margaret. 2 letters (1882-1883) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65109-65110
Brahm, Margaret. 6 letters (1878-1879) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65111-65116

Following HM 65112 is a letter by Millie Brahm to Ida May Hurlbert.

Brahm, Millie. 3 letters (1889) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65117-65119
Brooks, S. H. 1 letter (1871, Aug. 1-2) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65120
Brown, Sarah. 2 letters (1870-1871) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65121-65122
Brown, Sarah. 1 letter (1896, July 27) to [unknown addressee]. HM 65123
Chenowith, Charles. 10 letters (1871-1878) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65124-65133
Chenowith, Edward. 2 letters (1869-1871) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65134-65135

Chenowith, Edward and Louise Chenowith. 1 letter (1869, Jan. 20) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65136.

Chenowith, George W. H. 10 letters (1878-1880) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65137-65146

HM 65137 includes a letter by George W. H. Chenowith to Ida May Hurlbert.

Chenowith, George W. H. 3 letters (1884) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65147-65149

Box 2

Chenowith, John-J
Chenowith, John Peyton. 4 letters (1879-1880) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65150-65153
Chenowith, John W. 4 letters (1878-1879) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65154-65157
Chenowith, John W. and Rachel Chenowith. 3 letters (1878-1880) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65158-65160

HM 65159 includes two pieces of fabric and a card. HM 65160 includes two pieces of fabric and a lock of hair.
[Chenowith], Mary Ellen. 2 letters (1887) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65161-65162
Chenowith, Rachel. 4 letters (1874-[before 1882]) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65163-65166
Fellows, Betsey Y. 1 letter (1871, Nov. 5) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65167
Fellows, Betsey Y. 12 letters (1872-1879) to Andrew J. Hurlbert and Mary Hurlbert. HM65168-65179. Following HM 65168 is a letter by Mary A Shepard to Andrew J. Hurlbert and Mary Hurlbert. Following HM 65172 is a letter by Laura A. Harriman to Andrew J. Hurlbert.

Harcourt, Charles. 1 letter (1873, May 16) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65180
Harcourt, Charles. 2 letters (1871) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65181-65182
Harcourt, Charles and Annie Harcourt. 4 letters (1872-1878) to Andrew J. Hurlbert and Mary Hurlbert. HM 65183-65186
Harcourt, Charles and Annie Harcourt. 2 letters (1871) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65187-65188
Hurlbert, Andrew J. 4 letters (1883-1884) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65189-65192
Hurlbert, Andrew J. 1 letter (1882, Mar. 8) to Ida May Hurlbert and May Wellington. HM 65193
Hurlbert, Gillman. 1 letter (1874, Sep. 20) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65194
Hurlbert, Mary. 1 letter (1879, Apr. 18) to Anna Wellington. HM 65195
Jones, Mary L. 1 letter (1873, May 28) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65196

Jones, Mollie L. 1 letter (1874, Oct. 27) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65197.

Box 3

Lyda-W, and Ephemera

Lyda, William M. 1 letter (1878, Sep. 30) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65198
Moorhead, W. A. and Leona Moorhead. 1 letter (1871, Sep. 6) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65199
Smith, G. F. 1 letter (1880, Mar. 27) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65200
Smith, Ida L. 1 letter (1902, Mar. 3) to Betsey Y. Fellows. HM 65201
Smith, Ida L. 2 letters (1902) to Ida May Hurlbert. HM 65202-65203
Shepard, Mary A. 4 letters (1872-1879) to Andrew J. Hurlbert and Mary Hurlbert. HM 65204-65207
Shepard, Mary A. 2 letters (1875) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65208-65209
Swan, R. 6 letters (1878-1879) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65210-65215
Wellington, Anna. 7 letters (1872-[before 1882]) to Andrew J. Hurlbert. HM 65216-65222
Wellington, Anna. 10 letters (1874-1880) to Andrew J. Hurlbert and Mary Hurlbert. HM 65223-65232
Wellington, Anna. 4 letters (1873-[before 1882]) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65233-65236
Wilks, Tranquillar T. 1 letter (1873, Nov. 22) to Margaret Brahm. Includes two pieces of fabric. HM 65237
Wilks, Tranquillar T. 3 letters (1872-1873) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65238-65240
Following HM 65239 and HM 65240 are letters to Mary Hurlbert by C J. Wilks.

------, Sallie. 1 letter (1874, May 31) to Mary Hurlbert. HM 65241
Ephemera (1874-1877). Includes receipts, miscellaneous envelopes, invitations, and miscellaneous notes. 24 items.