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Burr, David A., 1838-1891.
Papers, 1848-1969.
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Letters: also available as photocopies.

David A. Burr was the son of David H. Burr, Surveyor General of Utah Territory.

Summary: Included is a diary of Journey from Washington, DC, to Utah Territory in 1855 in which Burr describes the steamboat trip, life on the trail, the appearance of the land, Indians, and horse thieves. There are also letters written from Utah (1858-1864) discussing details of the conflict between the Mormons and the U.S. government, clippings, school essays, and a number of photographs and Burr's sketches of scenes in Utah. Also included is an autograph album containing approximately 350 signatures collected by Mrs. David H. Burr and later members of her family, beginning in 1848 and continuing through 1969. Over three quarters of the autographs were collected in Washington, DC in the late 1840s and early 1850s. Included are the signatures of ten presidents, and many senators and representatives of the Thirty-first Congress, as well as many other public figures.

Described in REPORT OF THE CURATOR AND ARCHIVIST, 1962-66.

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1. Burr, David H., 1803-1875. 2. Mormon Church--History. 3. Mormons--Utah. 4. Utah--Description and travel. 5. Autographs. 6. Photoprints. 7. Sketches.

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Main entry: as above

Cross references to main entry:

Cumming, Alfred, 1802-1873
 Mississippi River
 Mormons
 Transportation (steamboat)
 Travel (United States)
 Utah (Echo Canyon)
 Utah (Salt Lake City)
 Utah Territory

THE DAVID H. BURR AND DAVID A. BURR COLLECTION

David H. Burr 1803 - 1875
 David A. Burr 1838 - 1891

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- MS. * Letter of David A. Burr to his father (on various sizes and colors of paper, 26+7 pp)
 orig. describing the events during the period October 7 to October 28, 1857
 Letter of David A. Burr to his mother (in French) dated October 28, 1857 (on page 8 of second section)
- MS. * Diary of David A. Burr
 orig. November 2 to November 16, 1857 (see description of original accession for April-July, 1855 diary; in 1962-66 Report; no photocopy)
- 2nd * Letter of David A. Burr to Messrs. Brown and Simonton (no photocopy)
 typed dated April 9, 1858, describing a journey with the Army in the Utah territory
 photocopy 1st rec'd and described with 1855 diary in 62-66 Report; no original)
- * MS. Copy of Letter dated April 21, 1858
 from: D. R. Eckels, Chief Justice Supreme Court, Utah Territory
 to: P. K. Dodson, U.S. Marshall
- * MS. Copy of Letter, dated April 27, 1858 (also, 1 photocopy)
 from: P. K. Dotson, U.S. Marshall
 to: D. R. Eckels, Chief Justice Supreme Court, Utah Territory
- * Orig. Newspaper Clipping, dated May 1, 1858
 "Late News from Utah - Interesting Intelligence Concerning the Army"
 (written by David A. Burr as correspondent for New York Tribune)
- * MS. Report from Utah, dated August 21, 1858
 (carbon?) Commenting on the state of affairs in the Utah Territory, and
 copy criticizing the editorial policy of the Tribune.
 (signed) A.B.C. (author not known)
- * MS. Letter of David A. Burr to his father
 orig. dated Nov. 27, 1859, written from Washington, D.C. describing his
 journey home and the political reactions to the affairs in Utah.
- * MS. Letter of David A. Burr to his sister Louise
 orig. dated February 10, 1864, written from London, describing his visits to
 Liverpool and Chester, and his experiences on the journey to London.
- # MS. Copy: Letter to President James Buchanan
 from Justices Cradlebaugh and Sinclair dated July 16, 1859
 "The rejoinder of the Judges to the letter of the President sustaining
 Gov. Cummings and Dist. Atty. Wilson" (copied by David A. Burr)
- # MS. Judicial Report: The Collision between the Executive and Judicial Authorities
 copy of the Territory of Utah 277 pp. (unpaged throughout - certain
 sections are paged)
 "A brief review of the attempts made by the U.S. Judges to administer law
 in Utah in 1858 - 1859, containing the correspondence between the judges
 and the President of the U.S. relative to the position of officers in the
 Territory, and other official documents heretofore unpublished."
 "from the private portfolio of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Utah
 Territory" (copied by David A. Burr)
- * MS. Collection of Essays, by David A. Burr 1853
 orig.
- * Orig. Excelsior, a boyhood newspaper, by D. & E. Burr 1853
 (Vol. 1, nos. 1-3) Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9,

* Photocopies in brown spiral binder # in green spiral binder
 Photographs listed on separate sheet; glossy prints in black spiral binder.

THE DAVID H. BURR AND DAVID A. BURR COLLECTION

David H. Burr 1803 - 1875
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Photographs of Utah Territory

1. Portrait: Brigham Young
2. Portrait: Brigham Young
3. Brigham Young's Mansion and Harem
4. Distant View of Brigham Young's Mansion
5. Office of the Historian and Recorder of the Mormon Church
6. Residence and Harem of Heber C. Kimball: 1st Counsellor of B. Young
7. Store of Radford Cabot & Co.
8. Mormon Church Store & Tithing Warehouses
9. Residence of P. K. Dotson Esq., U.S. Marshal
10. Main Street - Salt Lake City - 1858
11. Store of Livingston Kinkead & Co. - Salt Lake City
12. Governor Cumming's Tent - Winter Quarters 1857-58
13. Civilian's Row - Winter Quarters 1857-58
14. Soldiers handling their firewood - Fort Bridges 1857-58
15. Ute Indian Wick-ee-up's or Lodges
16. Farm House - Indian Reservations - Spanish Fork, Utah

Sketches by David A. Burr c. 1857

17. Portrait: "Brigham Young, the Mormon Autocrat"
18. Scene: Lake & Boats
19. Scene: House on lake
20. Scene: House on shore of lake (river ?)
21. Scene: Overlooking valley and fort
22. Scene: "Evening scene in the Black Hills"
23. Sketch of bridge
24. Scene: Small encampment
25. Scene: Small village
26. Lasso-ing a steer
27. Indian village

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