

Guide to the Joseph B. Abbott Collection Ms.00001

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator	Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892
Creator	Barnhouse & Wheeler.
Creator	Lake City (Colo.).
Title	Joseph B. Abbott Collection
Date	1878
Extent	0.25 Linear feet 2 file folders
Language	English
Collection [Box]	1
Abstract	A native of New Hampshire, Joseph B. Abbott (1835-1892) was named agent of the Los Pinos Agency (Los Pinos, Co.) in 1878. He resigned later the same year to return to New England. This collection contains two letters from Abbott to his brother, Charles, and four photographs (Barnhouse & Wheeler, Lake City, Co.), all pertaining his time with the Los Pinos Agency.

Preferred Citation note

Cite collection as: Joseph B. Abbott Collection, Mss.00001(accession E.2038), History Colorado. If applicable site individual photographs with accession numbers.

Biographical Note

Joseph B. Abbott was from New Hampshire. He replaced John D. Wheeler as Commissioner of the Los Pinos Indian Agency on January 16, 1878. At the time there were about 2000 Native Americans on the reservation. His early optimism toward the Agency was soon changed to a desire to return to New Hampshire. Abbott was replaced by Leverett M. Kelly between August 17, 1878 and July 5, 1879. The correspondence of this collection is addressed to Abbott's brother, Charles, in Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

Scope and Contents note

The Joseph Abbott Collection consists of two letters (with two envelopes) and four photographs. Background information concerning Abbott's appointment as Commissioner of the Los Pinos Indian Agency and his reports of the Agencies affairs can be found in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior for the years 1878 and 1879.

The materials of Joseph B. Abbott, though few, offer insight concerning travel conditions to Colorado shortly after statehood. The correspondence also illustrates some aspects of life on the Los Pinos Indian Agency. Rumors concerning the abandonment of the Agency (which was done in 1879) are mentioned. Also brief descriptions of Chief Ouray and other Native Americans are given.

Arrangement note

The Joseph B. Abbott collection is organized into two series.

Series

- I Correspondence, 1 file folder (FF)
 - II Photographs, 1file folder (FF)
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Administrative Information

Provenance

Items in this collection were given to the Library of the State Historical Society of Colorado by Miss Marguerite Davis (Abbott's granddaughter) of Tucson, Arizona in August of 1966. Initially items were separated but were reassociated in 2013. Items in this collection include manuscripts, photographs and artifacts.

Processing Information note

Originally processed by M. Gary Bettis, July 1968. Reprocessed by Leigh Jeremias and Alisa Zahller, 2013.

Related Materials

Mixed Collection Note

The Joseph B. Abbott manuscript collection is part of a larger donation of material (E.2038) that includes artifacts. Please contact the Research Center staff for more information. Click [here](#) for Related Materials Joseph B. Abbott Collection.

Indexing Terms

Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Los Pinos Indian Agency.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Correspondence.
- Photographs.
- Stereographs.

Occupation(s)

- Indian agents

Subjects - People

- Abbott, Charles, b. 1827
- Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892
- Davis, Marguerite, b.1889
- Ouray, Ute Chief, 1833 (ca.)-1880.

Subjects - Topics

- Burros
 - Post-office
 - Ute Indians
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Accession number

Manuscript Collection, E.2038. Photographs E.2038.7-10

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series I Correspondence January - April 1878 1.0 File folder(s) 2 letters and 2 envelopes

FF 1, Item 1 Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892 Joseph B. Abbott to Charles Abbott (Los Pinos, Co.) 26 January 1878 2.0 Item(s) One letter and one envelop.

Description

Detailed description of trip from Washington to Los Pinos Indian Agency (12-1-77 to 1-8-78). Agency has about 2000 Indians. Chief Ouray is very intelligent but most are ignorant.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Correspondence.

Subjects - People

- Abbott, Charles, b. 1827
- Ouray, Ute Chief, 1833 (ca.)-1880.

Subjects - Topics

- Ute Indians

FF 1, Item 2 Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892 Joseph B. Abbott to Charles Abbott (Los Pinos, Co.) 2 April 1878 2.0 Item(s) One letter and one envelop.

Description

If health does not improve I shall have to resign. Position is not a pleasant one-responsibility too great for pay. Desire to return to New Hampshire. There is talk of trouble with the Utes—have sent for troops. Agency may not remain in this area much longer. Great influx of people to San Juan mining region 25 miles S. of here. Have received no letter from you.

Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Correspondence.

Subjects - People

- Abbott, Charles, b. 1827
- Ouray, Ute Chief, 1833 (ca.)-1880.

Subjects - Topics

Photographs

- Ute Indians

Series II Photographs [1878] 1.0 File folder(s) 4 photographs

FF 2, Item 1 Barnhouse & Wheeler. Lake City (Colo.). Stereograph, Los Pinos Agency, Landscape and buildings [1878] 1.0 Photograph

Other number

Accession number E.2038.7; Other number 90.145.1; Negative number F-7357

Copyprint number

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Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Los Pinos Indian Agency.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Photographs.
- Stereographs.

FF 2, Item 2 Barnhouse & Wheeler. Lake City (Colo.). Stereograph, Los Pinos Agency, Post Office, group photograph of James B. Abbott and 13 unidentified people standing in front of Post Office. [1878] 1.0 Photograph

Other number

Accession number E.2038.8; Other number 90.145.2; Negative number F-7358

Copyprint number

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Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Los Pinos Indian Agency.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Photographs.
- Stereographs.

Photographs

Subjects - People

- Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892

FF 2, Item 3 Barnhouse & Wheeler. Lake City (Colo.). Stereograph, Los Pinos Agency, Post Office, Joseph B. Abbott (seated), Chief Ouray and four unidentified people outside of post office. [1878] 1.0 Photograph

Other number

Accession number E.2038.9; Negative number F-7358;

Copyprint number

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Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Los Pinos Indian Agency.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Photographs.
- Stereographs.

Subjects - People

- Abbott, Joseph B., (Joseph Brown), 1835-1892
- Ouray, Ute Chief, 1833 (ca.)-1880.

Subjects - Topics

- Post-office

FF 2, Item 4 Barnhouse & Wheeler. Lake City (Colo.). Stereograph, Los Pinos Agency, [Balla] burro, [1878] 1.0 Photograph

Other number

Accession number E.2038.10; Other number 88.340.6; Negative number F-7360

Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- Los Pinos Agency (U.S.).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Los Pinos Indian Agency.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Photographs.
- Stereographs.

Photographs

Subjects - Topics

- Burros

Object ID: E.2038.1
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 68.031 in, W: 51.89 in
Synopsis: Blanket - unknown maker - American Indian | Navajo - Unknown Locale - unknown maker - American Indian | Navajo - Unknown Locale - unknown maker - American Indian | Navajo - Unknown Locale - material ~ wool | technique ~ hand spun ~ 1 Ply ~ Z Spun | color ~ natural ~ white | color ~ indigo ~ blue | color ~ Dye ~ Aniline ~ brown ~ Mustard ~ red ~ black



Object ID: E.2038.2
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 71.10 cm, W: 78.10 cm
Synopsis: Rug - Navajo | Four Corners ~ uncertain - Navajo | Four Corners ~ uncertain - Navajo | Four Corners ~ uncertain - Germantown Wool ~ uncertain | 3 Ply ~ S Twist ~ Z Spun | Aniline dye | Yellow | Green | Red | Lavender | Red | Natural Black | Pink | Blue-Green | Fringe | Tassel



Object ID: E.2038.3
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 65.40 cm, W: 55.90 cm
Synopsis: Rug - Navajo - Navajo - Navajo - Germantown ~ uncertain | Saxony ~ uncertain | Yarn ~ 3 Ply ~ 4 Ply | Green | Yellow | Blue ~ Indigo | Cochineal ~ uncertain | Aniline red | Pink ~ handspun



Object ID: E.2038.4
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 127.00 cm, W: 77.80 cm
Synopsis: Blanket - Navajo - Navajo - Navajo - Light Blue ~ Aniline ~ uncertain | Indigo ~ uncertain | Aniline dye ~ Ganado Red | Natural White | Wool ~ handspun | 1 Ply ~ Z Spun

Object ID: E.2038.5
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 127.00 cm, W: 69.60 cm
Synopsis: Blanket - Navajo - Navajo - Navajo - Cochineal Red | Indigo | White | Wool ~ handspun | Warp ~ Z Spun | Weft ~ 1 Ply ~ Z Spun



Object ID: E.2038.6
Collection Type: Ethnography
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 18.00 cm, H: 12.70 cm, W: 11.00 cm
Synopsis: Moccasin ~ pair - American Indian | Ute - American Indian | Ute - American Indian | Ute - buckskin | Sole ~ Rawhide | Lacing ~ Thong | flap ~ Cuff ~ sewn ~ sinew ~ Lazy stitch | beads ~ blue ~ yellow ~ white ~ solid ~ red ~ blue ~ green ~ translucent ~ pink



Object ID: E.2038.7
Collection Type: BMSS
Department: BMSS
Dimensions:
Synopsis: photoprint - Barnhouse & Wheeler - Albumen print | Stereograph - Los Pinos Agency | Buildings | Landscape



Object ID: E.2038.8
Collection Type: BMSS
Department: BMSS
Dimensions:
Synopsis: photoprint - Barnhouse & Wheeler | lake city, colorado - Albumen print | Stereograph | Group portrait - Los Pinos Agency | Buildings | Joseph B. Abbott | men | Clothing & dress | Native Americans | Post Office | building ~ brick



Object ID: E.2038.9
Collection Type: BMSS
Department: BMSS
Dimensions:
Synopsis: photoprint - Chief Ouray, Joseph B. Abbott and Unidentified Utes and Man - Barnhouse & Wheeler - Lake City, Colorado - Hinsdale County, Colorado - United States of America - Chief Ouray | Joseph B. Abbott | Los Pinos Indian agency | Ute Indians | Post Office | building ~ brick | fence | window | blanket ~ Indian



Object ID: E.2038.10
Collection Type: BMSS
Department: BMSS
Dimensions:
Synopsis: photoprint - Albumen print | Stereograph ~ Half - burro | Residences | Ouray, Colorado | mountains | house - Joseph B. Abbott