
Guide to the William Alvord Papers, [ca. 1874-1904]

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Abstract: California business man, banker, mayor of San Francisco. Correspondence; autographs; badges and invitations relating to memorial services for U.S. Grant and William McKinley.

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Scope and Content

William Alvord (1833-1904) was a prominent California businessman, at one time president of the Bank of California, trustee of the College of California, and mayor of San Francisco.

This collection, presented to The Bancroft Library by Mrs. B. H. Skillings in August 1976, consists mainly of letters written to Alvord, many of them letters of introduction or of thanks for hospitality or gifts received. Also included is memorabilia relating to Ulysses S. Grant, 1885, and to President William McKinley in 1901.

Box **Letter written by Alvord, Mar. 2, 1897, introducing Albert T. Spotts to Leland Stanford.**

Scope and Content Note

Letters to Alvord, arranged alphabetically by correspondent or organization, then chronologically within each folder. A partial list of the major correspondents follows the report. A miscellany of unlisted letters, arranged alphabetically, is at the end of the files of correspondence.

Ulysses S. Grant memorabilia

Scope and Content Note

Ribbon and program for memorial services, 1885

William McKinley memorabilia

Scope and Content Note

Ribbon for reception, May 14, 1901.
Material re memorial services in San Francisco, Sept. 19, 1901

Miscellaneous items

Scope and Content Note

Including genealogical information on the Alvord family prepared by Mrs. B. H. Skillings.

Alvord, Benjamin

See Davis, Charles Henry

Alvord, William, 1833-1904

Letter, Mar. 2, 1897, introducing Albert T. Spotts to Leland Stanford.

See also Phillippo, Sir George

Ames, Frederick Lothrop, 1835-1893

- Letter, Mar. 21, 1882
- Baker Sir Samuel White, 1821-1893**
Letter, June 26, 1881?. Two calling cards also included.
- Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902**
3 letters, Nov. 13, 1880 and n. d.
- Bryce, James, 1838-1922**
2 letters, Dec. 15, 1889 and n. d.
- Canby, William Marriott, 1831-1904**
2 letters, 1894-1897
- Carnarvon, Almina, Countess**
2 letters, Mar. 24, [1903]
- Carnarvon, George Edward Stanhope Molyneux Herbert, fifth Earl of, 1866-1923**
Letter, Mar. 24, 1903
- Churchill, Lord Randolph Henry Spencer, 1849-1895**
2 letters, 1894. On version of letter of Aug. 15, copy of telegram from Lord Rothschild.
- Coolbrith, Ina Donna, 1842-1928**
Letter, Jan. 27, 1874
- Cushing, William Barker, 1842-1874**
Autograph only, n. d.
- Davis, Charles Henry, 1845-1921**
Letter, Oct. 16, 1874. Addressed to Benjamin Alvord, with note by Alvord, Oct. 21, 1874.
- Dawson, Emma Frances, 1851-1926**
Autograph, Dec. 1897
- Deady, Matthew Paul, 1824-1893**
Letter, Sept. 25, 1885
- Devens, Charles, 1820-1891**
Calling card, with note, n. d.
- Dohrmann, F. W. D.**
Letter, Dec. 13, 1898
- Fernow, Bernhard Eduard, 1851-1923**
Letter, Aug. 4, 1891
- Gilman, Daniel Coit, 1831-1908**
3 letters, 1875-1899
- Gray, Asa, 1810-1888**
7 letters, 1879-1888
- Greely, Adolphus Washington, 1844-1935**
See Longfellow National Memorial Association

- Hancock, Winfield Scott, 1824-1886
Signed calling card, [Dec. 26, 1883]
- Harrison, Benjamin, Pres. U. S., 1833-1901
Autograph, [Apr. 29, 1891]
- Harrison, Caroline (Scott) (Mrs. Benjamin Harrison)
Letter, Apr. 27, 1891
- Holden, Edward Singleton, 1846-1914
Letter, July 28, 1889. Calling card also included.
- Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894
Letter, Oct. 29, 1861, to Mr. Whittier.
- Howison, George Holmes, 1834-1916
Letter, Dec. 9, 1903
- Jackson, Helen Maria (Fiske) Hunt, 1831-1885
Letter, July 12, 1882
- Kalakaua, David, King of Hawaii, 1836-1891
Letter, April 12, 1887
- King, Charles, 1844-1933
Letter, Dec. 23, 1898
- Kip, William Ingraham, 1811-1895
Letter, Feb. 10, 1873
- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882
Letter, Apr. 2, 1872
- Longfellow National Memorial Association
Letter, Jan. 23, 1899, by Adolphus Washington Greely.
- McClellan, George Brinton, 1826-1852
letters, [1864?]-1885. 1864 letter to C. A. Whittier re death of John Sedgwick.
- Meehan, Thomas, 1826-1901
Letter, Jan. 7, 1880
- Miles, Nelson Appleton, 1839-1925
Letter, Aug. 28, 1890
- Miller, John Franklin, 1831-1886
Signature only, n. d.
- Newcomb, Simon, 1835-1909
Letter, Apr. 20, 1898
- Otis, Elwell Stephen, 1838-1909
2 letters, 1899-1900
- Pendleton, George Hunt, 1825-1889
Signature only, n. d.

Perkins, George Clement, 1839-1923

Letter, Aug. 7, 1906, to Albert T. Spotts.

Phelan, James Duval, 1861-1930

Unsigned invitation, n. y. as mayor of San Francisco

Phillippo, Sir George

Letter, May 5, 1887. Draft of Alvord's reply at end of letter.

Rosebery, Archibald Philip Primrose, 5th Earl, 1847-1929

Letter, Oct. 27, 1883

Rosebery, Hannah (Rothschild) Primrose, Countess of, d. 1890

Letter, Oct. 17, 1883

Rothschild, Edouard de

Letter, May 31, 1890

Rothschild (N. M.) & Sons

2 letters, 1883-1894

Sargent, Charles Sprague, 1841-1927

6 letters, 1881-1904. Visiting card also included.

Sawyer, Lorenzo, 1820-1891

Letter, Feb. 24, 1875

Sherman, John, 1823-1900

Letter, May 26, 1885

Sherman, William Tecumseh, 1820-1891

Calling card, n. d.

Wilmerding, J. C.

Letter, Feb. 1893, re the proposed Wilmerding School of Industrial Arts.