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Descriptive Summary
Title: Willard S. Morse Collection of Material About Bret Harte,
Date (inclusive): 1850-1935
Collection number: 1019
Creator: Morse, Willard S. (Willard Samuel), 1856-1935
Extent: 12 boxes (6 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: Willard S. Morse (1856-1935) was a mining executive in the West and Mexico. He was later made a director and member of the executive committee of the American Smelter Securities Company, Chilean Exploration Company, and Braden Copper Company. After retiring, Morse devoted much of his time to the collection of Americana. The collection consists of extracts of writings by Harte from periodicals, newspaper clippings by and about Harte, original photographs of Harte, two books, dealer catalogs, related correspondence with Morse, and a collection of clippings relating to the Pony Express, 1904-35.

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Biography
Morse was born on June 12, 1856 in Ware, Massachusetts; at age 15 he began an apprenticeship in a machine shop in Taunton; moved to the West, where he first worked as a clerk in the Denver post office, and then in the office of the Consolidated Virginia mine at Virginia City, Nevada; later became a mining executive in the West and Mexico; moved to New York City in 1906, where he was made a director and member of the executive committee of the American Smelter Securities Company, Chilean Exploration Company, and Braden Copper Company; withdrew from active business in 1919, serving in an advisory capacity until 1922; wrote many articles for technical society publications; devoted much of his retirement to the collection of Americana; published works include Howard Pyle: a record of his illustrations and writings (comp. with Gertrude Brinklé, 1921) and Francis Bret Harte first editions and manuscripts: the Willard S. Morse collection (1939?); he died on October 4, 1935 in Santa Monica, California.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of extracts of writings by Harte from periodicals, newspaper clippings by and about Harte, original photographs of Harte, two books, dealer catalogs, related correspondence with Morse, and a collection of clippings relating to the Pony Express, 1904-35. Includes George Sterling's book, Art and life (1920), and Harte's copy of Ermete Pierotti's, Nomenclature des rues, impasses, passages...de Paris (1878).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Harte, Bret, 1836-1902.

• Collection of Bret Harte Letters (Collection 487). Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.
• Linda Diz Barnett Collection of Materials about Bret Harte (Collection 2014). Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

Excerpts from Periodicals By Bret Harte. no.1

Physical Description: (7 items. In an open end case)

| Box 1  | 1. Baby Sylvester. |
| Box 1  | 2. A Belle of Canada City. |
| Box 1  | 3. A Blue Grass Penelope. |
| Box 1  | 4. The Conspiracy of Mrs. Bunker. |
| Box 1  | 5. Cressy. |
| Box 1  | 6. An Episode of Fiddletown. |
| Box 1  | 7. A First Family of Tasajara. |
Excerpts from Periodicals By Bret Harte. no.2

Physical Description: (4 items. In an open end case)

Box 1

1. Gabriel Conroy.
2. In a Hollow of the Hills.
3. In the Carquinez Woods.
4. The Young America Condensed Novel [The Hoodlum Band].

Note
See Also: Boxes 2-5.

Box 1

Photograph of Bret Harte, signed by Harte.

Physical Description: 27.5 x 22cm., framed.

Stories, Poems, and Articles By Harte Extracted from Periodicals. Arranged Alphabetically By Title

Box 2

A - G.

Box 3

H - M.

Box 4

N - T.

Box 5

U - Z.

Box 5

Dealer catalogs and related correspondence with Willard S. Morse.

In Memoriam Bret Harte. Contains Art and Life, by George Sterling. San Francisco: A.M. Robertson. 1920

Physical Description: (3 items)

Box 5

The Bret Harte Trail. 1922.

Great Register, San Francisco County. July 1867.

Physical Description: Photostat.

Box 5

Program, Union Square Theatre. September 4, 1876, for Harte's play Two men of Sandy Bar.

Physical Description: Photostat.


Physical Description: 2 copies (4 items)

Box 5

5 photographs of Harte's play Salomy Jane.

Physical Description: Postcard size.

Box 5

Excelsior [poem], by Harte. New York. [1879].

Deacon Jones' experience [poem], by Harte. Cleveland. 1874.

Plain Language... Heathen Chinee, by Harte. Set of 9 cards.

Physical Description: Facsimile Reprints.

Box 5

Pierotti, Ermete, 1833-. Nomenclature des rues, impasses, passages... de Paris... Paris: Charles Noblet [1878].

Physical Description: 66pp. and map.

Note
Ex libris: Bret Harte.

Box 5

Pictures of Bret Harte and related subjects. Includes some original photographs.

Physical Description: ca. 75 items.

Box 6

Book reviews of Harte's publications, clipped from various periodicals and newspapers. 1866-1934.

Box 7

Newspaper clippings about Bret Harte. 1872-1934.
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<td><em>The Californian</em>. 1864-1866.</td>
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<td><em>The Northern Californian</em>. 1859-1860.</td>
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