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Collection Summary

Title: Justin S. Morrill Papers Span Dates: 1825-1923 Bulk Dates: (bulk 1854-1898) ID No.: MSS33555 Creator: Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898 Extent: 10,600 items; 77 containers; 30.8 linear feet; 52 microfilm reels Language: Collection material in English Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Abstract: United States senator and representative from Vermont and merchant. Correspondence, government documents, speeches and writings, printed matter, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material relating principally to Morrill's career as a congressman and senator.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence. Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence. Chittenden, L. E. (Lucius Eugene), 1824-1900--Correspondence. Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence. Dewey, Charles, 1798-1880--Correspondence. Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893--Correspondence. Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence. Harris, Jedediah H.--Correspondence. Marsh, Charles, 1765-1849--Correspondence. Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898. Nichols, George Ward, 1837-1885--Correspondence. Page, Carroll Smalley, 1843-1925--Correspondence. Randall, Henry Stephens, 1811-1876--Correspondence. Swain, A. N.--Correspondence. Thomas, Stephen, 1809-1903--Correspondence. Underwood, Adin B. (Adin Ballou)--Correspondence. Wharton, Joseph, 1826-1909--Correspondence.

Organizations United States. Congress. House. United States. Congress. Senate.

Subjects Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) School lands--United States. State universities and colleges--United States. Tariff--United States.

Places United States--Politics and government--19th century. Vermont--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations Merchants. Representatives, U.S. Congress--Vermont.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Justin S. Morrill, U.S. senator and representative from Vermont and merchant, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Morrill's heirs, Charles L. Swan, Charles Downer, and Elmer E. Morrill, in 1920. Parts of the collection were temporarily withdrawn in 1922 to complete a biography of Morrill, before being returned in 1924. Additions received in 1938 and 1939 and the original deposit were converted to a gift in 1942. Elizabeth Sullivan gave additional items in 1963.

Processing History:

The papers of Justin S. Morrill were processed in 1963 and prepared for microfilming in 1978. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status:

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Access and Restrictions:

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Microfilm:

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Biographical Note

Date 1810, Apr. 14	<i>Event</i> Born, Strafford, Vt.
1825-1828	Merchant clerk, Strafford, Vt.
1828-1831	Portland, Maine
1831-1848	Merchant clerk, Strafford, Vt.
1841	Married Ruth Barrell Swan
1848-1855	Farmer and horticulturist,
1855-1867	Member, United States House of Representatives; author of Morrill Tariff Act, 1861, and Land Grant College Act, 1862

1865-1898	Trustee, University of Vermont
1867-1898	Member, United States Senate
1883-1898	Regent, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
1898, Dec. 28	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Justin Smith Morrill (1810-1898) cover the period 1825-1923, with the bulk from 1854 to 1898, while he was United States representative and senator from Vermont. A Republican, Morrill served in the House as chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and as senator, he was prominent as chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Committee on Finance. The collection is organized in three series: <u>General Correspondence and Related</u> <u>Papers</u>, <u>Speeches and Writings</u>, and <u>Miscellany</u>.

Included with the large volume of correspondence in the collection are Senate and House reports and documents, speeches, remarks, and writings, invitations, financial and legal documents, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and record books containing demographic and other data relating to Vermont.

Much of the correspondence relates to Morrill's efforts as a congressional representative in behalf of the protective tariff act that bears his name and to his sponsorship of the Morrill Land Grant College Act. Other papers and documents reflect his positions on post-Civil War economic issues and Reconstruction.

Prominent correspondents include James Gillespie Blaine, Salmon P. Chase, L. E. Chittenden, Schuyler Colfax, Charles Dewey, Hamilton Fish (1808-1893), Horace Greeley, Jedediah. H. Harris, Charles Marsh, George Ward Nichols, Carroll Smalley Page, Henry Stephens Randall, A. N. Swain, Stephen Thomas, Adin B. Underwood, and Joseph Wharton.

Organization of the Papers

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- <u>Speeches and Writings, 1856-1898</u>
- <u>Miscellany, 1848-1917</u>

Description of Series

Series
General Correspondence and Related Papers, 1825-1923
Chronological File
Bound volumes of letters received with attached and related matter. Arranged chronologically.
<u>Alphabetical File</u>
Mostly letters received with attached and related matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.
Special File
Letters received from Jedediah H. Harris. Arranged chronologically.
Speeches and Writings, 1856-1898
Handwritten and printed speeches, writings, and related material. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
<u>Miscellany, 1848-1917</u>
Biographical material, invitations, financial records, photographs, printed matter, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and record books containing demographic and other data relating to Vermont. Arranged by type of material.

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Miscellany, 1848-1917

Container	Contents
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