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Overview of the Collection
Title: C. H. Mayo Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1879-1883
Collection Number: mssHM 61658-61711
Creator: Mayo, C. H. (Clarence Hastings)
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Abstract: The collection consists primarily of letters, most of which were written by C. H. (Clarence Hastings) Mayo to his family back home in Warwick, Massachusetts, describing the various towns in which Mayo lived, his work on cattle ranches, agriculture, and his impressions of the landscapes of New Mexico, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Colorado, between 1879 and 1882.
Language: English.
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Purchased from Dawson's Book Shop, September 21, 1959.
Biographical Note
C.H. (Clarence Hastings) Mayo traveled West in late 1879 to work on a cattle ranch in Colfax County, New Mexico, in the employ of United States Congressman and family friend William Windom (1827-1891). Mayo worked on Windom's Kiowa Ranch from January-April 1880 before heading north to Wyoming and Fargo, North Dakota, in search of other business opportunities. In August of the same year, Mayo moved to Colorado, where he worked and lived in Saguache, Bonanza, and Gunnison through 1882. Although Mayo was interested in purchasing land and having a ranch in Colorado, he worked as a carpenter and was also paid to provide musical entertainment with his cornet.
Scope and Content
The collection consists primarily of letters, most of which were written by C. H. (Clarence Hastings) Mayo to his family back home in Warwick, Massachusetts. Mayo describes the nature of his employment (or the lack thereof), the various towns in which he lives, cattle ranching, agriculture, and his impressions of the landscapes of New Mexico, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Colorado. He occasionally discusses national politics (in particular the election and assassination of President James A. Garfield) and frequently refers to his business activities with or on behalf of William Windom. There are also occasional references to Native Americans, Nelson Appleton Miles, Sitting Bull, and William T. Sherman in a few of the letters. Mayo writes home frequently, and his letters are most often addressed to his father (Edward F. Mayo), mother, sister (Kittie Mayo), and brother (Ned). There are also two letters in the collection from William Windom and one from an Uncle Richards.
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically, with an undated receipt and two carte-de-visite photographs stored at the end.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Mayo, C. H. (Clarence Hastings)
United States. President -- Elections, 1880
Sitting Bull, 1831-1890
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881
Miles, Nelson Appleton, 1839-1925
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1839-1925
Windom, William, 1827-1891
Agriculture -- Colorado
Cattle
Cornet players -- West (U.S.) -- Correspondence
Indians of North America -- Colorado
Indians of North America -- New Mexico
Mines and mineral resources -- Colorado
Railroads -- Colorado
Ranch life -- New Mexico
Ranches -- Colorado
Bonanza (Colo.)
Colorado -- Description and travel
Colorado -- Economic conditions
Denver (Colo.) -- Description and travel
Fargo (N.D.) -- Description and travel
Gunnison (Colo.)
New Mexico -- Description and travel
North Dakota -- Description and travel
Saguache (Colo.) -- Description and travel
Saguache (Colo.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century
Mayo, Edward F.
Mayo, Edward F., Mrs.
Mayo, Kittie
Mayo, Ned
Windom, William, 1827-1891

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- West (U.S.) -- 19th century

Alternate Authors
Mayo, Edward F.
Mayo, Edward F., Mrs.
Mayo, Kittie
Mayo, Ned

Box 1

**Correspondence. 1879-1880**

HM 61658 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1879, December 17
Location: Washington, D.C.

HM 61659 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1879, December 22
Location: Washington, D. C.

HM 61660 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1879, December 25
Location: Kansas City, Mo.
| HM 61661 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, January 1 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61662 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, January 8-9 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61663 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, January 15 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61664 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1880, January 21 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61665 | Richards to C.H. (Clarence Hastings?) Mayo. 1880, January 22 |
| Location: Saguache, Colo. |
| HM 61666 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, January 26 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61667 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, February 2 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61668 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1880, February 3 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61669 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, February 11 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61670 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, February 15 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61671 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, February 18 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61672 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, February 21 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61673 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, March 4 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61674 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, March 12 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61675 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, April 3 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61676 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, April 4-5 |
| Location: |
| HM 61677 | Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, April 13 |
| Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M. |
| HM 61678 | Richards to C.H. (Clarence Hastings?) Mayo. 1880, April 17 |
| Location: Saguache, Colo. |
HM 61679 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, April 18
Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M.

HM 61680 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, April 26-27
Location: Kiowa Ranch, Colfax County, N.M.

HM 61681 Windom, William, 1827-1891 to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, April 28
Location: Washington, D. C.

HM 61682 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, May 2
Location: Cheyenne, Wyo.

HM 61683 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, May 5
Location: Rock Creek, Wyo.

HM 61684 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, May 8
Location: Crazy Woman Creek, Wyo.

HM 61685 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, May 18
Location: Rock Creek, Wyo.

HM 61686 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, May 23
Location: Rock Creek, Wyo.

HM 61687 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. [1880], May 29
Location: St. Paul, Minn.

HM 61688 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, June 2
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61689 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, June 3
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61690 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1880, June 10
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61691 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, July 2
Location: Mayville, N. D.

HM 61692 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, July 6
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61693 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, July 7
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61694 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, July 8-9
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61695 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, July 13-14
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61696 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1880 July 23
Location: Fargo, N. D.
HM 61697 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to -----. 1880, pre-Aug
Location: Fargo, N. D.

HM 61698 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, August 15
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61699 Windom, William, 1827-1891 to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, August 21
Location: Canon City, Colo.

HM 61700 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, September 9
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61701 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, September 12
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61702 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, September 13
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61703 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, September 26
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61704 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, October 3
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61705 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, October 17
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61706 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, October 24
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61707 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, November 14
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61708 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1880, November 21
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61709 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1880, December 5
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61710 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1880, December 19
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61711 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1880, December 26
Location: Saguache, Colo.

Box 2

Correspondence and Ephemera. 1881-1883
HM 61712 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, January 2-9
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61713 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1881, January 23
Location: Saguache, Colo.
HM 61714 Windom, William, 1827-1891 to Edward F. Mayo. 1881, January 29
Location: Washington, D.C.

HM 61715 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to C.E. Mayo. 1881, March 20
Location: Bonanza, Colo. Note Oversize folder

HM 61716 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, March 24
Location: Bonanza, Colo.

HM 61717 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, March 27-29
Location: Bonanza, Colo.

HM 61718 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, April 2
Location: Bonanza, Colo.

HM 61719 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, April 5
Location: Bonanza, Colo.

HM 61720 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, April 12
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61721 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, April 24
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61722 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, May 1-8
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61723 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1881, May 22
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61724 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, June 12
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61725 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1881, July 2
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61726 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, July 24
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61727 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1881, August 7
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61728 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, August 14
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61729 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, August 21
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61730 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1881, September 10
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61731 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, October 16
Location: Gunnison, Colo.
HM 61732 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, October 30  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61733 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1881, November 6  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61734 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, November 27  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61735 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, December 4  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61736 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1881, December 25  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61737 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, January 29  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61738 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1882, February 5  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61739 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1882, February 13  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61740 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, February 16  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61741 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1882, March 19  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61742 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1882, April 8  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61743 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1882, April 9  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61744 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1882, April 16  
Location: Lake City, Colo.

HM 61745 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, May 3  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61746 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1882, May 17  
Location: Saguache, Colo.

HM 61747 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Ned Mayo. 1882, July 23  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61748 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1882, July 30  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61749 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, August 13  
Location: Gunnison, Colo.
HM 61750 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, October 1
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61751 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1882, October 22
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61752 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Kittie Mayo. 1882, October 29
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61753 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Edward F. Mayo. 1882, November 12
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

HM 61754 Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings) to Mrs. Edward F. Mayo. 1882, December 12
Location: Gunnison, Colo.

Mayo, C.H. (Clarence Hastings). Receipt to C.E. Mayo. [no date]
Two cartes-de-visite of C.H. (Clarence Hastings) Mayo. pre-1879-1883
Location: Glen's Falls, N.Y. and Gunnison, Colo.